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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have just returned from Rolling Thunder XXIII "Ride for Freedom" Washington, DC and we had a tremendous turnout of Veterans, Troops and Supporters, despite the economy and the problems our Nation is currently facing. The weekend was a great show of patriotism, the annual Rolling Thunder "Ride For Freedom" has become a tradition in Washington and we should be proud of it!

Rolling Thunder XXIII Memorial Weekend was very busy, for National and the State Chapters. We had our regular weekend schedule which included the very rainy Candle Light Vigil/Friday night, Wreath Presentations at the Historic Congressional Cemetery/Friday and the U.S. Navy Memorial/Saturday. National had arranged two hospital visits, Washington VA Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Medical Center. Both hospitals greatly appreciated Rolling Thunder members hosting the visits. Some of the state chapters of Rolling Thunder also arranged their own events over the weekend, Wreath Presentations at Arlington Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, attending the TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) program, and visiting Walter Reed.

As you know, Rolling Thunder Officers did not get invited to the White House Oval Office again this year. Seems like the door to the White House swings open only to the Paul McCartney types, but not to the Veterans of this Country. The Memorial Day observance in Arlington National Cemetery lacked the presence of the Nation's leader, so much for honoring those Military who sacrificed for our country.

I would like to express sincere "Thank You" to all those volunteers from the Rolling Thunder State Chapters that helped, WORKED and supported Rolling Thunder XXIII, without you we could not make this demonstration happen each year. I also appreciate the Members-at-Large and any other supporters that WORKED and helped with Rolling Thunder XXIII. It takes a lot of volunteers to do this large event, covering the North Pentagon Lot, South Pentagon Lot, Reflecting Pool Stage Speakers Program and all the weekend events. Please continue to remember the Mission and what the organization is about, without your dedication we would not be able to do Rolling Thunder Memorial Weekend.

God Bless America and Support our Troops!

Sincerely,
Artie Muller

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