

Butch Harbaugh

A long time Motorcycle Rights activist, dating back to the mid 80's as a co-coordinator of the Salem, Oregon Chapter, of ABATE of Oregon as well as the Chapter Legislative officer.....shortly there after, he was voted in as the State Legislative Office for ABATE of Oregon, and began a career as the Legislative voice for the Motorcyclists of Oregon, assuming the role as Lobbyist at the Capitol, in Salem, Oregon. During this time efforts to put in place a mandatory helmet law were soundly defeated...and efforts to enhance Oregon's rider education program were improved upon. During this period of time, he also acted as Legislative Officer for the Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon after attending a National Motorcycle Rights convention in Penn. He was instrumental in the start up of BIKE PAC of Oregon; this Organization has won National acclaim for its vigorous efforts to make known the desires of the Motorcyclists of Oregon and the Nation.

A long and successful career as a lobbyist and political activist caught the attention of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and he was invited to join the Legislative Task Force, joining the ranks of National Legislators and Lobbyists from around the Country. With in two years he was nominated and approved to become the Chairman of the LTF for NCOM. Work opportunities offered the chance to re-locate to the State of Idaho and it wasn't long before the urge to be more informed and a interest in preserving the *Freedom of Choice* that the Idaho Motorcycling community was enjoying, steered him toward the local Motorcycle Rights group known as ABATE of North Idaho. After renewing old friendships with some of Idaho's finest *Freedom Fighters*, he joined the local Chapter in Spirit Lake, Idaho. The old time urge to get more involved eventually led to the formation of BIKE PAC of Idaho.

Previous commitments include Lobbying trips to our Nations Capitol, various trips to numerous States to provide assistance and encouragement, to form MRO's as well as conduct Legislative seminars and training sessions, to educate and motivate others to participate in their Government.

As a Veteran and former Commander of AMVETS Post # 1776, in Independence, Oregon, he led a charge to save the oldest Viet Nam Veterans Memorial west of the Mississippi, destined to be re-located to a storage lot....six Viet Nam Veterans including Butch Harbaugh hand selected the stones and erected the Memorial as a healing place for all Veterans.....

*“ Dedicated to the Pursuit of Liberty “ has been his calling card and will be far into the future*