

**Cat Hammes RN**  
Diamond Posse's  
"One Legged Blonde"



**When death throws you back, what do you do?**  
My motorcycle crash in 06 resulted in skull fractures, broken bones, collapsed lung and amputation of my leg. A neurosurgeon said, "You're lucky you're alive." Not riding again was never an option. I dreamed of riding but surgery after surgery the cavern grew darker and more vile. I was working as an ICU RN lost my job while on medical leave, got divorced, lost my house, suburban lifestyle gone in a flash. I was left with a crashed Harley, a broken mind, body & spirit. I asked many times why did I live? It was in that cavern that I was being forged. I had a decision; to stay angry the rest of my life or pick myself up & the only way I knew was to ride that Fatboy again. As I spent time rehabbing and doing volunteer work with veterans, awesome friends rebuilt that 2006 Fatboy & my mind, body & soul began to mend. I love reaching beyond self to help others, so when approached to do this ride I was thrilled. This ride happens to fall during the anniversary of death throwing me back. I want to show those being *forged under pressure*, you can do it, I might have lost my leg but I did not lose me. I yearn for our Nation to wake up and to celebrate the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for us. So as I am **Riding Above The Tombstone**, my desire is for this Nation to honor our veterans and step out of themselves and help others.

**Eldonna Lewis Fernandez**  
MSGT USAF Retired  
Diamond Posse's



I served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a MSgt in 2003. I deployed to the Middle East after 911 and suffered the affects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). As a victor over PTSD I have dedicated my life to helping people, especially veterans, take control of the handlebars of their own lives™. I started riding Harley's 14 years ago, only 2 months before being assigned to a base in the United Kingdom. Women riders were few and far between at that time in the UK, especially American women riders. I was one of only 2 women in my HOG chapter that rode in the front seat. I spent my first 4 years of riding - touring the UK and several European Countries. I found that other women were inspired by my riding and became a biker and empowerment coach for women known as the Pink Biker Chic. My Harley is my healing and riding is meditation, freedom, strength and power. I am honored to be the veteran representative of the Diamond Posse and am passionate using my voice and experience to help those who those who serve.

**JOURNEY OF THE  
DIAMOND POSSE**  
May 16, 2010



**Diamond Posse's Mission:**

To give hope and encouragement to veterans who are facing challenges from having served. To increase awareness of the obstacles our veterans have and sacrifices they have made to defend our Nations freedom. Our goal is to provide encouragement and empowerment with additional avenues to assist them on their path to recovery.

Journey with the Diamond Posse as we blaze a trail from Texas to Wisconsin on our Harley's to raise public awareness to challenges our veterans are facing today. Come out and meet the gems known as the Diamond Posse.

**Learn how being forged under pressure can create a difference in the lives of others!**

**We challenge you to help us increase awareness by raising funds for Fallen Hero's!**

**YOU TOO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Vicki Sanfelipo RN/EMT**  
Diamond Posse Founder  
“ #9 ”



As I was doing an Iron Butt challenge August 2009 I thought about how indebted I feel to our military for the sacrifices they make. Many troops have given the ultimate sacrifice with their lives but even more have been seriously injured in the process of serving. Though I belong to the patriot guard and support veteran events I want to do something more. I want to **be of service** to our service men and women. It is an honor to be able to support the Fallen Hero's Fund and the Center for the Intrepid. I look forward to meeting the many people on this journey who will come out to help bring awareness and funding to the privately (American people) supported Center for the Intrepid. I feel as if I have lived two lives and that life changing events (though devastating at the time) are some of the very things that mold us into who we are today.

It is when we are,

**“Forged Under Pressure”**

that the jewel with its many facets is created.....

**Amy Skaling**  
Diamond Posse's  
“Diva Amy”



Participating in the motorcycle business is great fun as I follow my path to create a place for myself...staying true to my credo of **OVERDOING**.

The **BEST** part is actual riding. I will ride anytime and anywhere all year long. It is my passion, my church, my identity, my joy. It is all about time in the saddle--alone or with friends. I love to spread the word about life on the road on 2 or 3 wheels and I hope to inspire those who are thinking of joining the endless rewards riding brings.

After participating in many rides and fundraiser dinners—it has been my dream to ride for a cause and make people happy—for people along the way to see the bikes and meet the characters riding. This is the reason for the conception of this ride to Milwaukee, May 2010.

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**Diamond Posse Support Crew**  
Denise Carey RN



I have a passion for life that I believe the world of motorcycling gave me. I have been given so much; it is my desire to give back. "It really is a small world but people should try to see the big picture", that space outside of their "own-little-bubble-world" is **AMAZING**. I am a Registered Nurse, Accident Scene Management Instructor and a MSF Rider Coach. I am very proud and honored to be part of the support crew of the Diamond Posse on their mission to bring the awareness to Americans about our Wounded Warriors. I toured the Intrepid facility at Brooke Army Medical Center in November 2009 it was an eye-opening experience that touched my heart, making it all the more important to bring home the Diamond Posse's message.

**Roberta Mello**  
“Guardian Angel”



I work with the Hupy and Abraham personal injury lawyers. I have done motorcycle marketing for years. I got involved with the Diamond Posse when a friend, Vicki Sanfelipo, told me about her vision. My job has been spreading the word about

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I embraced the challenge of spreading the word to keep the Posse' safe while they spread the word about our military and our Fallen Hero's.