

# Rolling Barrage Visits Bass River

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Cpl Scott Casey (ret'd), Kamloops, BC, is president of Military Minds Inc and is on a mission which will take him and supporting members across Canada within 15 days during 2017 for several reasons.

Casey and many of his supporting members are volunteering their time to raise awareness of Military Minds Inc. 2017 initiative to tour Canada under the banner of "Rolling Barrage - (TRB)".

The Rolling Barrage started the cross-Canada tour in St John's, NF on August 5th with 8 motorcyclists.

They will arrive in Kamloops on August 18th and complete the journey in Victoria on August 20. When it left Truro on the morning of August 7th for Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River the tour has grown to 59 riders.

The core riders are from BC and are accompanying Cpl Casey on the cross-Canada venture. However, many Nova Scotia enthusiasts several from the Annapolis Valley and Truro were accompanying the group on its tour to Parrsboro, then to Aulac, NB.

When they entered NB they were being met by several other biker-supporters who were riding along to Oromocto for an event at the Legion later that evening. Casey anticipated the pick-up at Aulac would be approximately 100, so that when they arrived in Oromocto, the number would have risen to approximately 150.

The Rolling Barrage is a rolling fundraiser presented by Military Minds Inc, in support of veterans and serving members as a show of strength, and unity to conquer the stigma of combat PTSD. It is anticipated as the bar-



Dr Karen Ewing, right, founder and main organizer of Veterans Memorial Park chats with Cpl Scott Casey (Ret'd), Kamloops, BC, who with his supporters has organized the Military Minds, Rolling Barrage cross Canada tour.

rage moves across Canada, riders in each province will join-in for a couple of days.

By the time the TRB bikes dip their wheels in the Pacific Ocean, they will have enjoyed the support of thousands of supporters across Canada.

Although plans are always evolving, Casey anticipates the movement will grow so there are numerous weekend events in each of the provinces on a yearly basis, and then have a Cross-Canada ride every five years. On the fifth year, the executive would work with the various provincial chapters/groups to schedule provincial weekend rides in accordance when the national ride would be in each of the areas.

When a similar chapter "Ride to the Wall" was started in USA, the first ride from California to Washington involved a few hundred bikers. Now a few years later, there were over 700,000 motorcycles participating.

With Cpl Scott Casey (ret.) at the helm Military

Minds Inc is that unique organization, wanting to be the largest, trusted hub that connects veterans.

The Military Minds website states, "We have our spokes prioritized from the input of our member focus groups and now we have to fill in the connecting points of the spokes by finding out the best paths for our members and helping them get to where they need to go based on their individual needs".

In talking with Cpl Casey in Bass River, he was insistent, "All funds raised from our sales go directly into a trust account and are accessed only to assist with veterans needs".

During the interview he said "This fundraiser is more than just about raising money. Although it is our primary goal, so that we may launch and maintain programs under the MMI banner, it also encourages veterans, serving CAF members and first responders to get together and confirm our sheep-dog society. Brotherhood is significant in any heal-

ing and this will show the spirit across the nation.

However, this ride is open to ALL riders and not just military in nature. In fact, we openly invite civilian riders, as a way to show resounding support for our troops".

Those wishing to join the organization, provide various levels of support, purchase apparel or donate can contact Cpl Scott Casey at: [militarymindsinc@gmail.com](mailto:militarymindsinc@gmail.com) or via the website: [www.militarymindsinc.com](http://www.militarymindsinc.com) @military\_minds or [FB.com/militarymindsinc](https://www.facebook.com/militarymindsinc)

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It didn't take long for the veteran on the right to seek out a member of Rolling Barrage to make a personal donation to the cause to help those suffering from PTSD.



Organizers



Fifty nine motorcyclists part of the Rolling Barrage tour visited Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, August 7th. The remainder of the day was a trip to Parrsboro, then Aulac, NB, pick up another 100 enthusiasts to get to CFB Gagetown before end of Day.



Some Rolling Barrage members parked their units in the shade while they toured Veteran's Memorial Park, then hydrate before the 59 motorcyclists headed to Parrsboro.



Main organizers of the Military Minds - Rolling Barrage tour, who are from British Columbia were amazed at the professionalism of Veterans Memorial Park and the fine job Dr. Karen Ewing and the community have done in just a few years. They promised to promote the park across Canada.



Starting in St John's NF early in August, 59 motorcyclists of the Rolling Barrage tour stopped for an hour's visit at Veteran's Memorial Park before heading to Parrsboro for another stop. Several members are from British Columbia and expect by the time the cross Canada tour is finished this fall, they will have had thousands participate in various legs of the tour.