

# Missing in America Project (MIAP)

## Funeral Escort Services Training Agreement

January 8, 2014

MIAP has, as its approved activities, the ability to provide a funeral escort service in every state, where allowed. This means that MIAP may relieve/replace the local law enforcement agency, other than their oversight, on funeral escorts for veterans. MIAP has in place liability insurance and is an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) registered nonprofit corporation. As you are aware, under our non-profit status, as approved by the IRS, we will provide funeral escort services to veterans at no charge.

Escort Services are provided for:

- Honor and respect for the fallen veteran and his family!
- Safety of the family and friends or MIAP as the LEGAL Family for the unclaimed.
- Allow them to move through lights and stop signs in a funeral procession together
- Safety and insurance protection for the riders in the escort.
- Protection for the Funeral Homes/family in movement to the cemetery
- Standardized escort and allows our riders to be as professional as possible.

This ability is based upon business requirements, permits and liability required to operate in each State. Inspection of motorcycles and submission of Motorcycle endorsement, registration and insurance is required by the State Coordinator or MIAP Escort Leader to MIAP National Director.

**MIAP Escort Personnel who are certified are NOT allowed to block traffic for any escort that has NOT received approval or permission from the presiding law enforcement agency or their representative. All MIAP permitted escorts must be accomplished using the funeral escort banner in the windshield a reflective vest with "MIAP or Funeral Escort" labeled or an MIAP Escort Shirt and utilize your amber lights if you have them.**

**Do not attach or wear any items identified MIAP equipment (funeral escort banner; reflective vest, MIAP ID Cards or MIAP Shirts if you are not participating in an MIAP escort. Use of these items subjects MIAP to lawsuits for any action taken against rides by Clubs or MC's that are not trained and legal. Blue volunteer shirts are exempt from this requirement.**

**Anyone found blocking roads or intersections misusing these criteria will be removed from MIAP sponsorship and if an accident or incident occurs while you are conducting a NON MIAP permitted escort or ride, you are personally liable for any legal actions or violations incurred.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand these statements, the MIAP SOP and Training Manual and here forth release the Missing in America Veterans Recovery Program of any liability for events that are NOT a permitted or approved escort.

(signature)

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_