

# Safe Rider



VT-10 Motorcycle and PMV Safety Newsletter  
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## RIDE SAFE VT-10

Questions or comments about the  
Safe Rider Newsletter, contact the  
Ground Safety Officer at 452-2800  
or email [jimmie.hughes@navy.mil](mailto:jimmie.hughes@navy.mil)

Attention all motorcycle riders: If you  
ride and your name is not on this list,  
visit Safety ASAP. See the Safety board  
on the North side of the hangar to sign up  
for group rides.

## MSF Course Dates:

(To sign up: [www.navymotorcyclerider.com](http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com) )

### **BRC**

#### NAS PENSACOLA

03-Nov  
06-Nov  
10-Nov  
17-Nov  
20-Nov

### **ERC**

#### NAS PENSACOLA

12-Nov

### **MSRC**

#### NAS PENSACOLA

05-Nov  
19-Nov

VT-10 Motorcyclists:

#### Staff

Dobbert  
Jackson  
Mendoza  
Mclain

#### Students

Bentley  
Pacelli  
Mozer  
Remotti  
Haber  
Benda  
Helmick  
Wong  
Machado  
Terhorst

## Date of Last VT-10 MISHAP

2-Wheel: No reported MISHAP (3 year history)  
4-Wheel: 11 JUN 09

## Days Since Last MISHAP

As of 21 October 2009

### PMV COUNTER

Days since last mishap: For the latest statistics, please refresh your browser

<b>2-Wheel - USN</b> 6 days	13 Oct 2009: (Chesapeake, VA) E-5 died in a motorcycle mishap. E-5 on second involved motorcycle is in critical condition.
<b>4-Wheel - USN</b> 44 days	05 Sep 2009: (Colchester, CT) E-4 died in a single vehicle mishap when the vehicle in which he was a passenger struck a tree.
<b>2-Wheel - USMC</b> 36 days	13 Sep 2009: (San Diego, CA) E-4 died in a motorcycle mishap after losing control in a turn.
<b>4-Wheel - USMC</b> 6 days	13 Oct 2009: (Santa Clara, CA) E-5 died in a multiple vehicle mishap.

# CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY

KELLER, LEONARD B.

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<b>Rank:</b> Sergeant	<b>Organization:</b> U.S. Army
<b>Company:</b> Company A, 3d Battalion	<b>Division:</b> 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division
<b>Born:</b> 25 February 1947, Rockford, Ill.	<b>Departed:</b> Yes (10/18/2009)
<b>Entered Service At:</b> Chicago, Ill.	<b>G.O. Number:</b>
<b>Date of Issue:</b>	<b>Accredited To:</b>
<b>Place / Date:</b> Ap Bac Zone, Republic of Vietnam, 2 May 1967	



#### Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sweeping through an area where an enemy ambush had occurred earlier, Sgt. Keller's unit suddenly came under intense automatic weapons and small-arms fire from a number of enemy bunkers and numerous snipers in nearby trees. Sgt. Keller quickly moved to a position where he could fire at a bunker from which automatic fire was received, killing 1 Viet Cong who attempted to escape. Leaping to the top of a dike, he and a comrade charged the enemy bunkers, dangerously exposing themselves to the enemy fire. Armed with a light machine gun, Sgt. Keller and his comrade began a systematic assault on the enemy bunkers. While Sgt. Keller neutralized the fire from the first bunker with his machine gun, the other soldier threw in a hand grenade killing its occupant. Then he and the other soldier charged a second bunker, killing its occupant. A third bunker contained an automatic rifleman who had pinned down much of the friendly platoon. Again, with utter disregard for the fire directed to them, the 2 men charged, killing the enemy within. Continuing their attack, Sgt. Keller and his comrade assaulted 4 more bunkers, killing the enemy within. During their furious assault, Sgt. Keller and his comrade had been almost continuously exposed to intense sniper fire as the enemy desperately sought to stop their attack. The ferocity of their assault had carried the soldiers beyond the line of bunkers into the treeline, forcing snipers to flee. The 2 men gave immediate chase, driving the enemy away from the friendly unit. When his ammunition was exhausted, Sgt. Keller returned to the platoon to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. The 2-man assault had driven an enemy platoon from a well prepared position, accounted for numerous enemy dead, and prevented further friendly casualties. Sgt. Keller's selfless heroism and indomitable fighting spirit saved the lives of many of his comrades and inflicted serious damage on the enemy. His acts were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.

MILTON - A man was **critically injured** when he overturned his three-wheel Harley Davidson motorcycle Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred at around 3:18 p.m. at the corner of Fleet Ave. and Chipley St.

Milton resident Leonard B. Keller, 62, accelerated his bike and made a sharp left turn as he was leaving the parking lot of the Fleet Reserve Association (F.R.A.).

According to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol, Keller was traveling too fast for the turn and left the paved surface of the road.

Keller drove into a Fleet Ave. yard and overturned the motorcycle several times. The bike landed on Keller, who was **not wearing a helmet**. He was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital.

The accident is under investigation.

# HOT OFF THE PRESS!

...slow down on Navy Blvd. I've been approached numerous times by the Escambia County Director of Traffic Safety requesting my assistance WRT this issue. There are many businesses, homes and 2 elementary schools on Navy Blvd with 2 miles of the front gate.

Yesterday I observed a Govt' Van... while in my personal auto, driving 47 mph in a 35 mph zone right by the 2 schools at 1310 local. I can't do anything about personal driving habits while anyone is in their personal vehicle off-base, but I can if you are in a gov't vehicle, please have your people slow down and be good partners with the local community.

CAPT Bill Reavey  
"Reavbo"  
Commanding Officer  
NAS Pensacola Fl

## THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

October 1, 2009

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

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#### FEDERAL LEADERSHIP ON REDUCING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

Policy. With nearly 3 million civilian employees, the Federal Government can and should demonstrate leadership in reducing the dangers of text messaging while driving. Recent deadly crashes involving drivers distracted by text messaging while behind the wheel highlight a growing danger on our roads. Text messaging causes drivers to take their eyes off the road and at least one hand off the steering wheel, endangering both themselves and others. Every day, Federal employees drive Government-owned, Government-leased, or Government-rented vehicles (collectively, GOV) or privately-owned vehicles (POV) on official Government business, and some Federal employees use Government-supplied electronic devices to text or e-mail while driving. A Federal Government-wide prohibition on the use of text messaging while driving on official business or while using Government-supplied equipment will help save lives, reduce injuries, and set an example for State and local governments, private employers, and individual drivers. Extending this policy to cover Federal contractors is designed to promote economy and efficiency in Federal procurement. Federal contractors and contractor employees who refrain from the unsafe practice of text messaging while driving in connection with Government business are less likely to experience disruptions to their operations that would adversely impact Federal procurement.

Sec. 2. Text Messaging While Driving by Federal Employees. Federal employees shall not engage in text messaging (a) when driving GOV, or when driving POV while on official Government business, or (b) when using electronic equipment supplied by the Government while driving.

see Executive Order at  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/Executive-Order-Federal-Leadership-on-Reducing-Text-Messaging-while-Driving/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Executive-Order-Federal-Leadership-on-Reducing-Text-Messaging-while-Driving/)

**Assess, Adapt, Attack!**