



FROM THE EDITOR BO-DEAN: The starting point of becoming a more positive person is to monitor and control your self-talk every minute of the day. Keep your thoughts and words positive and consistent with your goals. Keep your mind focused on what you want and on becoming the person you want to be.

Remember that it is impossible to learn, grow and become successful without adversity and difficulties. You must rise above them in order to become a better person. So, welcome each difficulty as a learning experience and look into the situation to find something good or beneficial in it. Always, keep your thoughts on

your future and on your goals. Constantly think about the person you want to become. When things go wrong temporarily, respond by saying to yourself, "I believe in the perfect outcome of every situation in my life." Resolve to be cheerful and pleasant in every situation. Resist every temptation to respond to a situation negatively. View disappointment as an opportunity to grow stronger, and talk to yourself and others about it in a positive and optimistic way. When you practice positive self-talk, and keep your words and your mental pictures consistent with your goals, nothing can stop you from being the success you are meant to be. (By Bo-dean)

IRON SOULS HELP MOTHER WRIGHT CLEAN WAREHOUSE OR FACE SHUTDOWN:



September 8th 2007 the **Iron Souls** after a club meeting set out a mission to give our time to contribute to the west Oakland community - the Mother Wright warehouse where brother Chainsaw over the months was able to buy time from the City Of Oakland and the Oakland Fire Department and bring the **Iron Souls** a message. Mother Wright needs the help of all club members to clean up and organize her warehouse or face a shut down. As no surprise to the brotherhood we respond with a reflection – let's get it done – the floor plan began to unfold and the start of the Mother Wright warehouse was on. Brother D-tour set up a waste management dumpster by communicating with City of Oakland officials for a donation and the brother hood started its mission, within hours of sweeping, organizing and moving Mother Wrights Warehouse was beginning to see the light fifty to seventy square feet was cleaned up and unwanted debris was tossed in the dumpster. **ISMC** members were truly working with compassion to help this wonderful woman, a miracle sent by God to feed and cloth the Oakland Community, how could you not help this awesome Lady? Just to add a little more aspiration to the cause Brother Breakaway submitted a letter to an organization from another state for a donation to help keep the Mother Wright foundation operatable, Mother Wright was granted a substantial amount by the NAILBA foundation; her blessings continue - good work **Iron Souls**. (By Bo-dean)



ISMC SADDLE UP to ride across town, Half to west Oakland for a Mother Wright visit and warehouse work, while the other half went on assignment to visit the God Father of the 66th Mob for a contribution to his involvement in community work. The **Iron souls** enjoyed talking with the God Father and trading ideas for a better Oakland and a helping hand for the more needy.

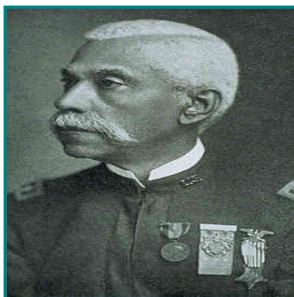


The **Iron Souls** always like to hear about a good cause to take back to the brother hood for conversation, ideas, possibly leading to a motion then action. Here is a little bit about the God Father from the 66th mob. The mob has made an impact on the East Oakland Community and the Raider nation. Over time, they have received support from other entities such as the City of Oakland, OPD, Command Guard Services, Lunardi Meats, Operation Dignity and the **Iron Souls**. They have assisted the 66th Mob tailgate with supplies - such as porta-pottie, a security trailer, generators tables and chairs, garbage cans, food and ice, they also receive various



donations from several hall of fame raiders from back in the glory days. The 66th mob is very grateful to all of these entities and former raider players for their consistent involvement; the God Father looks forward to an even better year for all concerned in 2007. The **Iron Souls** will continue its visits to mob alley and assist the God Father in his charitable drives for the people of Oakland, The **ISMC** believes in your hard work and bringing people

together for one common goal, your efforts are recognized through out the City of Oakland and the Motor Cycle Community, we wish you well and believe in you, Keep up the good work in our Wonderful City. (By Bo-dean)



IRON SOULS RIDE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALLENSWORTH:

Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth retired from the army in 1906; he was the highest ranking black officer in American history. After leaving the army, Allensworth and his family settled in Los Angeles. It was there that he came up with the idea of establishing a self-sufficient, all-black California town, a place where African Americans could live their lives free of the racial discrimination that so often plagued them elsewhere. His dream was to build a town where black people might live and create "sentiment favorable to intellectual and industrial liberty." In 1908 he founded the Tulare County town of Allensworth, a

new settlement in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley about thirty miles north of Bakersfield. The black settlers of Allensworth built homes, laid out streets, and put up public buildings. They organized a glee club, an orchestra, and a brass band. But the town soon ran into some serious problems. The dry and dusty soil made farming difficult, and poisons seeped into the drinking water. The town lost its founding father in 1914 when Colonel Allensworth was killed in an accident in Los Angeles. The town's discouraged settlers drifted away in the next couple of decades and Allensworth was reduced almost to a ghost town. (By Bo-dean)



PRES LIKES WHAT HE SEES IN THE IRON SOULS – BRU:

What a fun and exciting trip we had Saturday morning on the *Road to Allensworth*, My **Brothers!** 11 **ISMC Brothers** started the early morning trip and return for the more than 500 mile run. 2 **Prospects** rode: **V** made the entire trip and **T-Bone** got up early that morning to see us all off **BEFORE** returning for another commitment he had later that day!

Riding with a group of about 20 Bay and Capital City Area bikers, the **ISMC** flew the **Colors** very respectfully by having the greatest number present...it is such an awesome feeling to ride that deep with the **ISMC!** Even **Brother T.O.P.**, all the way from Frisco, Texas, made the ride to be with his **Brothers** that day!! This should be the way we ride...often

and deep! This note is sent to encourage all of us to support one another as often as we can. We had fun, flew our Colors, gave back to the Community by supporting this effort and rode our Harleys...as usual, we lived **Our Creed! Brotherhood/Respect/Unity**...there is no better way!! Lets think about and pray for Nas-D and family, Our Brothers...recovery is a difficult, slow and painful process and he needs our support. Peace. **I Be Tree** (By President Tree)



ISMC ENJOYED A DAY IN ISLETON CA.

At the crowdad festival with our families taking them on a local ride and a nice outing over the summer to enjoy people – conversation and a different variety of foods, lots of vendors and the **Iron Souls** flying its true colors that represent who we are and what we stand for - **Brother Hood Respect and Unity**. The **Iron Souls** like to get away from the neighborhood and out of our houses as often as possible to have a great time with our significant ones – getting them out of there daily routine is what they need, “Enjoying the awesome bond of the **Iron Soul** brotherhood”. (By Bo-dean)



ISMC - BEAVER DOCTOR RETIRES HARLEY:

For his new and faster green four wheeler, Brother Beaver Doctor has no problem keeping up with the pack when the **Iron Souls** ride. Beaver Doctor is an Original 21er from back in the days of the early 1990's and has been a Harley rider for many years; he is also a retired Airplane mechanic and is an honorary lifetime member of the **Iron Souls**. We have had great pleasure in riding with the Doctor and he truly handled his Black Road king Classic with skill. The Beaver Doctor retired his Motorcycle for a good cause – he participates one hundred percent in every activity the **Iron Souls** par take in and is truly an instrumental factor in his very

active status as an **Iron Soul**. Beaver Doc brings a lot of positive aspirations and compassion to the club he helped build, a shot out to the Doctor from the **IRON SOULS -BRU**. (By Bo-dean)



ISMC PRESIDENT OF 6 YEARS LIKES HIS NEW

STYLE: No-Doz takes on a quieter roll these days as an **Iron Soul**, He has left his Iron Thunder in every **Iron Souls** heart and his commitment is impeccable to his club and community involvement abroad, No-Doz has been a factor in the **Iron Souls** direction over the years as an inspiration a voice of representation and leader in the Motorcycle community, No-Doz continues his work as an **Iron Soul**. “The determination of the club is positive and I appreciate the growing membership”. No-Doz gives us his full support and is happy with the **ISMC** commitment. (By Bo-dean)

IRON SOUL D-TOUR VISITS THE MOTHERLAND – AFRICA:

On March 12, 2007 I made my journey to the motherland, Sierra Leone West Africa a country full of history. This is the town where the movie Blood Diamonds was made. Although it's very rich in diamonds and gold, it's the least developed and least live able country in the world. The first slaves were brought from Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone has the highest infant mortality rate and a high percentage of people have aids. You're probably asking yourself why one would want to visit a place that is so unstable and has little to offer. Well if your heart is in the right place and you value life, **READ ON!** My twelve day stay was an experience I



will never forget. There were four members in our travel group. My elementary school friend Billy Beckett who lived in Africa for 11 years and returned to the US when the civil war broke out in 1991 and ended in 2002. Keith Jabati who currently lives in Mississippi was a Peace Core Volunteer for three years prior to the war. Tim Griffin is a Professional Boxing Trainer in Las Vegas. Tim is the brother of former middle weight champion Montel Griffith, and is also a good

friend of Muhammed Ali. The purpose of this trip was pleasure and business. Our business was to meet with officials and discuss a partnership in developing a boxing club. Our pleasure was to engage with the lifestyle of those who would breakdown and simplify what life is really about. After a twenty hour flight we landed in Free town at around midnight. Billy who still has several contacts and family in Sierra Leone was recognized by the immigration officials. As a result, we



slipped right through the long line. This was the beginning of the VIP treatment we received during our stay. When we came out of the terminal we were greeted by a crowd of vibrant, energetic people. There way of saying hello is "Yes Sir". It seemed as everyone was desperate as at least a dozen young and old men escorted us to the helicopter offering to carry our luggage. We took a fifteen minute helicopter ride from the airport to a location near our

hotel. A vehicle was there waiting to take us to the Kibima hotel. Our hotel rested on the ocean front and was one of the best in town but nothing compared to the Marriott or Holiday Inn. The hotel ended up being a place to rest our bodies since we were on the go the majority of the time. Just about every day a family member or friend of Billy's would bring food to the hotel. Each day we would go to the City to do business. We met with the Minister of Sports, the national and military boxing teams to discuss opportunities to open up a boxing club. In fact we had a press



conference that was on the local TV stations, radio stations and in the newspaper, which I have copies of. Our goal is to open a boxing camp and train 18 fighters with the goal of going to the 2012 Olympics. There is a ton of raw talent in Africa...

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AFRICA: and given the opportunity they would succeed in any sports activity in the US. They are in such great shape all you would have to do is teach them the skills of the game of choice.



From the first minute we landed this experience became very emotional and forgiving. It was not hard to picture the stories on the faces of the people who were still recovering from the eleven year war that totally devastated the country. Most of the city and many villages were burned down by the Rebels who attempted to overthrow the government. They recruited boys as young as 8 years old to fight the war. This still has a huge emotional impact on the youth who

were traumatized by fighting the war at an early age, killing people and using alcohol and drugs to erase the pain back then and now. I met people who had everything including the lives of family members taken from them. Their crops, natural resources (gold, Jewelry) land, was all stolen or destroyed by the Rebels. Some even showed me the physical scars they sustained, and shared stories about hiding in the bush for several days. As we traveled through town it was apparent that most people were living from day to day by selling whatever they could make or grow. There were many tedious jobs such as breaking boulders into small pieces of rock used for landscaping and construction, carting lumber from one location to another, or carrying water, coal and other



items on top of their heads for miles.

These were men, women, and children competing with the hot sun and humidity, which averaged 90 degrees during our stay. Fishing is the most common source of income. The fishermen carve their own canoes and use oars or hand made paddles to navigate through the ocean.

Talk about being in shape! And yes the

women are in shape too and some are very attractive. And yes they love the American man. They think we are all rich, and we are compared to what they have. We are rich even if you don't compare. The average way of life does not compare to your worst day in America. Due to the



high rate of poverty and unemployment, most people eat and live from day to day. To keep the body nourished, rice was a part of almost every meal. Add casaba leaf, potato leaf, and you had a mouth watering meal. Fish, Goat, and chicken were also common dishes. Forget about McDonald's, Round table Pizza and don't even think of Applebee's, Ricky's Sports Bar, or something in the category of Red Lobster. We spent a few days in the village of Borgi Bu which is next to Kenema where the movie Blood Diamonds was filmed. This was a four hour ride on a dirt road that was covered with potholes, and very dusty. The villages were very clean and natural. There was no evidence of waste, trash, or misuse of the land. There were no phones, electricity, or other city provided utilities. But the people were so happy and healthy looking. It was obvious that the city life and world events had not taken years of their lives. (Continued See Africa page 6)



AFRICA: We had the opportunity to sit and eat with Paramount Chiefs and other leaders in the village. There is very little opportunity so there are few wealthy who have decent jobs or their own business. We had dinner and spent time with the haves also, and they are humble people too. Big house, three Mercedes, a cook, chauffeur, private teacher for their children, and a utility person to maintain the property was common. Diamonds are not the business to be in. There is too much corruption and the history behind blood diamonds is that

too many innocent Sierra Leons lost their lives behind something that was a natural part of their land, and glorified by the rest of the world. You see Africans didn't care much about diamonds until its value was emphasized and the world sought after them. Football (soccer) is a huge sport and looks like the only sport. On Sundays there are football games all along the beach for as far as you can see. Boxing can be another avenue out of poverty. The photos only show a snap shot of my trip. Stop and look at your lives and what's most important to you. If you're not satisfied or don't believe that you're rich, visit a third world country, and I guarantee you will change your attitude at least for a while. In a country that is rich in minerals, has so much social and economic adversity, and the average women lives to be 42, and the male 38, it still has so much to offer. The country is rebuilding and there is a major effort to improve the quality of life. I do plan to return one day. Be thankful for who you are, where you are, and what you have, Do not complain! One Love! D-Tour. (By D-Tour)

ISMC AND SIGNIFICANT ONES ENJOY A WEEKEND AT STREET VIBRATIONS:



ISMC Says Happy Anniversary:

X-Man and Outlaw;

Roadrunner and Trudy.



3 HAWKS COMES FROM THE IRON SOUL TO THE PREZ:

Brother Tree; as you know I was not able to ride to Allensworth or Street Vibrations with the ISMC Brothers, because I was out of town on Union business. I'm sorry to hear about NAS-D, "my prayers for a speedy recovery", I want to thank you for your leadership, and for the direction you are taking the **Iron Souls**. In the Native American world a leader wore the Deer Antlers as a symbol of Leadership and in today's times a leader wears a title of President. When we elected you our President we crowned you with the sacred and mythical emblem of the deer antlers. You have become a mentor to the members of our club. The thickness of your skin is seven span-

which is to say that you are filled with peace and goodwill and your mind is filled with yearning for the welfare of the members of the club. With endless patience, you carry out your duties, and your firmness is tempered with tenderness for your members. Neither anger nor fury lodges in your mind and all your words and actions are marked with calm deliberation. You cast self interest aside, you do not take personal any criticism for any error or wrong you may have done. You look and listen for the welfare of the whole club and always have in view not only the present, but also the future. You seem to always return to the way of the Great Law, which is just and right. You speak straight so that your words go as sunlight into our hearts. If all would talk and do as you have done, the sun of peace would shine forever. B R U. (By 3 Hawks).



REFLECTIONS FROM THE PRES TO THE IRON SOULS:

As you can see, I have taken some time to respond to the awesome messages that have been sent! It has taken me awhile because I wanted to let ***the power and spirit*** of your messages sink into my skin, my heart, my spirit and my soul!

I cannot tell you how important your words, and the fact that you have taken the time and effort to express them, mean to me!

I am hopeful that my actions are only a true embodiment of the ***Club's Creed***...the ***ISMC President*** must do that I believe...I truly want to reflect what the ***ISMC*** says it

is...***Brotherhood/Respect/Unity...One Tribe...riding Harleys and giving back to our community!*** In that sense, ***My Reflection and***

Reflections must be of what ***WE ARE***...I am humbled by your expressions and proud to ***reflect and represent*** what ***WE ARE!!*** Thank you, ***My Brothers***, for recognizing those efforts! Your words are so very meaningful to me! I Be Tree. (By Tree).



ISMC'S BROTHER RED "I LOVE IT"

In 2003 TOP asked Breakaway and me if we would like to become Iron Souls. We both accepted his offer and TOP, and RC became our sponsors. It was quite an honor to be asked to become part of such a great organization. After a quick prospect period and once I had patched in I realized just what kind of a club I was in. I had been around lots of biker organizations in my life, but the Iron souls were the first that actually did the things they set out to do. Lucky I had the girth to be (reluctantly) voted in as Santa the first year we did the toy give away. I guess my belly was just a little bigger then Chainsaw's or I was just so much more jolly

then everybody else, and have been Santa ever since. It makes some one feel very good to see the smiles you can put on children's faces with such a small thing. There are times when I can not be around the club for different reasons but I always know that I have a Brother that is some where out there for me. (By Red)

