

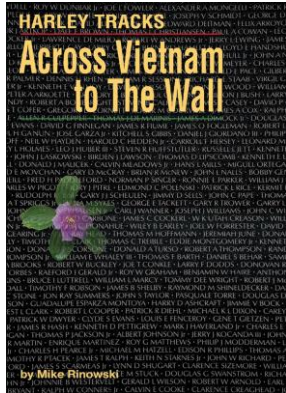
HARLEY TRACKS

Across Vietnam to The Wall



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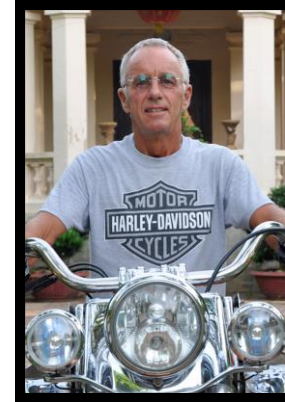


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Minneapolis, MN — Mike is proud to introduce his book, ***HARLEY TRACKS: Across Vietnam to The Wall***; a unique story that honors our fallen Vietnam Veterans. It's been called many things; from poignant and epic – to crazy – to brazen, brave, and seriously badass; however, without serendipity it never would have been.

In June 2008, Mike went to Vietnam for his first time, and to get a Harley Davidson into Hanoi was as unexpected as the job to build golf courses. His joy rides turned into a quest, and his search for fulfillment rolled into a spiritual journey—with a handful of throttle.

The obligation consumed his work, and then his life. He lived vicariously for the fallen and rode with a playful vengeance. He returned to the trails again, and again, to carry the spirit of freedom where battles probably raged, our missing in action likely lied, and no Harley Davidson had ever been. He laid tracks on every kilometer of the Ho Chi Minh Trail where the solitude of jungle was a powerful sensation, and he laid tracks on war trails Uncle Ho used against the French, too. Mike was known and welcome from one end of Vietnam to the other. After three years and 41,000 miles in Vietnam, his quest rolled full circle on a ride across America – to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, aka The Wall, in Washington, D.C., in May 2013.

That's not bad for an unexpected road trip!

On the ride of a lifetime, Mike laid tracks like never before, he felt freedom like never before, and in the solitude of jungle, and during wild times with a handful of throttle, he felt the presence of those he rode for. From the ride, he has a broader sense of gratitude and recognition for our fallen veterans of all wars, and their families. He also has a greater awareness to not only his free-spirited nature, but to the changing nature of the Vietnamese people.

About the Author

Mike Rinowski was born into a boom generation in Minnesota, where he learned how to hook bait, shoot straight, and string a bow. He began riding motorcycles after military service in Germany, 1972 – 73. After his second resignation from train service, and a college degree, he became a golf course superintendent. In 1997, his free-spirit led him to a 15-year tenure in Asia. In the 12th year, his plans for beach time east of Bali were interrupted by the job in Hanoi.

Mike was a guy with few responsibilities who liked to ride and saw opportunities that had to be taken. He returned to Minnesota, where the promotion of *Harley Tracks* and support for veterans occupy much of his time. For more about Mike and his story, please visit: www.harleytracks.com

About the Book

Mike shed his inhibitions and shared emotions that many would have felt the same. It took over 6,000 hours with professional guidance to put *Harley Tracks* on paper. Between its hard covers, 321 pages with 107 color photos and maps tell the story. His web site holds gigabytes of additional photos organized with each chapter. Recognition to *Harley Tracks* grows, and Mike's humbled that veterans and non-veterans, riders and non-riders, and the young and otherwise enjoy not only the thrills of adventure on a motorcycle and beauty of the landscape, they connect with his emotions.

Harley Tracks is available from www.harleytracks.com for \$19.95. It's available in hard cover and e-book from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Profit supports veterans causes.

HARLEY TRACKS: Excerpts from Readers' Comments

“If you like motorcycles, ***Harley Tracks* has to be your next book.** Every day was an adventure. The writing is **crisp, detailed, and flawlessly edited.**”

Henry Zeybel – Editor: *Vietnam Veterans of America Magazine*

“I appreciated the deep respect you had for **my fellow soldiers, sailors, and airmen** along the way. I was most struck by your pronouncement in the chapter called The Swan Song Ride, ” Brothers, **FALL IN.** It’s time to go home.” **I believe they all heard you.**”

Tom Campbell - Vietnam Veteran, SEAL Team One

“There have been many books and other media projects about epic bike trips--**but none are like this one**--brazen, brave, and seriously badass.”

Bill Hayes – Author: *The Original Wild Ones, American Biker, & Hell on Wheels*

“**The best purchase I made at the Sturgis 75th Anniversary.**”

Jeff – Biker

“**The poetic, lyrical, and colorful descriptions** of the people and landscapes really came alive. You kept the focus on honoring our veterans. **I laughed, cried, studied, and wondered in awe as I read your book.**”

Paul Ittner – Mpls MN

“I’m 74 and have no experience with motorcycles. My first thoughts were; **What a brave guy, & What the heck, is this guy crazy!** I truly loved the ending of your book.”

Carol Slater – St. Paul MN

“**I mostly avoid the Vietnam stuff,** however, a very good friend sent me your book. **I read all of it on Sunday.**”

John A. Shaver, Jr. – Vietnam Veteran

“**One can see that all we fought for was not in vain.**”

Dave Barr – Vietnam Veteran, Author: *Riding the Edge & Riding the Ice*

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