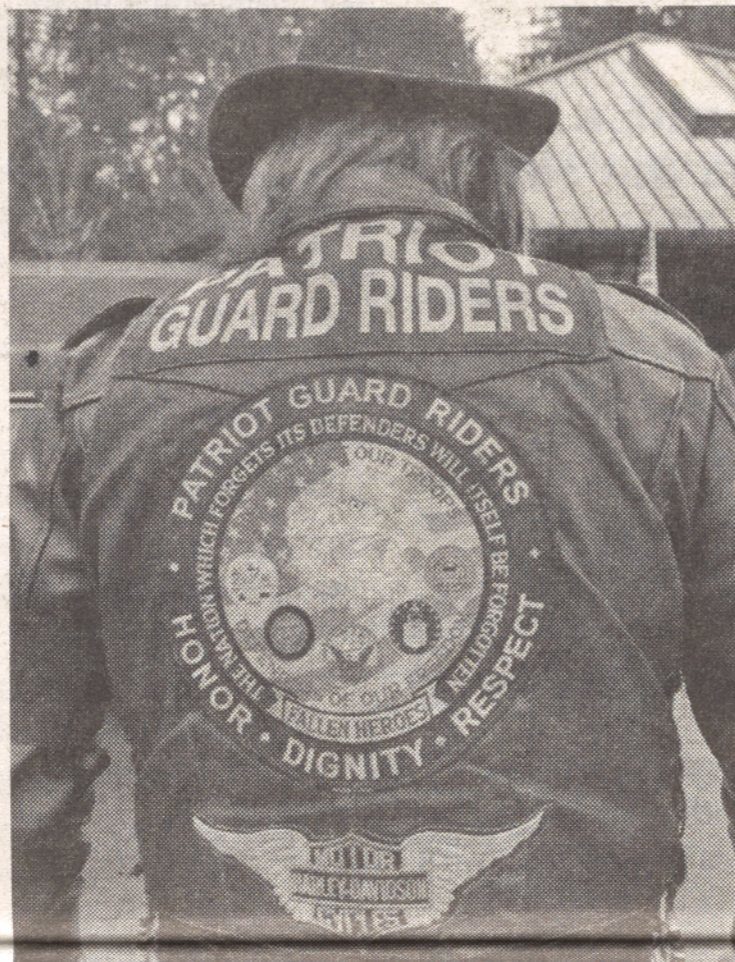


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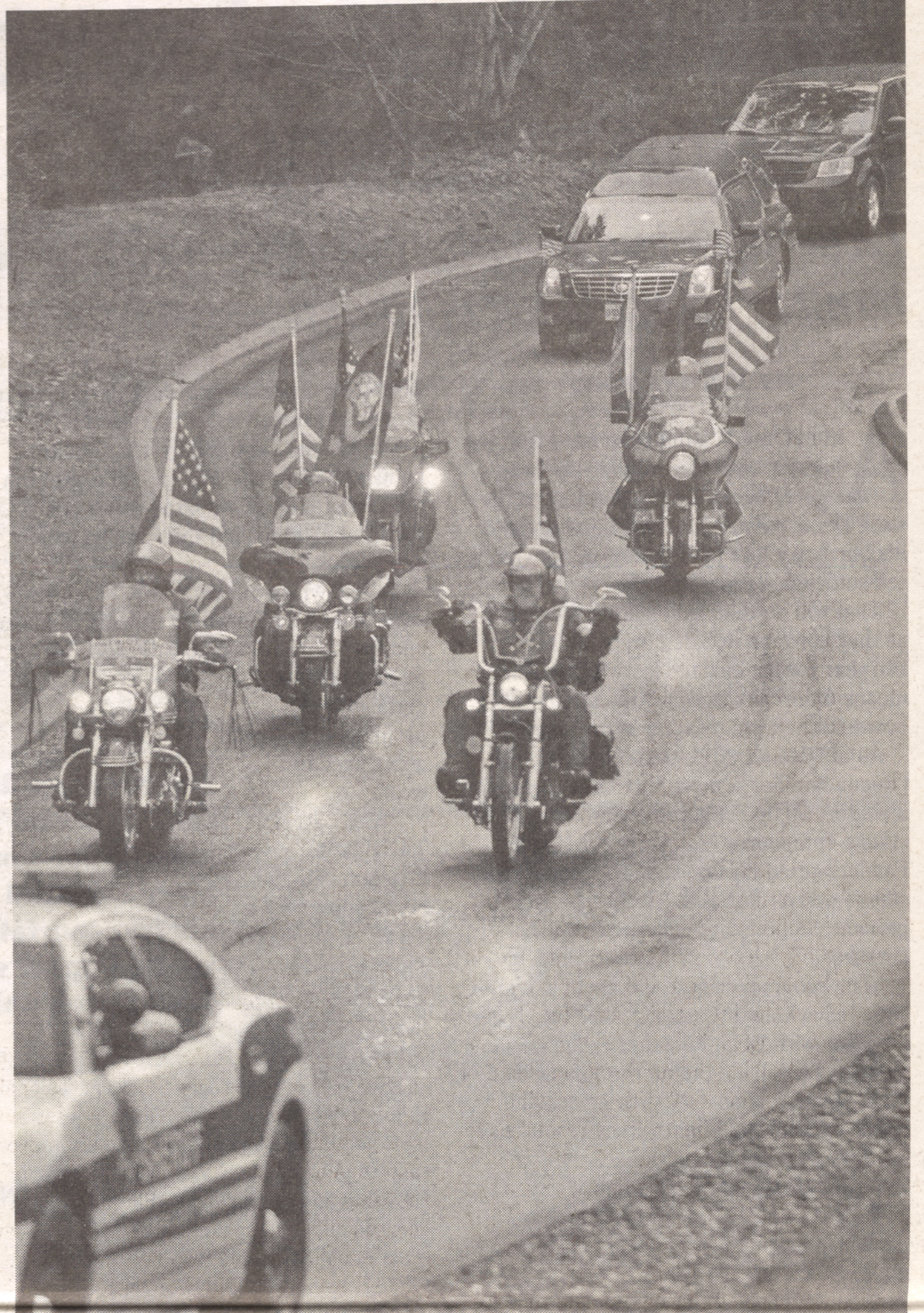
Guard and the U.S. Navy presented Roy's flag to 12-year-old Nick Henry, a member of the Civil Air Patrol. The Multnomah County Medical Examiner's office was unable to locate any family members for Roy.

Roy is just one memorial for the nearly 67,500 homeless veterans, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2011 count, a reduction of about 8,000 since 2009. That was the year that Veterans Affairs launched an initiative to end homelessness among veterans within five years.

According to the VA, about 1.5 million veterans are at risk of becoming homeless due to poverty, a lack of a support network, and overcrowded or substandard housing. The situation is compounded by a lack of affordable housing, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse and the disconnect with non-military networks, the VA says.



To left, young members in the Civil Air Patrol attend the funeral of Stevenson L. Roy, a homeless Vietnam veteran. Above left, the emblem of the Patriot Guard Riders. Above right, the procession to Willamette National Cemetery where Roy was buried as the 1,000th veteran served by the Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program.



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**Why?**

By Pat Kiser

She always wore that long black coat  
As if it was enough  
To hide that she was there.  
Her quiet demeanor,  
Ever so polite and unassuming,  
Might lead one to perceive her as shy.

I have seen her many times now  
She speaks to me occasionally,  
Now I know her name  
I wonder what her story is;  
What haunts her.  
I suspect she's not shy after all  
That her coat is actually a cloak.

I don't see her anymore  
It saddens me.  
I wish I had done more  
'Why' can't I remember her name?



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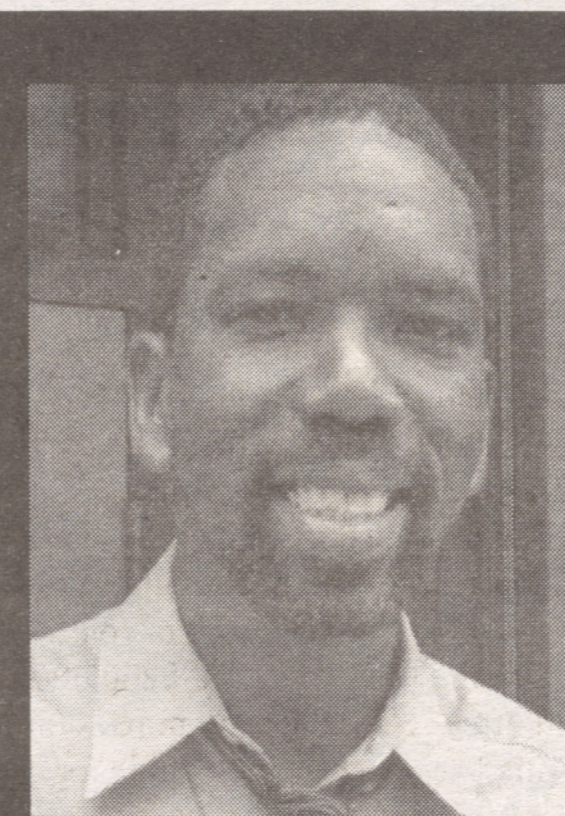
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