

RIDING WITH PRIVATE MALONE

I was just out of the service thumbing through the classifieds
When an ad that said, "Old Chevy" somehow caught my eye
The lady didn't know the year or even if it ran
But I had that thousand dollars in my hand

It was way back in the corner of this old ramshackle barn
With thirty years of dust and dirt on that green army tarp
When I pulled the cover off, it took away my breath
What she called a Chevy was a sixty six Corvette

I felt a little guilty as I counted out the bills
What a thrill I got when I sat behind the wheel
I opened up the glove box and that's when I found the note
The date was nineteen-sixty six and this is what it wrote

He said, "My name is Private Andrew Malone
And if you're reading this, then I didn't make it home
But for every dream that shattered, another one comes true
This car was once a dream of mine, now it belongs to you
And though you may take her and make her your own
You'll always be riding with Private Malone"

Well it didn't take me long at all, I had her running good
I love to hear those horses thunder underneath her hood
I had her shining like a diamond and I'd put the rag top down
All the pretty girls would stop and stare as I drove her through town

The buttons on the radio didn't seem to work quite right
But it picked up that oldie show, especially late at night
I'd get the feeling sometimes, if I turned real quick I'd see
A soldier riding shotgun in the seat right next to me

One night it was raining hard, I took the curve too fast
I still don't remember much about that fiery crash
Someone said they thought they saw a soldier pull me out
They didn't get his name, but I know without a doubt

It was a young man named Private Andrew Malone
Who fought for his country and never made it home
But for every dream that's shattered, another one comes true
This car was once a dream of his, back when it was new
I know I wouldn't be here if he hadn't tagged along
Yeah that night I was riding with Private Malone
Oh, thank God, I was riding with Private Malone

Sung by David Ball 2001



OPERATION LZ

WELCOME HOME



Forest City, IA

PRIVATE ANDREW MALONE CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 30th

WINNEBAGO RALLY GROUNDS

8:00am: Gate Opens, Hwy 69, River Oaks

10:00am - 3:00pm: Show and Shine Car Show

MEMORY LANE

A special memorial presentation lane will be reserved for cars of Vietnam vets who have passed away. Loved ones or friends who still own them are encouraged to show them in their memory. Any remembrances of the loved ones are welcome to be displayed with their pre-1975 cars and trucks.

**SPECIAL OPERATION LZ ONE-OF-A-KIND
DASH PLAQUE WILL BE AWARDED**

Thank you for being a part of a very special day for
a group of special Veterans who were called,
served and sacrificed for their country!

You are appreciated!

Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, Aug. 26		
	Arrival of Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial with motorcycle escorts	Rally Grounds
Thursday, Aug. 27		
9 a.m.	Campgrounds open	Rally Grounds
	Area schools education day	Rally Grounds
	Sky Soldiers arrive	Forest City Airport
Friday, Aug. 28		
9 a.m.	Area schools education day	Rally Grounds
2 - 4 p.m.	Media reception	Rally Grounds
Saturday, Aug. 29		
7 - 10 a.m.	V.V.A. Pancake Breakfast	Friendship Hall, Rally Grounds
8 a.m.	Huey and Cobra Helicopter Rides	Forest City Airport
9:15 a.m.	Patriotic music by Over the Hill Brass Band	at the Wall, Rally Grounds
10 a.m.	Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial & Welcome Home Celebration	Rally Grounds
11 a.m.	All museums, food vendors, merchandise vendors and services open	Various venue locations
12 Noon	Beer garden opens	Heritage Park
12 Noon	Tethered hot air balloon rides, weather permitting	Heritage Park
1:30 p.m.	Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Air Show (rides close)	Forest City Airport
	Flag Presentation by Des Moines Skydivers	
	T-6 Aircraft Presentation	
	Douglas A-1 Skyraider	
	Poet Ethanol Vanguard Stunt Team	
	Sky Soldiers "Pilot Down Rescue"	
3 p.m.	All rides resume	
5 p.m.	Rockie Lynne Welcome Home Concert	Heritage Park Amphitheater
6 p.m.	Freedom Flight POW-MIA Balloon Glow	Heritage Park
	Museums close	
Sunday, Aug. 30		
7 -11 a.m.	V.V.A. Pancake Breakfast	Forest City Airport
8 a.m.	Huey and Cobra Helicopter rides	Forest City Airport
8 a.m.	Hot air balloon rides	Heritage Park
8 a.m.	Gates open for car show exhibitors	Hwy. 69 entrance, Rally Grounds
9 a.m.	Non-denominational Sunday Service	Memorial Wall, Rally Grounds
10 a.m.	Private Andrew Malone Car Show	Rally Grounds
	All museums, food vendors, merchandise vendors open	Various venue locations
11:30 a.m.	Rides close for Air Show	Forest City Airport
	Des Moines Skydivers	
	Douglas A-1 Skyraider	
	Sky Soldiers "Pilot Down Rescue"	
	Poet Ethanol Vanguard Stunt Team	
12 Noon	Beer Garden opens	Heritage Park
12:30 p.m.	Operation LZ Cash and Special Henry Vietnam Rifle Raffle Drawing	Forest City Airport
3 p.m.	Operation LZ and campground closes, all exhibits released	

**Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather or other conditions.
Please listen for announcements day of event. Please bring lawn chairs for your seating.**

Tune in this weekend

Our thanks to KIOW-FM 107.3 for their special LZ Weekend Dedication program called "Songs that got us through the War." It will be aired Friday night through Sunday evening including interviews with local combat vets each hour. See how many you remember over the 13 years of the Vietnam War period.

Special football weekend flyovers

The Friday night of the 28th is the first night of the 2015 High School football season. Weather allowing, the home games of Forest City, Lake Mills, Clear Lake, and West Hancock will begin with a special thank you to Vietnam Vets in attendance followed by a Huey or Cobra Helicopter flyover during the National Anthem singing.