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On a fine February morning in Tampa, Sid Horton was enjoying the Florida State Fair. As he strolled the grounds, Sid saw a man fall out of his motorized wheelchair, roll down an embankment and land in a pond. As Sid ran down the hill to assist, he could see the man was bent backward at the waist on his side with his face in the water. He was bleeding profusely from gashes to his head. Sid kept talking to him after pulling his head out of the water, making sure he was conscious and breathing and helping to keep the man's trachea tube clear. The man was very large so Sid was unable to pull him out of the water but continued to hold his head out of the water, assuring the man that help was on its way. Sid yelled at the large crowd to call 911. It took Sid 3-4 times to get a response from someone telling him they called and help was on the way! Hillsborough County EMTs arrived and attended to the man while Sheriff's Deputies took Sid's statement.

Sid is a long-time member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), Chapter FL1-A Tampa. He was subsequently honored at the February meeting of his home chapter with a citation and medal of valor to wear on his vest. He was momentarily overwhelmed by the accolade (he had not told many Chapter members about his heroics). When he recovered from his surprise, Sid told Chapter members that he truly feels the training he has received through GWRRA spurred him to run to this man's assistance. Sid has attended CPR, First Aid, ERC and TRC courses many times, giving him the confidence to know he could help this man, regardless of the man's size or condition. Sid was amazed that no one else among the many bystanders came to his aid. Perhaps it was the sight of Sid being

covered in the man's blood or the man's already fragile medical condition. But, thanks to the knowledge imparted by GWRRA in the form of education and safety training, Sid was there to assist.

Sid Horton is truly an American hero!

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