

June 24-27, 2009

TO: Dick Brown

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Public Relations Chairman, Dept Of Pennsylvania SUBJECT: report for back table

This report covers Dept of Pennsylvania public relations activities from March, 2009 to June 24, 2009

March 26-1 was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Whitehall Chamber Of Commerce-had the opportunity to talk about the Marine Corps League (National, Department, and Detachment level), and the Support The Troops project-the talk was well received and after the meeting I gave out two membership applications

April 13-was given one half hour of live air on radio station WAEB based in Allentown-Bobby Gunther Walsh interviewed me and I was able to discuss activities of the Marine Corps League in Lehigh Valley, and the upcoming Youth Physical Fitness meet at Parkland High School

April 18-attended the YPF meet at Parkland High School-took many photos and forwarded them to Detachment Commandant Vince Poandl for our Detachment's Americanism scrapbook

May 6-received a call from the head of the Lehigh Valley Chamber Of Commerce telling me that I will be given a free table at their

annual Business Expo in September-not only do I display patches, coins and other souvenirs I've received from troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, but I also have a Marine Corps League display which also generates a lot of interest

June 3-attended monthly meeting of the Northampton Detachment at their clubhouse in Easton-at this meeting I met Cpl Ken Collins, recently back from Iraq, whose MP unit received eight good will packages from our Support The Troops project-the Detachment gave me time before the meeting started to introduce Cpl Collins and he spoke briefly on his deployment-since he's an Army man, as you can imagine, there was lots of good natured kidding-all went very well and before I left the Detachment gave me a box of goodies for shipping

June 5-was interviewed by a reporter from the Easton Express Times concerning Cpl Ken Collins and our Support The Troops project-was also given the opportunity to discuss the Marine Corps League and the many community events the different Detachments are involved in

June 6-sent \$119.50 worth of U.S. stamps, from Support The Troops Inc., to Vince Poandle for him to use as shipping postage for the next ten packages he sends to deployed troops

June 9-went back to the clubhouse of the Northampton Detachment for an Easton Express Times photo session with Cpl Collins-the photographer told me the article and photos will run this next

week

June 13-sent photo of Cpl Collins and myself to Mike Blum for possible use in Semper Fi magazine

Because of some health issues, as of this report, I am resigning my post of Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, Dept Of Pennsylvania. Thanks to all who supported our efforts and especially my committee members John R. Wells and Barry Morrisette

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