

Good Morning Mayor Adams, councilors, and citizens of Portland.

My name is Francis Betz; I live at 7620 SW Sage Place, Beaverton.

I am here today to encourage the City of Portland to honor Oregon vets who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and to bring special attention to the veterans who served in Viet Nam.

I am a Navy vet who served two Tours of Duty in Viet Nam; seven years with the 1249th Combat Engineers, Oregon National Guard and the father of a son who served three Tours of Duty, in Iraq, as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot.

His service to our country inspired me to create a, "Welcome Home Coin Project", to honor him, the members of his unit, including Oregon and all other veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam.

As chairman of the Welcome Home Committee of Beaverton Post 4617 Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Life member of VFW, I believe that this unique project is worthwhile and deserves as much time, energy and devotion I can rally to achieve a positive result.

As a non-profit (501C19) service organization, it is important that we serve our fellow veterans in this unique manner.

On Feb. 16, 2011, Senator Richard Burr, of N. C., introduced Sen. Resolution 55 designating March 30th as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. The Resolution passed unanimously on March 4, 2011.

This resolution, "Encourages state and local governments to establish Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, March 30 and the people of the United States to observe such Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities".

Additionally, Gov. John Kitzhaber signed Senate Bill 74 on March 30, 2011 making the 30th of March every year in Oregon "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day".

Last April, I designed a special Iraq Welcome Home Coin and received funding for the first 500 coins from US BANK. On Sept. 17, three managers and I presented my son and 250 members of his Regiment Welcome Home Coins with a handshake and the words, "Welcome Home, Thank You for Your Service and Sacrifice".

As of today, I have presented the Iraq coin in **Washington, Oregon and California**. In addition, surrogates have presented this coin in, **New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Utah, Texas and Arizona**.

In conclusion, I hope that the citizens of Portland will help make March 30, 2012 and every March 30 a special day for our VN veterans.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Francis E. Betz 3/21/2012

On Monday, March 12, 2012, Charlotte Kent, a member of my Post donated \$500 to help me reach the \$1720 needed to buy 500 VN Welcome Home Coins.

We ordered these coins the same day from Wholesale-Challenge coins in FL. While the timeline is short before March 30th our rep. said he would work to make this special order arrive in time for VN vets to receive coins on this day.

Additionally, I have been in contact with the Trail Blazers and the Winter Hawks about partnering with them for next November's Veterans Day and March 30, 2013

Creating this Project is important to me, for many reasons, not only for my and other VN vets service, but also to honor my brother, Robert, Killed-In-Action in Qui Nhon, VN, on 10 Feb 1965 and other VN vets listed on The Wall.





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Honoring the dead by serving the living

Welcome Home Coin Project

- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans
- Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, March 30, 2012

Dear Friend(s),

"Welcome Home, Thank You for Your Service and Sacrifice" words not heard by most of the 118,000 Oregon Vietnam Vets when they returned home.

Sadly, many of the 27,180+ brave Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have already served and returned home without hearing those precious words. We cannot let this happen to this generation of soldiers.

One way we can ensure that our veterans are not forgotten is with a special gift, a unique "Welcome Home Coin" that symbolizes our warmth, affection and gratitude. This coin is more than a mere piece of metal; it embodies the feelings we have for these soldiers who have given so much.

In order to create three unique Welcome Home veteran coins, Wholesale-Challenge Coins, in Ocala, FL, was contacted to assist with the creation of these special coins. Please refer to Wholesale-Challenge Coins Quote page for more detailed information}.

Please take this opportunity to show your appreciation, for their Service and Sacrifice, by making a generous donation and follow the example of US BANK's donation of \$1720 to purchase the first 500 Iraq coins to distribute to 251 members of the 1/140th Assault Helicopter Battalion, in Anaheim, CA and veterans in OR, WA, NY, AL, NC, FL, TX and AZ. Each coin you purchase touches the heart of our all our veterans.

Together, let us begin a new tradition, Welcoming Home our veterans with a hand shake, a Welcome Home Coin and the words, "Welcome Home, Thank You for Your Service and Sacrifice".

We hope that you, your friends and associates would support this project.

Please send - make your tax-deductible donation(s) at any US BANK.
Make check(s) payable to: **Welcome Home Coin Project**, acct. #: **153664683783**

-or-

PayPal



Sincerely,

Francis E. Betz

Mr. Francis E. Betz, Chairman
Welcome Home Committee

Tel/Mobile: 503.526.1726 • francis.betz@gmail.com

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Francis Betz [francis.betz@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:57 PM
To: Williams, Maggie
Cc: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Welcome Home Coin Project
Attachments: IRS Letter 001-1.jpg; IRS Letter 002-1.jpg; IRS Letter 003-2.jpg; IRS Letter 004-1.jpg; IMG_2150.jpg; IMG_20111101_121804.jpg; IMG_20111101_121817.jpg; Wholesale-Challenge Coin information.doc; 3 COINS POSTER, March 30-Update 2-13-2012.pdf; Dear Friend(s), Welcome Home Coin Project, 3.3.2012.docx

Good Evening Maggie,

Hello Maggie,

Thank you for the kind words and response to this Project. I appreciate that you shared with your colleagues.

I have attached all the document that I usually send out to contacts. I have included some photos too.

I have Cc-ed Karla-Moore-Love this message.

As I mentioned, I was able to order 500 VN Welcome Home Coins this Monday thanks to a generous \$500 donation from my Beaverton VFW Post 4617 Secretary [I am not sure if the manufacturer will be able to deliver before March 30, but I pray this happens]. She really surprised me with her generosity. I did not think I was going to reach the goal of \$1720 to purchase the next 500 coins, but surprises do happen. Now, my next step is getting to the Afghanistan coins.

Of course, this is not my only goal, raising money to purchase coins. I hope that through this process I can bring awareness to the needs of all our vets who served honorable and bravely in Iraq, Afghanistan and Viet Nam and Welcome them Home properly.

While the time is short, this year, for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day March 30, 2012, it is not too late to support our brave men in women.

I would be happy to work with the Mayor and the City of Portland on this Project. As a VN vet and a Life Member of VFW I feel it is my duty to make this Project a success.

While it has been a little discouraging raising funds, the upside comes when I present a coin to one of our brave vets, shake their hand and Welcome them Home. The look

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and emotion on the vet's face offsets any lack of support.

Sincerely,

Francis Betz, Chairman
Welcome Home Committee
VFW Post 4617

PS The 800 number for Wholesale-Challenge Coins has changed to: 1-877-870-4946. Wayne is my direct contact. Douglas is no longer with the company. Please feel free to contact Wayne directly if you have any questions about these coins

I am Viet Nam veteran and the father of a son who returned, September 2011, from his third (3) Tour of Duty, in Iraq, as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot with the 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment, California Army National Guard, based in Los Alamitos, CA. This service to our country inspired me to create this, "Welcome Home Coin Project" to honor him, all the members of his battalion, as well as Oregon and all our Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam veterans.

I am writing to solicit your support for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day on March 30, 2012. I have attached material about the project I created, in 2011, to honor my son and his fellow Iraq vet and thought you might be interested in the coins I have designed. The Iraq coin is completed and 500 coins were purchased through a generous donation from US BANK.

I am now working on raising funds to purchase Afghanistan and Vietnam vet coins.

I do not sell these coins, but do ask that anyone who decides to help distribute coins do the following: holding the coin in your left hand with the Great Seal up [out of the plastic sleeve] facing the soldier, shake his/her right hand saying the words, "Welcome Home, Thank You for Your Service and Sacrifice".

I have personally presented the Iraq coin to Iraq vets in WA, OR and 251 in CA. Surrogates have presented this coin, for me, in NY, VA, AL, NC, FL, TX and AZ. My hope is that all our brave Iraq, Afghanistan and Viet Nam vets, in all 50 states, receive a Welcome Home Coin.

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As a Life member of VFW, I have a duty to honor vets who have died in war, like my younger brother KIA in VN, by serving the Living.

I hope you will find this information helpful/useful. Should you wish me to send a sample of the Iraq coin please contact me via email or 503-526-1726?

Sincerely,

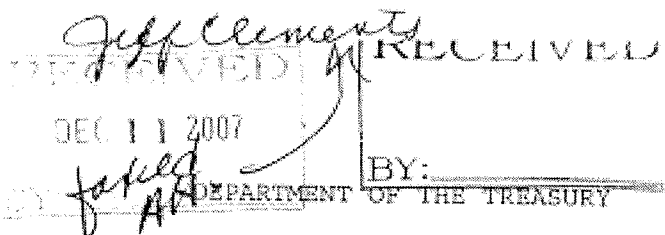


Francis Betz, Chairman

Welcome Home Committee

PS: The first photo shows me, on the right, presenting the first Iraq coin to a young vet at Beaverton KIA in Oregon. The next two photos are of an Iraq vet member of the 1/140th Aviation Battalion based in Los Alamitos, CA who was presented his coin by my sister, Julia, in Tuscan, AZ.

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Date: MAR 14 2000

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Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We have considered your application for a group exemption letter recognizing your subordinates as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as organizations of the type described in section 501(c)(19).

Our records show that you were recognized as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(19) of the Code. Your exemption letter remains in effect.

Based on information you supplied, we recognize your subordinates whose names appear on the list you submitted as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(19) of the Code.

This determination is based on the fact that at least 75 percent of each of your subordinates' members are past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined in Code section 501(c)(19). It is also based on the fact that substantially all of your subordinates' other members, if any, are individuals who are cadets, or are spouses, widows, or widowers of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States or of cadets. Please let us know if any of your subordinates no longer meets these membership percentage requirements.

Donors may deduct contributions made to or for the use of your subordinates that qualify as war veterans organizations. To so qualify, at least 90 percent of a subordinate's members must be war veterans.

Your subordinates are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if they qualify as churches or integrated auxiliaries of churches or otherwise meet the exceptions in section 1.6033-2(g) of the Income Tax Regulations.

Your subordinates whose gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000 are each required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of their annual accounting period. If you prefer, you may file a group return for those subordinates that authorize you in writing to include them in that return. If you

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are required to file Form 990 for your own activities, you must file a separate return and may not be included on any group return that you file for your subordinates. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty imposed cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so your subordinates should make sure their returns are complete before filing them. Please advise your subordinates that, if they receive a Form 990 package in the mail, they should file the return even if their gross receipts do not exceed the \$25,000 minimum. If not required to file, a subordinate should simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that its annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less and sign the return. This will allow us to update our records to show that the subordinate is not required to file and to delete that subordinate from the list of organizations that will receive Form 990 packages in future years.

Your subordinates are required to make their annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You and your subordinates are also required to make available for public inspection your group exemption application, any supporting documents and this exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

Your subordinates are not required to file federal income tax returns unless subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. Each organization subject to this tax must file Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your subordinates' present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Unless specifically excepted, each of your subordinates is liable for social security (FICA) taxes for each employee to whom the subordinate paid \$100 or more during a calendar year and unemployment (FUTA) taxes for each employee to whom the subordinate paid \$50 or more in a calendar quarter. FUTA tax is due for each of these employees only if the subordinate paid total wages of \$1,500 or more during any calendar quarter, or if the subordinate had any employees in any 20 calendar weeks during the year.

Each year, at least 90 days before the end of your annual accounting period, please send the items listed below to the Internal Revenue Service Center at the address shown below.

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1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your subordinates;
2. A list showing the names, mailing addresses (including Postal ZIP codes), actual addresses if different, and employer identification numbers of subordinates that, since your previous report:
 - a. Changed names or address;
 - b. Were deleted from your roster; or
 - c. Were added to your roster.
3. For subordinates to be added, attach:
 - a. A statement that the information on which your present group exemption letter is based applies to the new subordinates;
 - b. A statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. A list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters;
 - d. A statement that none of the subordinates is a private foundation as defined in section 509(a) of the Code if the group exemption letter covers organizations described in section 501(c)(3);
 - e. The street address of each subordinate whose mailing address is a P.O. Box; and
 - f. The information required by Revenue Procedure 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, for each subordinate that is a school claiming exemption under section 501(c)(3). Also include any other information necessary to establish that the school is complying with the requirements of Revenue Ruling 71-447, 1971-2 C.B. 230. This is the same information required by Schedule A, Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change since your previous report.

Please mail the information requested in this letter to the following address:

Internal Revenue Service
Ogden UT 84201

Your Group Exemption Number is 1023. Your subordinates are required to include this number on each Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, and Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return, that they file. Please advise your subordinates of this requirement and provide them with the Group Exemption Number.

If the heading of this letter indicates that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

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Because this letter could help resolve any questions about the exempt status and foundation status of your subordinates, you should keep it for your records.

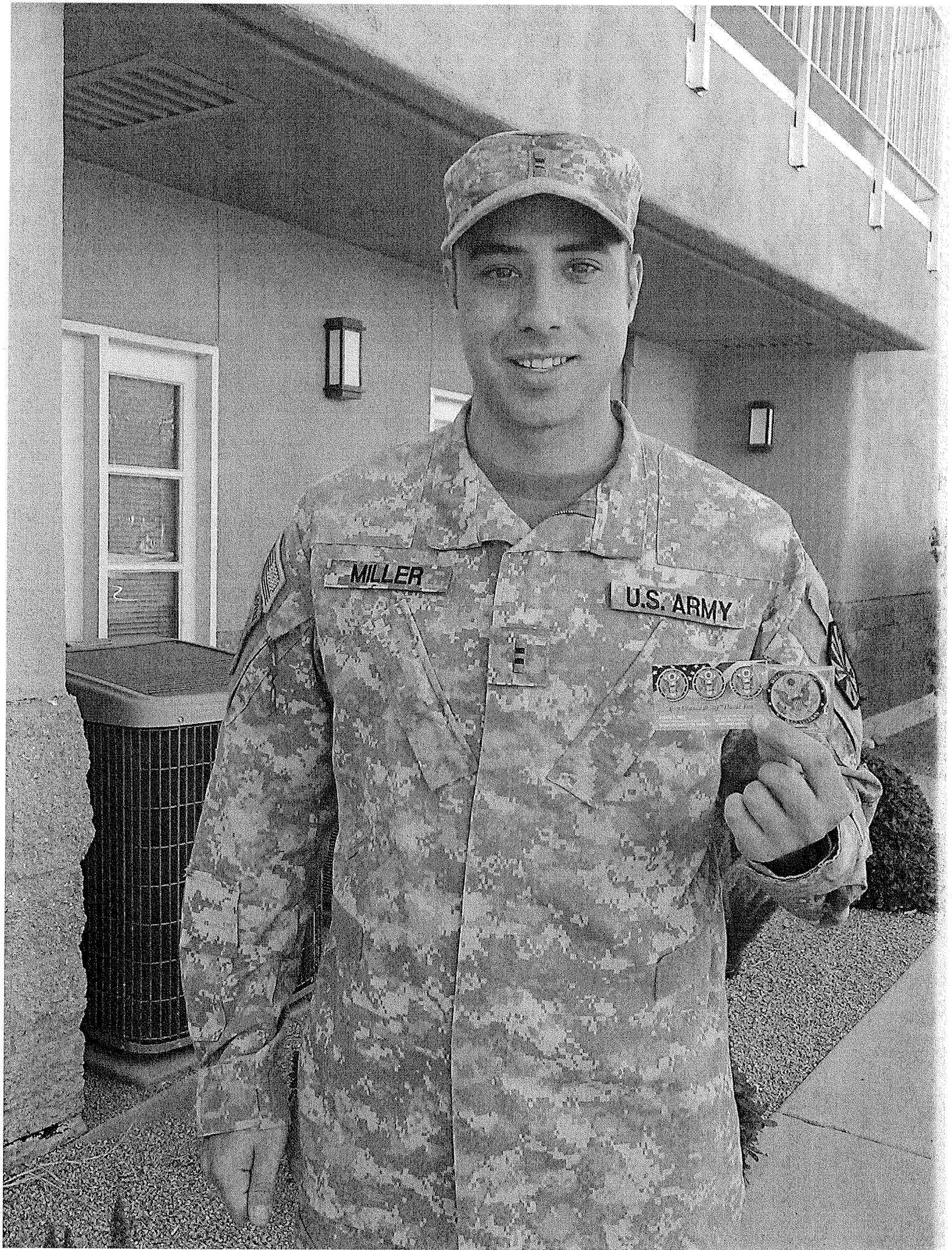
If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

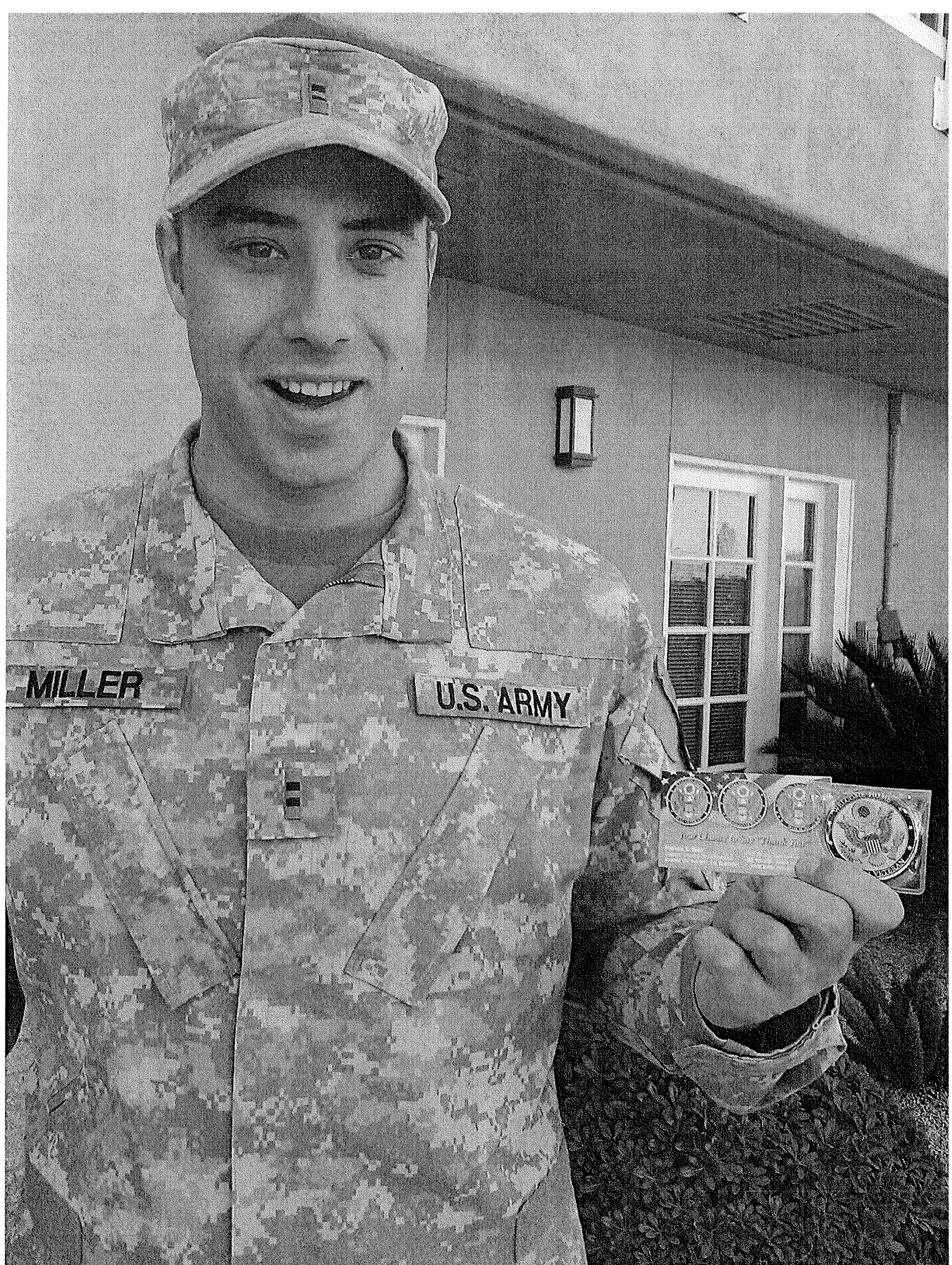
Sincerely yours,

Steven T. Miller

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Director, Exempt Organizations







Wholesale-challenge coins.com

If you wish to learn more about the company we have chosen to manufacture the unique Welcome Home Coins for our Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam veterans contact Douglas & Wayne at:
www.Wholesale-ChallengeCoins.com /// sales@Wholesale-ChallengeCoins.com /// 1-866-318-3636

Here is pricing for your Iraq Coin. It looks like the pricing would be the same for all coins. There are extra colors on the front, but we will just consider this our contribution to the non-profit project.

Our standard coin is 2.9mm thick.

Here is the pricing information you requested: Mold Fee - \$ FREE

Qty. 500, 1.75 inch Custom Challenge Coins * Total Delivered	\$ 1,720.00
Qty. 1000, 1.75 inch Custom Challenge Coins * Total Delivered	\$ 3,390.00
Qty. 2000, 1.75 inch Custom Challenge Coins * Total Delivered	\$ 6,500.00
Qty. 3000, 1.75 inch Custom Challenge Coins * Total Delivered	\$ 9,600.00
Qty. 4000, 1.75 inch Custom Challenge Coins * Total Delivered	\$ 12,560.00

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2.9mm thickness, Color – Yes; Both Sides; Epoxy - No

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Francis Betz [francis.betz@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 9:40 AM
To: Williams, Maggie
Cc: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Re: A Follow-up to your Request
Attachments: Sen. Burr Resolution.docx

Good Morning Maggie and Karla,

I forgot to add this attachment yesterday regarding Senate RES 55 by Senator Burr. I thought it would be useful to have this information.

S. Res. 55: A resolution expressing support for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"

112th Congress: 2011-2012

Sponsor: Sen. Richard Burr [R-NC]

Status: This resolution has been passed in the Senate. **Explanation:** That is the end of the legislative process for simple resolutions. The resolution now takes effect. [Last Updated: Mar 8, 2011 6:10AM]

The following summary was written by the Congressional Research Service, a well-respected nonpartisan arm of the Library of Congress.

2/16/2011--Introduced.

Honors and recognizes the contributions of veterans who served in Vietnam during war and peace. Encourages state and local governments to establish Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, and the people of the United States to observe such Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Sincerely,

Francis Betz

On Wed, Mar 14, 2012 at 4:41 PM, Williams, Maggie <Maggie.Williams@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hi Francis,

It was great meeting you yesterday. I chatted with some people in the office about what you're doing for our veterans, and everyone was impressed with all you're doing. We all agree that it would be great for you to come and talk to Council as soon as possible, and then the Mayor can send out communications to spread your message further after that. To do this, please send an email to Karla Moore-Love at karla.moore-love@portlandoregon.gov to schedule a communications item, and please let me know if you have any questions!

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Thank you!

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Maggie Williams

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Check out our [2011 Progress Report](#).

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Buy one of these special coins for an
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WELCOME HOME COIN PROJECT

account number: 153664683783

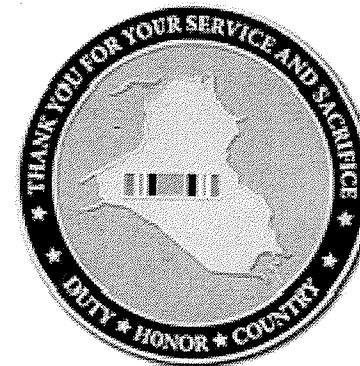
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**Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
March 30**

Celebrate this Special Day with our
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For more information contact: Frank Betz - Chairman, Welcome Home Committee
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Request of Francis Betz to address Council regarding Welcome Home Coin Project
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