

# HERO STATION ONE HARRISBURG



## Remarks of Mr. D. Keith Comstock Chairman of the Board

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We live in freedom, because of the sacrifices of brave men and women who answer America's call to duty. They place themselves in harm's way. They leave the comforts of their home and loved ones. Making the journey to that far distant place of sacrifice, Where they will be called upon to serve in places and ways we can't imagine.

Some will make the ultimate sacrifice offering that "*full measure of devotion*" laying down their life; so that others may live in freedom.

Others will faithfully stand in the gap, facing dangers we cannot begin to comprehend. At that dark hour...

In that unnamed place...

Together they have stood

And fought

And fallen.

Risking their lives and sacrificing their bodies for our freedom.

They are all, each and every one, American Heroes!

There on ground made sacred by the blood of those who have sacrificed so much, They have earned the right to be called by that name... Heroes! They've earned that name, time and time again, in places and ways we can't imagine.

We owe them a debt,  
we can never fully repay.

But we should,

We feel we must, *Try-*

Try to give something to those who have given us so much.

But in the end, we write a check, offer our sympathy and go on with our own lives... Living and prospering in the very freedom purchased by their sacrifice...



We are all like that. We don't talk about it much...

But it's there... those feelings when we see them, wounded warriors come home to try and rebuild a life. Knowing the debt is there. *Knowing sacrifices have been made.* But not really able to get our arms around a way we can really help.

That is wrong.

And we should all make a commitment not just to talk but rather to take action. The time has come for payment to be made on the debt we all owe.

General Jessica Wright began all this when she told us of her troops and their proud service. She introduced us to Brooks Hulitt and Wall Street Warfighters.

She told us of Pennsylvanians now in harm's way. It was moving.

**And then she asked "The Question".**

"Can you find a way for business people to help? Will you at least try? These troops don't want sympathy, they want a job!"

Today we come to answer those questions.

General Wright, The answers are, Yes we have found a way and YES we will try.

And so we come together today in Harrisburg. Business leaders, Elected officials, and honored guests who have served us all.

We come to Harrisburg from California, Washington, D.C. North Carolina West Virginia, Illinois, Maine and Alaska... Together we come,

to be here,

on the day when the partial repayment on the debt begins.

To announce a new national program to focus exclusively on the employment and quality of life for America's Heroes.

We do this because they have earned it. We do this because it is truly the right thing and long overdue."

Today we commission HERO Station One - Harrisburg. It will, during the coming year start providing jobs for America's Heroes.



I speak now directly to our service disabled veterans.

Thank you for your service and your sacrifice.

We will name this place HERO Station One and in doing so it is named for each of you.

*But we will not stop there...*

Today with your opening of this Station we at Hero Company begin a journey.

And make this pledge to you... 100 jobs is not enough...

We will not stop until Hero Company is providing new jobs in California and Georgia, and Michigan.

Wherever America's Hero's need us, *We will go there.*

We will not stop until HERO company has fulfilled its mission.

Nothing will deter us... Nothing will stand in our way...

This is the promise we make... *this is the promise we will Keep!*

America's service disabled vets don't want our sympathy...they don't want our admiration....

They want a JOB!

A good job...

A career with a future...

A hope for tomorrow.

Built on an opportunity today.

The question is where do they find it?

And so we come to Harrisburg to say, welcome home America's heroes...

Welcome to Hero Station One.

We are committed and able...

Let the Hard work begin!

Thank you...

