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Dear Gentlemen,

It is eight years since the Patriot Guard escorted the coach carrying Fallen Hero Private Zach Clouser from Dover Delaware to our Kenneth Road facility. That was my introduction to PGR. My appreciation and respect and that of my associates have only ever grown over those years.

Today I'm writing to tell you how much my associates and I again appreciated the presence and involvement of Patriot Guard Riders at the ceremonies for Fallen Hero Cpl. Matthew Hanes. While I'm sure there was never any question about being there to pay tribute, the presence and participation of your organization was indeed, as it always is, a memorable difference. In case you had not seen them, there are some excellent pictures at this link.

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2015/08/matthew_hanes_funeral_army_mil.html

What the Patriot Guard did complimented our Fallen Heroes Program by which we provide our services, facilities and motor equipment free of charge for a fallen hero. The PGR contribution added to the dignity of the tribute ceremony and was appreciated by us and Matt's family.

The out pouring of support from the community, the physical presence of so many attendees and generous support demonstrated by others associated with various components of the event who also donated support and services was a profound statement about shared grief and the goodness of humanity. It was heartwarming to witness so much support for this very sad event.

I thank you and your members for your contribution to the ceremony of this fallen hero. My associates and I sincerely appreciated the role you and the members played in this tribute service.

Respectfully,

Ernie Heffner

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