



Date: 4 February 2011

To: All Employees

Re: **Friday Letter 4 February 2011**

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Good Day Fellow Members of the Pack: *The following is a message from the desk of the "Big Dog"*



Calling all BIG DOGS: I spent most of the week at a small business conference in Orlando. During the conference I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of most of the large Alaskan Native Corporations, Small Business Administration (SBA) officials, NASA, etc... I am even more confident in our direction. There is a tremendous need and demand for firms that provide the services we provide. Our peers even recognize the opportunities available to Service Disabled Vets like us. This world is bigger than just Northwest Florida and in that larger market we have value. We must "keep doing what we are doing". Our vision is BIG!!!!

We still have our struggles, which I'm trying to address. ThomCo still needs to tackle the following:

- Win 3 new JOC/SABER contracts
- Refine, develop and publish standard operating procedures
- Develop a repeatable business model
- Improve our financial position

In order to accomplish these goals I need dedicated soldiers working with me. When I draw up a battle plan, we need to execute the plan and conquer the competitors. The time is now. If operating under my plan proves too difficult then maybe this team is not for you. *If it's not, it's OK.* I understand. If you elect to stay, then know that I expect nothing but the best from you. You have been **selected** to be on this team. We let some others go to work for our competitors. I will constantly tweak the team until I get the championship team we deserve. Be a BIG DOG act like a BIG DOG or stay on the porch.

#### **Quote of the Week**

**"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."**

**Leonardo Da Vinci**

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The Eglin SABER team is looking at 5 new jobs that are valued at over \$1.5 million this coming week and will be walking 10 more that all have to be awarded by 3-31-11. The jobs require enhancements to energy efficiency consisting of mechanical and electrical upgrades. Let's all wish them luck.



I'm sure that you will all join me in extending our congratulations to Tricia Rodgers of the Eglin SABER Team on her recent engagement to Perry Leavins. Here's wishing them many, many years of wedded bliss!

We will shortly be hosting the rollout meeting for the 2011 GCC/Thomco 1 LLC Group Health plan. An exact date will be published next week.

Barbara Cooksey, a Loss Control Consultant with Bouchard Insurance will be visiting us on 22 and 23 February. She will be conducting a training sessions for the Eglin Saber team on 22 February and conducting jobsite visits/evaluations. On 23 February she will be conducting a training session for the Hurlburt Military Family Housing Maintenance team. Please make her feel welcome and don't hesitate to take advantage of her expertise by asking her any safety related questions that may come to mind. Tommy Lovett will be hosting her at Eglin and I will be hosting her at Hurlburt.

From the "I bet you didn't know files: The Red Horse profile emblem Jerry Schauer, the Project Manager for the Hurlburt MFH Maintenance team, designed for Hurlburt Field's 823rd RED HORSE to label all their equipment and gear just before they deployed to Desert Storm back in 1991, has since become a widely adapted icon for all RED HORSE Units. You may notice them locally on the back of vehicles. He was recently sent a photo of one of his former "Horsemen" reenlisting while stationed with the 819th RED HORSE Sq. at Malmstrom AFB in Montana with Jerry's artwork displayed 12 foot tall on the side of the base water tower. Congratulations to Jerry and now we all know where to go if we need a special drawing.

The following member of the pack celebrates another year on the planet:



**Jonathan Moore**

**Eglin Saber Team**

**9 February**

**Be sure to join me in wishing him a Happy Big Dog birthday!**

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Two paws up and a bunch of tail wags and bow wows go out to *Fudpuckers*. They are the first business to provide a raffle prize for this year's Yolanda D Thomas Scholarship Endowment Celebrity Golf Tournament. Kudos are also extended to Helen Back for again agreeing to host the VIP reception the night before the tournament. We couldn't succeed without the support of local businesses like these.

The following is some useful information passed on by Paola Navedo on Stroke Recognition:

**STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters..... S. T. R.**

#### STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ....she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

#### RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the ' 3 ' steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.**

**T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today.)**

**R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

**NOTE: Another ' sign ' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to ' stick ' out his tongue. If the tongue is ' crooked ', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.**

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Once again, time flies and so must I. Until next time keep up the good work and remain **SAFE (Stay Accident Free Everywhere)**.

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