



Family Readiness Group  
1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
Fort Lewis, Washington 98433

Dear Phil and DefendingFreedom.net,

On behalf of the families and soldiers and individual Battalions and units, we in the Lancer Brigade, would like to thank you for your generous donation of 3000 wristbands. With this donation we were able to raise **\$9000.00** that went directly to Battalion and unit funds. These moneys are being used to help support each unit and battalion for items related to welcoming home our soldiers of the Lancer Brigade after a yearlong deployment to Mosul Iraq. These moneys are also being used by each Battalion to help support Gala's and parties in the coming weeks. Our soldiers and families have faced many hardships during this past year and these events are a way for us to all come together and celebrate our reunion.

Phil, you and DefendingFreedom have been an invaluable source of support for the families and soldiers of the Stryker Brigade. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty in providing support to us, both monetarily and emotionally. This wristband donation along with the **\$10,000** donation via GIJOES, and the monies you provided for our Lancer Summer Bash bring your total donation for the Stryker Brigade to **\$19,856.00**.

The personal hours you have spent helping to coordinate our redeployment party upcoming on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> are incalculable. All of the phone calling, flying here to WA, spending hours upon hours helping to plan the event and procure donations so that these soldiers and families will be assured a great time and the recognition they so rightly deserve is immeasurable.

Please accept our thanks as our humble way of showing our deepest appreciation for you support and friendship for the Stryker Brigade.

With warmest Regards,

Kathleen Jones