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OFFICE OF GENERAL  
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Office of General Counsel  
Federal Elections Commission  
999 E. Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re. possible illegal political campaign contribution/involvement

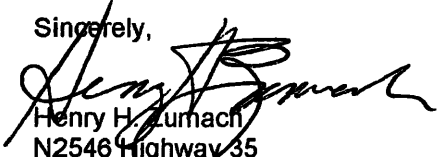
Dear General Counsel,


On May 7, 2004 President George W. Bush held a partisan campaign event in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In attendance at the event were several hundred soldiers, all of whom were wearing identical t-shirts. There was an American Flag on the front of the shirts and the phrase "I am an American soldier" on the back. Also printed on the back were the letters "VFW".

It has been widely reported in area newspapers and television news reports that the t-shirts were supplied to the soldiers specifically to be worn at the partisan campaign event. According to the Wisconsin VFW News, the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 11 "sponsored" the trip and provided the t-shirts.

I am requesting that the Federal Elections Commission investigate whether this action on the part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was an illegal involvement in a partisan political event.

Sincerely,

  
Henry H. Zumach  
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Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me  
this 24th day of June, 2004  
  
Notary Public Co. of La Crosse, WI.  
My Commission is Permanent

The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation would like to thank you for participating in our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run the Valley. Mary Brekke, a Golden Valley resident, had the winning design for our t-shirt. We had six entries for the t-shirt design contest. Our shirt is a processed three color design.

Our 10K Race has a new starting point. Originally it was suppose to start at the same place the 5K race was starting but was changed. It is not as far back as previous years (Maintenance building) but is near the creek bridge behind the finish line. The race for runners will begin at 8:30am and will be started by Cable 12 announcers. All walkers and spectators should stay off the road until all runners have passed through. The walkers will start at 8:35am.

Mile markers are posted for both the 5K & 10K routes. The 10K water hole is near Laurel and Xenia. The 5K is near Good Shepherd Church. Please look at the route map. The 5k & 10K split at Westchester Circle and Edgewood Ave. 10K runners stay on Edgewood and head north.

Make sure your number stays the same as assigned. They are already in the computer system under your name and event you signed up for on your registration form. (White background is 5K and Blue background is 10K)

Please make sure you turn your tag in when finishing the route. The tag takers need to keep your finish in order.

Medals will be presented at the end of the race as soon as the results are final or mailed to those winners that cannot attend the ceremony.

We want to thank you for making this event successful. Golden Valley Human Services Foundation has set this event up to raise money for human service organizations that help Golden Valley residents in need. The organizations that receive contributions are Home Free Shelter, YMCA Detach Work Program, PRISM, Northwest Suburban Dinner at Your Door and Senior Community Services.

The sponsors that helped make this event great are Liberty Carton, Lupient Automotive Group, Wells Fargo Bank-GV, Yoplait, Cable 12 for their great broadcasting of the event and television coverage, Valley Pastries, Super America, Glenwood Inglewood, Golden Valley Rotary, Golden Valley Country Club, and Perkins.

We would like to hear how we could improve on this event. Please let us know. Registration begins at 7:30-8:15am. If you need additional information please call 763-593-8010.

THANKS and hope to see you next year!!!