Iâ€™m Thinking of How to Get More Support for the Troops â€“ Comments?

Description

The â€œmediaâ€• that is seen/heard by much of America and the world continues to pronounce doom and gloom in the Middle East. No longer â€œnewsâ€• most of what I look at seem to be little more that editorializing at any opportunity. It bothers me.

Add to this that a common complaint from those who are defending us forward is â€œthe story is not getting told.â€• I concur.

I was spurred on to write this after hearing the hearing the author of â€œGrace Under Fire,â€• Andrew Carroll, on the Laura Ingraham Show this morning. He has taken it upon himself to help preserve the letters of service members and family for history. He also has a list of troop support organizations up on his bookâ€™s site.

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Hereâ€™s what Iâ€™m thinking: Make your blog available for the troops who would like to share their stories, but certainly donâ€™t have time to set up and write a blog of their own. If have a blog that gets lots of such inputs, and canâ€™t possibly get them all out in a timely fashion, find those who will volunteer their â€œspaceâ€• and pass the inputs out, so they are spread far and wide. More possibility of exposure to those who might not otherwise get to read the story of the platoon that takes on the task of cleaning up/repairing and outfitting a school in Afghanistan, for instance.

I havenâ€™t set up a blog roll, but Iâ€™m on several, so I suspect one would be useful and then the cross-pollinating would be extensive (if there were lots of blogs willing to chip in.

Thatâ€™s idea number oneâ€¦.and it just might have some leverage in turning the tide of no news on the good news. Comments?

Idea #2: I have chosen to highlight the ValOUR-IT project the 11th of each month, just to be a friendly reminder that itâ€™s not just Veteranâ€™s Day when we should consider contributing to this wonderful program. The follow on to this idea is to either weekly or monthly, pick one of the troop support organizations (see my compiled list here), post their charter and find some testimonials to the success of the work they have done and spread the word that wayâ€¦.

Anyhow, I had been planning to blast this out to the Navy ValOUR-IT blogs (and I suspect I still might this weekend), to see about getting the ball rolling at the grass-roots level.

Anyone can help in this, particularly the second idea above.

If you have friends/family serving in the Sandbox, ask permission to get their stories and post them. Let them tell their stories.

Just think: Everyday bloggers helping to tell real stories that otherwise may have to wait years for historians, or be forever lost because â€œI didnâ€™t think anyone cared.â€•

Fire away with modifications/ideas/etc.

What better way to be a servant, particularly in this week, than to support those who are supporting us.

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