

Good Evening Brothers and Sisters,

Twenty two days and all I can say is thank you for being bad ass!! I walked into the Hall today and there were 8 people in there working to get checks stuffed and mailed. I hit a picket line at 5:30 and it was tall and strong. The company thought they were going to force everyone back to work because of Healthcare insurance and it did not work. I am constantly hearing good stories and signs of strength on our side and weakness on their side. Former CWA member, Roy Williams, who left the company thirteen years ago was called by Verizon yesterday and was asked if he wanted to come back. Roy, who is currently unemployed and has three kids, replied to the company, "KISS MY ASS". I know we are going to win when I see brother Steve Greul drive his family from White Marsh to Frederick County. I know what Union Power and Strength is when I see Sydney and Delilah Greul from White Marsh all the way out in Frederick County holding their strike signs high. When they prepare to write their essay for a CWA college scholarship on how the Union has affected their life, they will, undoubtedly, have no problem filling up the pages. Steve has been at the Hall almost everyday for the last two weeks volunteering his time while Mrs Greul takes care of the house and the girls. Verizon's greed is not fighting Steve but they are fighting his whole family! I am proud of all of them. UNION STRONG! There are lots and lots of these stories taking place throughout the local. Eddie Miller who also has been showing up on a regular basis took his defense fund check and handed it over to another member who is in a little more need than himself. UNION STRONG!

Joe Tiberi from International Association of Machinists dropped off a \$200 gift card for Starbucks so that his Brothers and Sisters at the White Marsh picket line could get something warm to drink during their strike DUTY. The Central Labor Council in Baltimore has started a food bank for the striking workers of CWA and has received food and gift cards from plenty. I will be sending out details tomorrow. This local and the members of this local have come to the rescue of many many families over the years and we will do it again. But right now we are going to focus on helping each other and if you need help then you should reach

out. There is absolutely no shame in asking for a little help, the same help I am sure you have given to many others.

Thursday May 5th is the CWA/IBEW Strike against Verizon. If you have extra time then head to your original picket duties in the morning and greet the scabs and managers. Tell them to take their asses home ! If you have picket DUTY you should be walking the line and staying strong, let the public see a strong presence and proud men and women fighting to keep jobs in the United States, not just talking about it like politicians. Fighting to keep health insurance for the members that came before us. This is a company that is profiting 1.8 BILLION per month and sent 13.5 BILLION in stock buybacks and dividends in 2015. They want to transfer you far from your homes and families for months at a time so that Lowell the liar can make more then 200 times your wages. They refuse to invest back into the communities that are paying their salaries and they continue to force outlandish overtime and hand out excessive discipline. This company can afford the good jobs that we have earned. I know damn right well that I am worth it and you are worth it.Keep fighting and standing strong with your Sisters and Brothers, Wives and Husbands, Daughters and Sons.

"WE CAN DO IT BECAUSE WE ARE UNION STRONG!"

Mike Somers

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