

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

For many of our members we are approaching a Memorial Day where no matter what happens they will not have to cancel their plans or meet their spouse at an already on going picnic. For 45 days the members of this Union have stood strong and have shown no waiver. It is strength never before seen, and strength and resolve that many did not think was in them or their family.

Yesterday I heard of rumors that we were going back June 1st and even that the Union collaborated with the company to break the members. One of the rumor's said we were going back to work without a contract. Sisters and Brothers we have a tremendous team assembled that is bargaining very hard for us and the strength of their bargaining power is US. The hard work we do on the picket lines in the public and the resolve that we have shown that we will not be broken is UNION STRONG. At 11:30 last night I had contact with one of members on the bargaining team and as I expected they were working. Do not let these rumors sway your resolve I have no doubt that we are going to win this fight. Just continue to stay strong and keep your foot on top of them. Today I got out of my truck and someone walked up to me and asked if I work for Verizon. ( The red CWA shirt gave it away) After I replied yes he asked me to please get a contract soon because his work and the work of his company depends on Verizon technicians doing a good quality job. He told me that after three weeks into the strike his boss gave everyone an order to not have any more work done by Verizon until the Union members get back to work. He said that the work is so sloppy and the quality sucks so bad they can not put the customers in that situation and have put all work involving Verizon on

hold. I believe their stock has fallen and last week the CFO had to admit to the whole world the strike was hurting them. Never before has One Day Stronger One Day Longer had more meaning than it does right now.

Please do me a favor this weekend and explain to your children or grandchildren what Memorial Day is and why we are observing it. And while your talking deep thoughts to them explain to them how PROUD you are to be a Union Member.

The mall cops in Westminster have resorted to moving the benches away from the picket lines so that no one can sit down. Like this would sway us from being strong. Guess they have never had a chance to join a Union.

I hope to bring everyone good news soon but as I prepare for my weekend I would like to tell a story about Union Strong! One of our members was supposed to settle on a house on April 15th. We went on strike on April 13th and the lender would not settle until the strike was over so the homeowner moved the settlement to May 15th. Since we were still on strike May 15th they pushed the settlement to May 31st. Even if we were to get a contract tomorrow the settlement can not happen on the 31st and our brothers lease is expired with no option to extend. With all of this my Brother has remained strong. That is Union Strong! We are going to do everything we can to help this brother but that is strength. He could have easily crossed the picket line and gave us the excuse but unlike ron martin from Frederick who went back to work

yesterday claiming he needs his medicine this Brother is strong. ron never applied for COBRA never called the hall and never asked for help. I personally called him and since his weak ass would not answer the phone I left him a message that I could get his medicine right away and I guaranteed him we would pay his COBRA. He of course is a SCAB and never called me back. Do not forget this when we go back. Also remember this: ron saw two good strong Union members and called them cocksuckers, in front of a young lady and the public. Not much bigger a scumbag out there. He is the first scab in many weeks.

All Friday picket duties that were scheduled for 3 to 7 have been moved to 11-3.

"The walrus is coming out of a deep dive and is flipping his tail wildly heading for the surface to make a triumphant splash"

Union Strong !