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Robert Reynolds, President
Local 740, International Association of Fire Fighters
Portland Central Station
380 Congress St.
Portland, ME 04101

Dear President Reynolds,

The members of the Portland Veteran Firemen's Association wish to thank the members of Local 740 for their generous donation again this year. Your donation last year was instrumental in completing the installation of the lighting for the displays on the main floor. We have received numerous positive comments concerning the lighting allowing visitors to view the displays much easier.

Along with the installation of lights the association continued to repair and update many photographs and lithographs by having them restored with new acid free paper, ultra-violet blocking glass and sealed to prevent damage by dust and dirt.

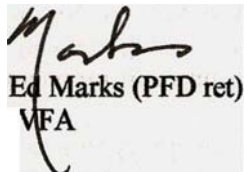
Projects planned for this year include the installation of lighting on the second floor and the rehabilitation of the kitchen. We hope to begin both projects in January and anticipate completion before the spring. Another project that we are currently working on is the installation of new library style shelving units to place the delicate log books dating back to the early 1800's. These books have led a very tough life being stored in closets, laid flat on wooden shelves, thrown in the bottom of cardboard boxes and now they will have a proper resting place to be preserved.

I will ask Captain Don Jackson to provide the members of Local 740 with an annual report of how the donated funds are managed. I will also like to use the Local's logo on any of our fliers or pamphlets that we distribute.

The Association looks forward to working with the active duty fire fighters of Local 740 to continue to preserve their history. Again thank you and the members of Local 740 for thinking of the Portland Vets to make this donation.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 749-2068.

Sincerely,



Ed Marks (PFD ret)
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Cc: Lieutenant im Fahey (pFD ret) Vice President, Captain Donald Jackson (pFD ret) Secretary/ Treasurer, Lieutenant Don Whitney, (pFD ret) Curator, Firefighter Mike Daicy, Archivist, all Portland Fire Stations

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