

Gateway Regional Middle School

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Principal

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Commanding Officer, 5rd Brigade
Attn: Major Gorsky
Howard Street Armory
Springfield, MA 01101

Dear Sir,

I was recently involved in the air-mobile operation conducted at the Knightville Dam Area.

I am presently employed at the Gateway Regional Middle School in Huntington, MA, where I am a sixth grade teacher. Many of the youngsters who live in the Dam area were greatly interested in the helicopter activity around their homes.

This brought what I think to be a great idea to mind. I thought we might run a helicopter awareness program with the interested sixth graders at the school in Huntington.

My purposes for suggesting this activity are two-fold.

1. A super educational experience for the youngsters.
2. A good chance for public relations for the Guard in a community continuously passed through en route to the Knightville Area.

The initial support for this activity is good to this point.

First, school principal Richard Delnickas has given full support.

Second, Fred Corbin, pilot, has been contacted and has given his full support, as has Captain Rich Cavanaugh. Also, Major Gorsky has been contacted and has given his support. And last, the Learning Resource Director has promised coverage by the local newspaper. (Westfield Daily News).

The landing could be accomplished on a portion of the school ball field.

If possible, I would like to run this activity as soon as possible with the weeks of school rapidly closing. The week of May 22, May 29, or June 5, Monday - Friday would be ideal.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We who are excited about this idea sincerely hope it can be the start of many public experiences provided by the Guard.

Thank you,

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