

Philly Vet Home Dedication (Semmel)

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Governor Schweiker, ...Adjutant General Lynch,

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GUESTS*

...Members of the State Veterans Commission, ...The

PA War Veterans Council, ...Members of the Delaware

Valley Veterans Community, ...and all veterans and

friends here today. (PAUSE) I am honored to be here

today for the long awaited dedication of our

Commonwealth's 6th State Veterans Home.

In my capacity as Majority Chairman of the House

Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

Committee...I take great pride in everything that we

have done, collectively with the State Veterans

Commission and the PA War Veterans Council, ...on behalf of our Commonwealth veterans. I must say though, ...there is no greater pleasure than to see the fruits of our labor come into fruition, as we dedicate this magnificent facility...known as the Delaware Valley Veterans Center.

I have had the opportunity to visit this site three times now. Once in its “Blue-Print” stage, once in its “Mid-Construction” phase...and now at its final stage of completion. The “physical” work of constructing this facility was naturally very hard and demanding...but, what work was even harder...and sometimes maybe unseen or forgotten at times, ...was the grass roots efforts by the veteran community to make this facility come into existence. I applaud the veteran community

and your leaderships for the steadfast commitment to this project over the years. You kept the State and Federal Government's feet to the fire on this much needed endeavor...and "you made it happen".

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for your brethren veterans, and I also want to thank the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the dedicated and hard work that it does in regard to the Commonwealth's State Veterans Home System. The Delaware Valley Veterans Center is indeed the "Jewel in the Crown" of this magnificent veterans care program, ...and I am indeed pleased to be here today with you...to be a part of this dedication ceremony.

Thank you.