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To: bigtop@kellymillercircus.com
Subject: Re: Kelly Miller Circus

Sorry I am slow getting back to you. I had a problem to solve that took a lot of my time.

The Kelly Miller Circus contacted me this past summer asking me if my American Legion Post would be interested in having the Circus perform on our grounds. After a week of campaigning i convinced the Trustees of the Post to give it a try. One cannot conceive the surprise we all had.

The staff of Kelly Miller were all first rate. Having never put on something like this I was lost. They took me by the hand and walked me through the process from beginning to end. Their promoter, Dave Williams was terrific. He spent the time necessary with my trustees so they understood what to expect. The day before the first performance The caravan started arriving. The units were space out so as to prevent traffic tie up and to give each unit time to get placed. One must watch to appreciate the orchestration of the setting up. With out any doubt, ever man and woman knew just what must be done and when.

The performance were just wonderful. I enjoyed every minute of the show. I also enjoyed watching the spectators as most had never been to a circus. One couple, he 99 and she 93, informed me that they cannot wait to see the circus again. Children young and old were memorized, all smiling and laughing through most of the show.

Me being a country boy was very impressed with the care and condition of the animals. All were taken care of as well or better than the family pet. I enjoyed watching the elephant trainer setting in a lawn chair reading a newspaper with the elephant looking over his shoulder. (Can elephants read?) I note that I am not convinced who is the trainer in the elephant act as there is no doubt in my mind that the elephant enjoys performing. I think maybe the trainer is there just a prop. I spent time talking with the trainers. They love their animals as house pets.

One wonders when an event like this is in town will it cause problems. I note the circus purchased food supplies for the next week at a local grocery, fuel for their trucks and generator and hay for their animals locally. They had repairs on vehicles at a local dealership. This was added business for our town. I worried some about what mess would be left behind after they were gone. My inspection of our grounds showed only some ware on the grass. no trash or litter.

We at American Legion Post 290 in Columbiana, Oho are hoping the Kelly Miller Circus will be coming to town next year. I spent most of the time the circus was here with the circus and had nothing but wonderful a experience.

Thank you Kelly Miller Circus,

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Jessie I mean every word.

In a message dated 10/13/2015 3:12:24 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, bigtop@kellymillercircus.com writes:

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