

From: Jim Womack <james.k.womack@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 12:50 PM
To: 'Richard Littiken'
Cc: airborne7382@yahoo.com; Frank Del Palazzo; qgirl232@yahoo.com; 'Chad Adams'; 'Lloyd Jennings'; airborne7382@yahoo.com; Linda Shook
Subject: RE: Looking for Something to Run Over...

Kirk is right...the T72 is built for tank commanders under 5'10" in height. I already have six or eight permanent knots on my head from the M1A1 Abrams hatch, and chronically sore knees from breech recoils and from dangling my long legs when my gunner unexpectedly slewed the turret. I don't think the T72 death trap is my kind of vehicle. Now, the Israeli Merkava is the Rolls Royce of tanks and would suit my fancy just fine. Lots of head and leg room there, plus I could haul our infantry squad (Del Palazzo, Barber, Staley, K. Smith, Jennings, 'mighty-might', et. al.) in the back under armored protection with that tank.

Jim

From: Richard Littiken [mailto:richardlittiken@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 11:34 PM
To: Charles Staley
Cc: Jim Womack; Linda Shook; Charlie Parks; Lloyd Jennings; Chad Adams; Frank Del Palazzo; <qgirl232@yahoo.com>; CarmenLedford; <airborne7382@yahoo.com>; BrianMcRae; <mcdonaldddude@gmail.com>; EdUnderwood; Martha Underwood; Mike Stone
Subject: Re: Looking for Something to Run Over...

I wonder if Jim would command a T72.....

On Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 8:17 PM, Charles Staley <cstaley@ltdkate.com<mailto:cstaley@ltdkate.com>> wrote:

<http://www.tanksforsale.co.uk/>

----- Original Message -----

From: richardlittiken@gmail.com<mailto:richardlittiken@gmail.com>
To: Jim Womack <james.k.womack@gmail.com<mailto:james.k.womack@gmail.com>>
Sent: Tue, 11 Oct 2011 09:57:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Looking for Something to Run Over...

> Hmmm, where can I get an operable tank...

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 11, 2011, at 2:15 AM, Jim Womack <james.k.womack@gmail.com<mailto:james.k.womack@gmail.com>> wrote:

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>> All;

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>> For those of you not having the opportunity to witness the latest incentives debacle tonight, let me just say it wasn't pretty. However, it should be well worth watching when it comes out on video streaming from the county website in a couple of days.

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>> Tonight's vote was an expedited action to give \$38,000 of your tax dollars to Zurn who was bringing those people here anyway, having already acquired the building they plan to use and having announced earlier today they were closing their plant in NY. As Obama is so fond of saying, the commissioners voted to "spread the wealth around a little."

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>> Most disappointing was John Crumpton, who strongly endorsed the Zurn incentive knowing it falls well short of being an enforceable contract and knowing it is insufficient in meeting UNC School of Government recommendations based on case law. I question why we send the manager to school at taxpayer expense when he can't apply what he learns there in practice! (Perhaps he was too distracted moving his family back to Laurinburg and taking care of personal business there to absorb what was going on in class.)

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>> I am also disillusioned with retiring and ineffective attorney Dick Hoyle who continues to miss key points in applying legal precedent and rendering advice to the BOC. He is only surpassed by liberal incompetent attorney-in-waiting Dale Talbert, who continues to pursue activist concerns (like trying to get Charlie and me to stop praying to Jesus in our invocations), rather than doing his homework with the SOG in getting our incentives policy tightened up.

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>> Tonight my disgust went center stage and I told these officials how disappointed I was in their poor advice and endorsements. I told Donnie Oldham (EDC Chairman) at the conclusion of the meeting I will stop at nothing short of disbanding his EDC good old boy's club by Dec ember 2012, suggesting he should enjoy his short 14 months of remaining tenure. Over the weak objections of Richard Hayes and Robert Reives I told the BOC what we were doing tonight was illegal in every sense and I demanded special indemnification from any recourse in possible future lawsuits.

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>> We have Reives now caving at every step of the EDC reform process. He has all but given Heuts back what we worked so hard to remove back in June. Wouldn't it be nice if someone were to bring a set of flip flops, labeled EDC Policy, to hang on the front of the podium at next Monday's BOC meeting asking if the slippers might fit any of the sitting commissioners. I believe Reives would get the message.

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>> With the tide clearly turning away from fiscal conservatism, I sense there are but three actions left to take: (1) Deny Crumpton any more authority fighting his plans to take charge of the Community Development group and the funds we send to the city (as he cannot be trusted with more responsibility); (2) Support the effort of any local firms who wish to seek \$1000 for hiring new people, forcing a vote on each and every one of these new hires as being a uniform application of what we've already done for JMC and Zurn; and (3) make sure the Evergreen auditor is armed with all the ammo we have to produce findings that the County is inconsistent and ineffective in its incentives policies and inappropriately applying state law to our incentives contracts.

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>> I would dearly enjoy seeing some company sue the county (on principle) for our stupid and inconsistent economic development policies and practices.

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>> If things continue to devolve as they are at present, I plan to withdraw from the EDC Board of Directors and concentrate my energy on the upcoming audit and on recruiting conservatives to run for office and then getting them elected next spring and fall. Clearly we have lost this near-term battle over economic growth in Lee County. Best to let the power brokers languish in their ignorance and simply vote against everything they are trying to do.

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>> One thing's for sure. We simply MUST get Kirk Smith, Ronnie Turner, and one other prospect through the spring primary and swept into office as commissioners on the heels of a national referendum next fall. When we seat our fourth, fifth and perhaps a sixth conservative vote on the BOC, I am hopeful we will have the resolve to send Crumpton packing, right along with our incompetent attorney and Bob Heuts. I would suggest 2-3 week's notice and a Christmas pink slip would be more than appropriate for all of them! All have successfully demonstrated their inability to perform to a professional standard.

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>> I told Crumpton earlier this week he should recognize I am a Cavalry officer with a 20-year career on tanks. I learned to destroy things in three ways (at long range) with my 120mm main gun; (at close range) with my 7.62 and .50 cal. machineguns, and (most violently) with the tank tracks from these 60-ton beasts. Right now, I am looking for something to run over!

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>> Jim