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SHARPLINE PROVIDES GRAPHICS FOR “HONORING THE TROOPS”

Sharpline Converting, Inc, a Wichita, KS based designer and manufacturer of innovative graphic products for the recreational vehicle and trailer industry, designed and created a special graphic package for a travel trailer being used to show support for our U.S. troops.

Tallahassee, Florida sculptor Michael Jernigan envisioned this project when saw the advertising headline “General Petraeus or General Betray US?” a few years ago. Jernigan, a Vietnam veteran, felt the outrageous headline did a huge disservice to all military families past, present and future. Jernigan decided to turn his artistic talents towards honoring the sacrifices made by Iraq and Afghanistan military. His plan is to create bronze portrait sculptures of the actual men, women and K9 who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jernigan embarked on embedded tours with the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and four years later, is ready to begin the next leg of his mission.

On July 29 he set out from Goshen, Indiana in a Keystone Outback trailer/mobile studio -- on loan from Keystone for two years -- to complete the final, detail work on the 21 sculptures. Over the next 24 months the mobile studio will crisscross the country revisiting the military personnel Jernigan first photographed during his embedded tours.

Sharpline donated the graphics that appear on the mobile studio. The design was conceived in Sharpline’s Florida office, and was finalized and produced in Wichita. The graphics were then delivered to Northern Indiana where staff from Sharpline’s Elkhart manufacturing facility installed them on the unit.

Detailed information on Jernigan’s Honoring The Troops Mobile Studio project can be found by visiting www.htmms.com. A project video is also available on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/I5CQXObPYrA>.



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