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STRAIGHTWIRE -- JULY 1, 1982

*Vito's
Presidential
Message*

Mrs. Larue Yessen
1982 Convention Coordinator
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
346 Broadway - 813
New York, New York 10013

Moore

It is a special honor for me to extend greetings and best wishes to delegates at the 37th Annual National Convention of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.

You can take pride in your activities to honor the memories of those who died for our country. Your unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of the service widows of our nation are to be commended as you have brought great understanding and comfort in times of deep personal loss and sorrow.

I wish you continued success in your work on behalf of all who have shared in a very personal way in the "last full measure of devotion" to our country.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Livingston:-
cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/E.Dole/CF
EVENT: JULY 1
Draft information provided by VA

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note

June 30, 1982

I welcome the opportunity to extend my greetings to members and guests of the Gold Star Mothers as you gather for your National Convention.

As an organization of mothers whose sons and daughters have died while serving to protect their country, you represent the spirit of sacrifice and caring which have made our nation the great, free land it is today.

Through your work, you not only perpetuate the memory of those we have lost but set an inspiring example of giving and sharing.

Your children would be very proud of you just as you are proud of all they did for us. Nancy joins me in offering you our best wishes for a most successful convention and our love and affection for all that you do.

Sent to: The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
United States Senate
Washington D.C. - 20510

To Jeanne Crispin for transmittal to Senator, who will hand-carry.

RR:Livingston:-
cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/E.Dole/CF
EVENT: JULY 4 (Albuquerque, NM)

STRAIGHT WIRE - JUNE 23, 1983

Mr. Edward Zetick
Commander
Ukrainian American Veterans
36th Annual Convention
c/o Philadelphia Centre Hotel
1725 JFK Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

It is a great pleasure to extend my warm greetings to everyone participating in the Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans and their Ladies Auxiliary.

This event provides an opportunity to recognize the important contributions your members have made to our nation. You have not only dutifully served America in the Armed Forces, but also been in the forefront of efforts to keep alive the rich cultural heritage of your homeland. All Americans deeply appreciate the dedication you have demonstrated in working and fighting to preserve the freedom and independence of the United States.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding Convention.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Wells:ck

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/L.Kojelis/M.Blackwell/CF

EVENT: JUNE 23-26

Draft information provided by VA.

Mr. Hartwell Davis
American Bankers Association
Director/Education Resources
1120 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

26 AUG 1982

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan concerning the reunion of the 320th Bomb Group.

You will appreciate that as chief executive of our government, as well as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, the President cannot possibly respond personally to each communication addressed to him. Consequently, the President has directed that each Executive agency designate an official as the White House liaison officer who is charged with the responsibility of giving correspondence such as yours the same careful consideration the President would, were he able to do so himself. This is my duty in the Air Force and the reason I am answering.

I have attached a message from the Secretary for your use. Please add my best wishes to those expressed by the Secretary. Thank you for bringing your reunion to our attention.

Sincerely,

Signed

F. W. HAUSMANN
Colonel, USAF

Attachment

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 320TH BOMB GROUP

On behalf of President Reagan, please convey to the members of the 320th Bomb Group my greetings and warmest regards on the occasion of your reunion.

Your gatherings stand as evidence of your justifiable pride in an outstanding record and continued dedication to those ideals you supported and the camaraderie you developed in the cauldron of combat. Our Nation has been built, made strong, and preserved not by military hardware, but by its individual citizen's dedication to those freedoms we cherish and their willingness to serve and sacrifice--even their lives--to defend our way of life.

Best wishes for a wonderful reunion and continued success in the future.

Verne Orr