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*File/ Veterans Affairs*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1982

*6/21 called Linda 4/19 meeting set up for 4. P. M - June 22 you have a conflict.*

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON BLACKWELL  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY, JR. *MO*  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Request of Congressmen Chris Smith (R-NJ)  
and Robert Roe (D-NJ)

Morton, we have received a request from Congressman Chris Smith and Congressman Robert Roe which relates to the dedication of a plane and Air Force Museum at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

Six members of the Thomas B. McGuire Memorial Association have requested a meeting with the appropriate White House officials to discuss the importance of the museum, which commemorates Major Thomas McGuire who was shot down in World War I, and probe the possibility of the President's attending the dedication ceremony which will be held at a time yet to be determined. (In addition to the requested White House meeting, the representatives of the Memorial Association have met with the entire New Jersey Delegation on this subject.)

Congressman Chris Smith, in whose district the Air Force Base is located, is particularly interested in this project and would like to accompany the group to the White House and participate in the meeting. I would be most appreciative if you could find time in your schedule to accommodate this request (or advise me as to the appropriate person we should contact). We will be happy to provide any further information you may require and assist with the meeting preparations in any way.

Many thanks for your help.

*Morton - Chris needs all the help we can give him*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Schedule  
proposal

June 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

RE: Schedule Proposals for Veterans Groups

We are requesting 20 minutes of the President's time so he can meet with four supportive Veterans groups.

The format of each of the 5 minute sessions is the same.

As one group leaves, the other will enter.  
Each group will be kept very small.

The President will only have to greet, thank, and smile for pictures.

This must be scheduled before the end of June, as the term of office for most of these officers is up at the end of June.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The American Legion for presentation of bound volumes of American Legion resolutions adapted at the 62nd National Convention

PURPOSE: Recognition of the American Legion, by far the largest and best known Veterans group and strong supporters of the President's economic package.

BACKGROUND: This request was initiated months ago, but has been pushed forward repeatedly. The American Legion has 2.7 million members and have been strong supporters of the President.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. The appearance of President Reagan as a candidate in 1980 before the 62nd Annual National Convention gave a big boost to the President's candidacy.

DATE: Must be before the end of June, because that is when the term of office is up for the National Commander.

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: Michael J. Kogutec, National Commander

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President welcomes, accepts the bound volume of the resolutions, and poses for pictures

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks - welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer and American Legion photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWLL, DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: AMVETS for presentation of the Gold Helmet Award,  
highest of all AMVETS honors

PURPOSE: Recognition of AMVETS, one of the groups supporting  
the President and his economic package. On May 1,  
they released a press statement urging support of  
the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution.

BACKGROUND: This request was originally for the presentation of  
the award to be made at the AMVETS Awards Banquet in  
April and the shooting intervened. Sen. Orrin Hatch  
had asked for the President to make a brief  
appearance.

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: AMVETS endorsed Governor Reagan for President.  
The Gold Helmet award was never presented to  
President Carter, as they put it " in view of  
his lack of leadership and concern for the  
national defense of the country and veterans'  
interests in general." The award was given to  
Presidents Johnson, Nixon, and Ford.

DATE: Must be before the end of June, because that is when  
the term of office is up for the current AMVETS  
National Commander

LOCATION: Oval Office                      DURATION: 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: Ernest F. Pitochelli, National Commander  
Leon Sanchez, National Executive Director  
Robert Ashworth, Director of Public Relations

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President welcomes, accepts the award, and poses  
for pictures

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks - welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer and AMVETS photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Senator Orrin Hatch

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Reserve Officers Association for presentation of renewed membership in ROA for President Reagan and for courtesy call and photo session

PURPOSE: Recognition of General Milnor Roberts and his association, who are strong supporters of the President. They have been very helpful in defending the President's economic package, especially during the period before the Gramm-Latta proposal was accepted by the President.

BACKGROUND: The Reserve Officers Association is directed by General Milnor Roberts. He asks for the President to meet with ROA's National President and the three service Vice-Presidents, representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President was a member of the Reserve Officers Association in Sacramento while he was Governor. Prior to World War II, he was active as a reserve officer in the cavalry reserve.

DATE: Must be before the end of June, because that is when the term of office is up for these officers.

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: General Milnor Roberts, Executive Director  
Major General John Lacy, National President  
Major General Evan Hultman, National Vice-President Army  
Captain James Hannagan, National Vice-President Navy  
Brigadier General William Basnett, National Vice-President  
Air Force

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President welcomes, accepts renewed membership, and poses for pictures

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks - welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer and ROA photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

10/28/81

*See  
Veterans  
Affairs*

MEMORANDUM FOR: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: DIANA LOZANO *DL*

SUBJECT: National Committee for Employer Support  
of Guards and Reserves

Charlotte has asked for our recommendations of candidates to chair this committee. If you haven't heard of it, the committee works with industry and business to get their support for people who must take time off periodically to fulfill their service to the National Guard.

Elizabeth has been asked to submit names for a Chairman, and I thought you might have some candidates among your veteran and conservative leaders. The chairmanship is a voluntary position. The requirements are:

1. A recognizable name--a national leader in some field.
2. Some interest or relationship to the military
3. Willingness and freedom to travel and speak.

Some of the names which have been suggested are Joseph Coors, the President of Delta Airlines, and Roger Stauback.

Would you please give this some thought and submit any names to Charlotte by Friday? This is the date Elizabeth had promised to respond.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1981

For: Morton Blackwell

From: Bob Giuffra

Subject: Appointments for Harold Saly, Pres. Military Security  
Inc.

I set up the following appointments for Mr. Saly on November  
13:

11 AM-	Cooper Holt	VFW
1:30 PM-	Robert Lyngh	American Legion
2:15 PM-	Chuck Hagel	VA

National Conventions - Some Veterans Organizations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Non Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A.	July 1-4, 1982	Hyatt-Regency Hotel San Antonio, Texas
Legion of Valor of the U.S.A., Inc.	July 14-17, 1982	Marriott Pavilion Hotel St. Louis, Missouri
Disabled American Veterans	July 19-22, 1982	Las Vegas Hilton Las Vegas, Nevada
Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Inc.	August 4-7, 1982	Albany Hilton Albany, New York
AMVETS	August 7-14, 1982	Diplomat Hotel Hollywood, Florida
Blinded Veterans Association	August 10-14, 1982	New Orleans, Louisiana
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States	August 13-19, 1982	Los Angeles, California
American Legion	August 20-26, 1982	Chicago, Illinois
Marine Corps League	August 23-27, 1982	Hyatt Regency Hotel Dearborn, Michigan
Paralyzed Veterans of America	August 23-27, 1982	Sheraton Century Center Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America	September 7-12, 1982	Concord Resort Hotel Catskill Mountains, New York

National Conventions (Cont'd.)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs	September 10-16, 1982	St. Croix, Virgin Islands
National Association for Uniformed Services	October, 1982	Washington, DC

## Mid-Winter Conferences of Veterans Organizations

Here is a tentative schedule of the mid-winter conferences for veterans service organizations:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
American Legion	February 14-18, 1982	Capitol Hilton Washington, DC
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States	March 27-29, 1982	Sheraton Washington Washington, DC
National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs	March 28, 1982	Sheraton Washington (Rockville Room) Washington, DC
AMVETS	April 29-May 2, 1982	Sheraton National Arlington, Virginia

The Disabled American Veterans are not planning on having a mid winter conference in 1982.

January 8, 1982



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*Director*

*Raymond P. Tompkins*  
*Administrator of Veterans Affairs*





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of our country in the Armed Forces  
of the United States.*

*Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States*

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<u>State</u>	<u>Type: Vet Center, Satellite</u>	<u>Work Area</u>
ALABAMA:	Vet Center	Mobile
ALASKA:	Satellite Satellite Satellite	Fairbanks Unknown Unknown
CALIFORNIA:	Vet Center Vet Center Vet Center	Fresno Riverside Contra Costa County
COLORADO:	Satellite	Colorado Springs
FLORIDA:	Vet Center	Orlando
GEORGIA:	Satellite	Atlanta
ILLINOIS:	Vet Center Vet Center	Chicago Heights Peoria
INDIANA:	Vet Center	Evansville
IOWA:	Satellite	Sioux City
KENTUCKY:	Vet Center	Lexington
MAINE:	Vet Center	Bangor

<u>State</u>	<u>Type: Vet Center, Satellite</u>	<u>Work Area</u>
MASSACHUSETTS:	Vet Center	Springfield
MICHIGAN:	Vet Center	Grand Rapids
NEBRASKA:	Vet Center	Lincoln
NEW JERSEY:	Vet Center	Trenton
NEW MEXICO:	Satellite	Window Rock
NEW YORK:	Vet Center Vet Center Satellite	Nassau/Suffolk County Albany Westchester County
NORTH CAROLINA:	Vet Center	Charlotte
NORTH DAKOTA:	Vet Center	Minot
OKLAHOMA:	Vet Center	Tulsa
OREGON:	Vet Center	Eugene

<u>State</u>	<u>Type: Vet Center, Satellite</u>	<u>Work Area</u>
PENNSYLVANIA:	Satellite Satellite Vet Center	Pittsburgh Philadelphia Harrisburg
SOUTH CAROLINA:	Vet Center	Greenville
SOUTH DAKOTA:	Vet Center	Rapid City
TENNESSEE:	Vet Center	Knoxville
TEXAS:	Vet Center Vet Center	Fort Worth San Antonio
VERMONT:	Satellite	Winsor
VIRGINIA:	Vet Center	Richmond
WASHINGTON:	Vet Center	Spokane
WEST VIRGINIA:	Vet Center	Morgantown
WISCONSIN:	Vet Center	Madison