

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: Blackwell, Morton: Files

Folder Title: Veterans Briefing:
Reception with Mrs. Reagan and
the Ladies Auxiliary Groups

Box: 49

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digital-library>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/document-collection>

Contact a reference archivist at: reagan.library@nara.gov

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/citing>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

Hold until

January 1952

Redmond

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

TO: NINA WORMSER
FROM: DAVID WRIGHT *Dave*
SUBJECT: American Legion Auxiliary Request

Attached, per our conversation this afternoon, are copies of the correspondence we have on the American Legion Auxiliary's request to present the President and First Lady with the Democracy in Action award and a limited edition crystal plate bearing the image of the Bald Eagle. It is my understanding that the original proposal to make these presentations at a White House tea (to be funded by the Auxiliary) has been formally declined.

Congressman Del Latta (R-Ohio)--who has been one of the President's most active supporters in the House of Representatives as Ranking Republican on the Budget Committee (e.g., sponsor of the now famous Gramm-Latta Budget and Reconciliation measures) and as Second Ranking Republican on the Rules Committee--is pushing for reconsideration of the request.

We would be most grateful if the First Lady could meet with members of the Auxiliary, along the lines we discussed today, when they are in Washington in mid-February. This has the strong support of Ken Duberstein, M.B. Oglesby and myself. Although Morton Blackwell is out of the office today on business, it is my understanding, through his staff, that Mort also would endorse the request. In addition, you might be interested in knowing that, according to Mort's staff, the President is scheduled to meet in February with the National Commander of the American Legion (counterpart to the Auxiliary) and with the head of the national AMVETS organization.

Thanks so much for your help in expediting a decision on this!

cc: M. B. Oglesby
Mort Blackwell

September 3, 1941

copy

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of November 13 on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, requesting that their invitation to the President be reconsidered.

Please know that I have contacted the President's Scheduling Office on your behalf. I am sure that this request will be carefully reviewed and that you will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max E. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

4

The Honorable Walbert L. Gatta
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

MEP:CNP:MDB

cc: w/copy of inc to Greg Newell -- for appropriate action

WH RECORDS MANAGEMENT HAS RETAINED ORIGINAL

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

CEM

November 19, 1981

049943

Honorable Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

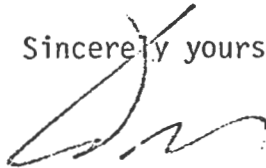
On September 24, 1981 the National Secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Miriam Junge, wrote to the President and then subsequently wrote also to the First Lady as well as Elizabeth Dole about the National American Legion Auxiliary National Security/Legislative Briefing planned for February 18-20, 1982 in Washington.

During that time, the Auxiliary would like to present the President with the "Democracy in Action" Award at a tea at the White House. There will be 300 to 500 leaders of the auxiliary represented. Mrs. Junge has offered their assistance with the cost of the tea.

On November 10, 1981 the American Legion Auxiliary President received a letter from Morton Blackwell declining the invitation.

Do you think, Max, that the invitation to the President could be reconsidered? Any effort on your part would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



DELBERT L. LATTA
Representative to Congress

DLL:jes

37

117

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1981

Dear Mrs. Roethel:

Elizabeth Dole has asked me to follow up on your request of October 1 for a White House tea to present the "Democracy in Action Award" to the President.

Unfortunately, such a meeting with the President could not be scheduled at this time. We are, however, working toward a meeting with the President and Mrs. Reagan with leaders of the veterans organizations auxiliaries. We hope such a meeting can take place early next year.

Again, I am sorry this meeting could not take place per your request.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Morton C. Blackwell (M/C)
Special Assistant to
the President

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

NOV 02 1981

Handwritten signature/initials



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

MRS. JOHN J. ROETHEL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
777 N. MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

October 22, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20415

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Thank you so much for your congratulatory letter of October 9.
I assure you the cooperation and close liaison will be in evidence
throughout my administration.

Mrs. Dole, on October 1, 1981 a letter was delivered to President
Reagan requesting a visit to the White House. A copy of this letter
is enclosed. We have had conversations with both Nina Wormser and
Gregory J. Newell regarding this visitation. Any assistance you
could give us in this regard would be deeply appreciated.

May I also extend an offer of assistance from our nearly one million
members to you whenever we can be of service.

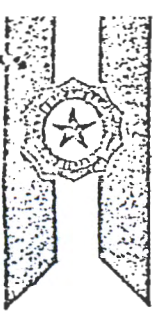
Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Romaine Roethel

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President

RR/sjs

Enclosure



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS • 777 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET • INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

(317) 635-8411

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL SECRETARY

October 1, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

My dear Mr. President:

The National American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a National Security/Legislative Briefing in Washington, D.C., February 18-20, 1982. Our one million member volunteer organization has always been in the forefront as advocates of a strong economic and military posture for the United States. The American Legion Auxiliary's National President, Mrs. John J. Roethel, a Navy veteran and former Mayor of Novi, Michigan, who has been described as all-Navy, all-politician, and above all, all-American, will preside.

We anticipate an attendance of 300 to 500 women leaders who will represent every state in the union. Dynamic speakers covering economics, displaced homemakers, foreign relations, current legislative issues, and military manpower will be among the topics being programmed with a goal of motivating our leaders at the "grass roots" level.

In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedication to rekindle the "spirit of patriotism in the interest of national security," you have been selected to receive the American Legion Auxiliary's prestigious "Democracy in Action" Award. Our group would appreciate the opportunity to visit the Presidential Mansion, the most historic house in America, and at that time make the presentation. Mrs. Reagan would also be presented one of the National President's limited edition commemorative plates. This beautiful plate of mezzo-etched French crystal is an original work of art which features America's national symbol of freedom, the magnificent bald eagle.

Is it possible for such presentations to be made during a tea at the White House. The American Legion Auxiliary would be willing to assist with underwriting the cost.

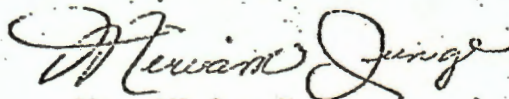
We realize both you and Mrs. Reagan have an extremely busy schedule; however, we can adjust ours accordingly. We would like to program the White House tea and presentations on Friday afternoon, February 19, 1982; second choice, Thursday afternoon, February 18, 1982; third choice, Saturday morning, February 20, 1982.

The President
Page 2
October 1, 1981

In order to better familiarize yourself with the American Legion Auxiliary,
we have enclosed brochures explaining our organization.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. A reply at your
earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Secretary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (317) 635-6291

MJ/jb

Enclosures

cc: Miss Nina Wormser

bcc: Mr. Erle Cocke, Jr.
Mrs. John J. Roethel
Mr. Layton K. Hurst

January 15, 1982

Dear Mrs. Junge:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of October 1 advising him the National American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a National Security/Legislative Briefing in Washington, February 18-20, and at that time the Auxiliary wishes to present him their prestigious "Democracy in Action Award" and possibly at a tea at the White House when you also would present to Mrs. Reagan one of the National President's limited edition commemorative plates.

Your letter has been carried forward and carefully considered as the schedules of both the President and Mrs. Reagan for next month were under advisement. I now must advise you, however, that, they both have had such a heavy schedule to develop for them in February that they will be unable to have you and others come to the White House for these presentations.

Both the President and Mrs. Reagan are deeply grateful to all of you at the American Legion Auxiliary and have asked that I convey to you their kind regard and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Secretary
American Legion Auxiliary
National Headquarters
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

GJN:mhr:ms--

info cy to Morton Blackwell
Info cy to Nina Wormser, East Wing
Rehead copy to Cong. Latta

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1981

Dear Mrs. Roethel:

Elizabeth Dole has asked me to follow up on your request of October 1 for a White House tea to present the "Democracy in Action Award" to the President.

Unfortunately, such a meeting with the President could not be scheduled at this time. We are, however, working toward a meeting with the President and Mrs. Reagan with leaders of the veterans organizations auxiliaries. We hope such a meeting can take place early next year.

Again, I am sorry this meeting could not take place per your request.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Morton C. Blackwell (RAC)
Special Assistant to
the President

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1981

Dear Mrs. Roethel:

Elizabeth Dole has asked me to follow up on your request of October 1 for a White House tea to present the "Democracy in Action Award" to the President.

Unfortunately, such a meeting with the President could not be scheduled at this time. We are, however, working toward a meeting with the President and Mrs. Reagan with leaders of the veterans organizations auxiliaries. We hope such a meeting can take place early next year.

Again, I am sorry this meeting could not take place per your request.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Morton C. Blackwell (R.C.)
Special Assistant to
the President

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

NOV 02 1981

John J. Roethel
copy



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

MRS. JOHN J. ROETHEL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
777 N. MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

October 22, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20415

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Thank you so much for your congratulatory letter of October 9.
I assure you the cooperation and close liaison will be in evidence
throughout my administration.

Mrs. Dole, on October 1, 1981 a letter was delivered to President
Reagan requesting a visit to the White House. A copy of this letter
is enclosed. We have had conversations with both Nina Wormser and
Gregory J. Newell regarding this visitation. Any assistance you
could give us in this regard would be deeply appreciated.

May I also extend an offer of assistance from our nearly one million
members to you whenever we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Romaine Roethel
National President

RR/sjs

Enclosure



OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL SECRETARY

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS • 777 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET • INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204
(317) 635-8411

October 1, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

My dear Mr. President:

The National American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a National Security/Legislative Briefing in Washington, D.C., February 18-20, 1982. Our one million member volunteer organization has always been in the forefront as advocates of a strong economic and military posture for the United States. The American Legion Auxiliary's National President, Mrs. John J. Roethel, a Navy veteran and former Mayor of Novi, Michigan, who has been described as all-Navy, all-politician, and above all, all-American, will preside.

We anticipate an attendance of 300 to 500 women leaders who will represent every state in the union. Dynamic speakers covering economics, displaced homemakers, foreign relations, current legislative issues, and military manpower will be among the topics being programmed with a goal of motivating our leaders at the "grass roots" level.

In recognition of your outstanding leadership and dedication to rekindle the "spirit of patriotism in the interest of national security," you have been selected to receive the American Legion Auxiliary's prestigious "Democracy in Action" Award. Our group would appreciate the opportunity to visit the Presidential Mansion, the most historic house in America, and at that time make the presentation. Mrs. Reagan would also be presented one of the National President's limited edition commemorative plates. This beautiful plate of mezzo-etched French crystal is an original work of art which features America's national symbol of freedom, the magnificent bald eagle.

Is it possible for such presentations to be made during a tea at the White House. The American Legion Auxiliary would be willing to assist with underwriting the cost.

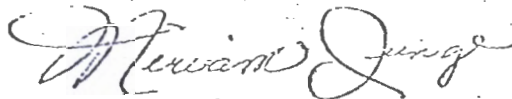
We realize both you and Mrs. Reagan have an extremely busy schedule; however, we can adjust ours accordingly. We would like to program the White House tea and presentations on Friday afternoon, February 19, 1982; second choice, Thursday afternoon, February 18, 1982; third choice, Saturday morning, February 20, 1982.

The President
Page 2
October 1, 1981

In order to better familiarize yourself with the American Legion Auxiliary, we have enclosed brochures explaining our organization.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. A reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Secretary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (317) 635-6291

MJ/jb

Enclosures

cc: Miss Nina Wormser

bcc: Mr. Erle Cocke, Jr.
Mrs. John J. Roethel
Mr. Layton K. Hurst

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

October 23, 1981

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Luncheon with the national commanders of the veterans and military organizations and their spouses, and the national presidents of the women's auxiliaries and their spouses.

PURPOSE: This Veterans Day luncheon will show special concern for U.S. veterans.

BACKGROUND: Many major veterans and military groups held their annual conventions over the summer and elected new commanders and presidents. This community has been strongly supportive of the President's legislative program including AWACS. At a time when these leaders are nervous about V.A. and Defense budget cuts, this event will be reassuring.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: A policy briefing for national commanders of 28 of these groups was held in the Cabinet Room on July 17.

DATE: Wednesday, November 11, 1981 Veterans Day

LOCATION: State Dining Room

TIME: 1 P.M. (to follow the 11 A.M. wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery)

PARTICIPANTS: See attached list. Maximum total: 120

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President and the First Lady welcome, make brief remarks, have lunch, and pose for pictures with each organization head and spouse.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House press corps photo opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: plus their spouses

American Legion	National Commander Jack Flynt
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Commander-in-Chief Arthur Fellwock
AMVETS	National Commander Donald Russell
Disabled American Veterans	National Commander Sherman Roodzant
Reserve Officers Association	National President Evan Hultman
Blinded Veterans Association	National President Ellsworth Sharpe
Paralyzed Veterans Association	National President Michael Delaney
Catholic War Veterans	National Commander George G. Baran
Jewish War Veterans	National Commander Robert Zweiman
Italian American War Veterans	National Commander James Cuzzone
Polish Legion of American Veterans	National Commander Ralph Chrapkowski
Military Order of the Purple Heart	National Commander Duane Brigstock
Legion of Valor of the U.S.A.	National Commander Andre Bouchardon
Veterans of World War I	National Commander Winston Roche
Marine Corps League	National Commandant Joseph Mammone
Naval Reserve Association	National President Phillip Smith
Air Force Association	President John G. Brosky
Air Force Sergeants Association	President Lewis Spence
Association of U.S. Army	President Norman R. Augustine
National Black Veterans Org.	Chairman Dr. Aaron E. Henry
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund	President Jan C. Scruggs
Vietnam Veterans of America	Executive Director Robert Muller
National Association for	
Uniformed Services	Chairman of the Board Oren Hurlbut
Fleet Reserve Association	National President Lawrence Cummings
Non-Commissioned Officers Assn.	President Normand M. Gonsauls
Retired Officers Association	President Charles S. Minter
Congressional Medal of Honor	President Charles W. Davis
Military Order of the World Wars	Commander-in-Chief Jack N. Rogers
Marine Corps Reserve Officers Assn.	President John Quigley
Assn. of Retired Intelligence	
Officers	President Richard Stilwell
Navy League of U.S.	President Vincent Thomas
Naval Enlisted Reserve	President George Lange
Reserve Enlisted Association	President Joe Wasson
U.S. Army Warrant Officers	President Donald Hess
Army and Navy Union	National Commander Earl Charity
Disabled Officers Association	President Alfred Freedman
National League of Families of	
American Prisoners and Missing	
in S.E. Asia	Executive Director Ann Griffiths
United Spanish War Veterans	Commander-in-Chief Harry Embree
American Ex-Prisoners of War	President Charles Morgan
American Logistics Association	Executive Director William Lazarus
American Security Council	President John Fisher
United States Defense Committee	President Daniel Graham
National Guard Association	President Edward Fry
Military Chaplains Association	President William Emery

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: plus their spouses

Air Force Sergeants Association	Auxiliary President Willa Hyde
American Legion	Auxiliary President Romaine Roethel
AMVETS	Auxiliary President Margaret Rummel
Army & Navy Union, USA, Inc.	Auxiliary President Anna Mae Limper
Blinded Veterans Association	Auxiliary President Pat Miller
Catholic War Veterans	Auxiliary President Eleanor Gerini
Disabled American Veterans	Auxiliary President Betty Hall
Disabled Officers Association	Auxiliary President Rita Hudak
Fleet Reserve Association	Auxiliary President Gloria Eswine
Italian American War Veterans	Auxiliary President Lena Alfano
Jewish War Veterans	Auxiliary President Bernyce Ford
Legion of Valor	Auxiliary President Bertha Doughtie
Marine Corps League	Auxiliary President Elizabeth Lenington
Military Order of the Purple Heart	Auxiliary President Leona Townsend
Polish Legion of American Veterans	Auxiliary President Jane Pendzich
Reserve Officers Association	Auxiliary President Virginia Drewry
United Spanish War Veterans	Auxiliary President Maynie Marsh
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Auxiliary President Marion Watson
Veterans of World War I	Auxiliary President Martha Peterson

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1981

TO: PETER Mc COY

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL

RE: Meeting for the First Lady and Ladies Auxiliaries

Several months ago, your office asked me my view on the value of a meeting between Mrs. Reagan and a ladies auxiliary group of one of the major veterans organizations. I suggested that the most useful sort of meeting would be one involving the leaders of all of the ladies auxiliary groups, rather than the membership of just one.

I think that now would be an excellent time to arrange just such a reception for the First Lady to host, as a means of rallying support for the President's legislative program. It would be of real help to the Administration.

The veterans groups are politically important; because they have chapters in almost every community, they are in a unique position to influence both Congress and local public opinion. The endorsement of the President's budget package by some of the largest veterans organizations (despite some cuts in funding for the Veterans Administration) was of considerable use; their opposition would have made passage much more difficult.

To date, while there have been many meetings, briefings and receptions for the veterans organizations, there has been no high level attempt to meet with their ladies auxiliaries. A reception hosted by Mrs. Reagan would fill that gap, and bring the veterans more solidly into the political coalition the President is forming.

I would be happy to discuss details with you.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Air Force Sergeants Association

Jacqueline B. Hopkins
Auxiliary President
P.O. Box 31050
Washington, D.C. 20031
(301) 899-3500

*Willa Hyde -
Jay*

American Legion

Mrs. Lyle Seymour
National Auxiliary President
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206
(317) 635-8411

*Mrs John J. Roethel
(Romaine)*

AMVETS

~~Anne Brown~~
National Auxiliary President
4647 Forbes Boulevard
Lanham, Maryland 20810
(301) 459-9600

Margaret Rummel

Army and Navy Union, USA, Inc.

Mabel H. Redmond
Ladies Auxiliary President
1391 Main Street
Lakemore, Ohio 44250
(202) 245-6039

Anna Mae Limper

Blinded Veterans Association

Mrs. Ronald L. Miller
Auxiliary President
1735 DeSales Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 347-4010

ok (Pat)

Catholic War Veterans of the
United States of America, Inc.

Florence C. Murphy
National Auxiliary President
Two Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 737-9600

Eleanor M. Giermi

Disabled American Veterans

Maria Tedro
National Auxiliary Commander
807 Maine Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024
(202) 554-3501

Betty Hall

Disabled Officers Association

Mrs. Rita Hudak
Auxiliary President
927 S. Walter Reed Drive
Suite 6
Arlington, Virginia 22204
(703) 521-8075

9001 Rita Hudak

Fleet Reserve Association

Thelma Groom
National Auxiliary President
1303 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 785-2768

Gloria Eswine

Italian American War Veterans of the United States

Lena Alfano
National Auxiliary President
1721 So. Linden Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068
(312) 825-8178

?

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

Evelyn Mermonstein
National Auxiliary President
1712 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 265-6280

Bernyce Ford

Legion of Valor of the U.S.A.

Mrs. L. Rennebaum
National Auxiliary President
621 South Taylor Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204
(703) 892-5984

*Mrs James & I Doughtie
(Bertha)*

Marine Corps League

Nita Overton
National Auxiliary President
933 North Kenmore Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201
(703) 524-1137/5206

Elizabeth Tenington

Mexican Border Veterans, Inc.

Ann Vohwinkel
National Auxiliary President
4248 Dryden Circle
Sarasota, Florida 33583
(813) 371-2916

X

Military Order of the Purple Heart
Of the U.S.A., Inc.

Anola Hacker
Auxiliary President
5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield, Virginia 22151
(703) 642-5360/3361

Leona Townsend

Polish Legion of American
Veterans, U.S.A.

Jane Pendzich
Auxiliary President
4022 South Brust Avenue
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53207
(414) 744-7510

ok

Reserve Officers Association
of the United States

Mrs. J. Hubbard Davis
National Auxiliary President
One Constitution Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 479-2200

*Mrs Joseph S Drewary Jr.
Virginia*

United Spanish War Veterans

Dr. Virginia Lee Johnson
National Auxiliary President
P.O. Box 1915
Washington, D.C. 20013
(202) 347-1898

Mrs Maynie Marsh

Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the U.S.

Jeanette Frank
National Auxiliary President
34th at Broadway
Kansas City, Missouri 64111
(816)756-3390

Mrs Marion Watson

Veterans of World War I of
the U.S.A., Inc.

Elsie Keating
National Auxiliary President and Executive
Director
916 Prince Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 836-3060

Martha Peterson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1981

*Check with
Morton about
this meeting
Maybe should be included
with Ladies Auxiliaries
(yes) ↑*

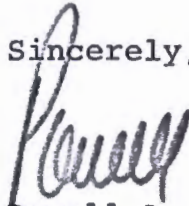
Dear Chaplain McRobbie:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about the possibility of a meeting of the President with the Presbyterian clergy in the Washington metropolitan area or the women military chaplains of the area.

I have referred your letter to the appropriate member of the President's staff, who would propose a meeting like the one you suggest. My responsibilities are confined to working with the United States Senate.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,



Powell A. Moore
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs (Senate)

Elaine McRobbie
Chaplain, Captain USAF
Department of the Air Force
Headquarters 1776th Air Base Wing (MAC)
Andrews Air Force Base, D.C. 20331

PAM:jld

cc: Morton Blackwell, Public Liaison

Received September 29, 1981



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 1776TH AIR BASE WING (MAC)
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, DC 20331

7 April 1981

Mr. Powell Moore
Deputy Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Moore,

As a Presbyterian minister, it is indeed a pleasure to have a fellow Presbyterian once again in residence in the White House. I was wondering if it might be possible for the Presbyterian clergy in the D.C. area to have either lunch or breakfast with Mr. Reagan sometime this spring. I realize this might be a rather large group, and I certainly wouldn't want to expend tax dollars for it--it could be accomplished no host.

If it is not possible for the President to meet with local Presbyterian clergy, would it be possible for him to meet with the women military chaplains in the D.C. area? There are only three of us, and two of us are Presbyterian. I would be particularly interested in hearing his views on the role women will play in the future of the military.

I join a grateful nation in celebrating the ongoing recovery of Mr. Reagan. It is still difficult to believe the kind of insanity which led to the attempt on his life.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my proposals. If there is any way in which the Air Force Chaplains at Andrews may be of help to you in *your* work, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine McRobbie".

Elaine McRobbie
Chaplain, Captain USAF



NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Inc.
 1712 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N.W.
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009
 PHONE: (202) 667-9061

INA HALPERIN
Executive Director

September 10, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
 Office of Public Liaison Room 191
 Old Executive Office Bldg.
 Washington, D.C. 20505
 Att: Cathy

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the United States is planning a nationwide campaign to sell poppies on Veterans Day this year (November 11). The funds will benefit the nation's veterans, especially those in veterans hospitals.

In a recent phone conversation with Cathy, I learned that we could have a parchment message from the President commemorating this occasion. I am attaching a "message" for your use.

We would like to publicize this event nationally. Would it be possible for President Reagan to personally present the message to our national president, Bernyce Ford, who lives in San Diego, California. The ceremony could take place there or in Washington, depending of course, on Mr. Reagan's schedule. And he would receive the first poppy! Mrs. Ford will be Washington for Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington Cemetary and this would be a good time for the presentation.

I am enclosing some literature about our organization for your information. We would also like to be included on your invitation list for ceremonies or receptions which concern issue such as veterans, American Jewry, and Israel.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ina Halperin
 Ina Halperin

IH/sdc

cc: Bernyce Ford, Nat'l. Pres.

Enc. 5

*9/29
 Sent to
 Dottie
 Livingston*

*no
 for
 President
 called her
 10/2/81 +
 via formal
 her*

*include
 them in
 Ladies
 Auxiliary
 w/ Mrs. Reagan*