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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremonies

This morning Cooper Holt, Executive Director of the VFW, visited me to warn of potential problems at the mid-November ceremonies relating to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The principal event is scheduled to be a candlelight vigil (at the National Cathedral) starting on the evening of November 10 and running through November 12 with a parade scheduled on Saturday, November 13. After the parade it is hoped there will be a formal dedication of the memorial.

You will recall that the original design was strongly opposed by a number of veterans organization leaders and that a compromise was reached whereby the original design was to be augmented by a flagpole for the American flag and a "heroic statue".

In a compromise, largely arranged by Senator Warner and Rep. Phil Crane, the Memorial Foundation, the national veterans groups, the opponents to the original design, Secretary Watt, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts, all agreed in principle to the addition of the flag and the statue.

Secretary Watt and the Memorial Foundation have submitted to the Fine Arts Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission the specifics regarding the flagpole and the statue. The veterans groups strongly support the design. The statue is excellent.

Pursuant to the compromise, Secretary Watt has informed the two commissions by letter that he will approve the formal dedication of the memorial on November 13 provided the two commissions approve the design. If the commissions do not approve the design, there will be no dedication. Jan Scruggs of the Memorial Foundation states that in that case he does not plan ceremonies at the site, even though the names of the war dead have now all been carved in the marble on the site.

Cooper Holt this morning advised me that he has strong indications that some of the smaller but radical veterans groups, such as Vietnam Veterans of America and Vietnam Veterans Against the War, may attempt to tear down the fence around the site and "dedicate" the site on November 13 anyway.

Holt strongly suggests that the White House contact Carter Brown of the Commission of Fine Arts to urge him to be sure the statue and flagpole design are approved at the meeting on October 13.

Holt says that the veterans organizations are prepared to give strong testimony in behalf of the compromise design but up to 75 architects are planning to give testimony to the Commission against the addition of the statue and the flag. Only strong urging from the White House can assure that the compromise design will be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. He anticipates no problems from the National Capital Planning Commission.

It should be noted that the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission both approved, in principle, the addition of a statue and the flagpole before the ground breaking ceremony last March.

Jan Scruggs of the Memorial Foundation says the Vietnam Veterans Against the War have told him they intend to "respect the dignity" of the event and would be in the parade which will precede the scheduled "dedication". Cooper Holt has indications that radical elements would use a cancellation of the "dedication" as an excuse for a protest at the site on November 13. I suggest it would be appropriate for a senior staff member to privately contact Carter Brown on this topic. His telephone number is 566-1066.



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

September 29, 1982

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Suite 308
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Jan:

Thank you for your submission of September 23 which outlines the design plans and specifications for the sculpture and the flag staff to be added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. These elements were agreed to in the compromise struck under the leadership of Senator John Warner.

Based upon the commitments made in March 1982 and our review of your submission, I enthusiastically approve your latest submission. The addition of a heroic sculpture and our flag to the site will transform the design into one which honors both those who served our country and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We must not forget that our objective is to build a fitting monument to honor thousands of men and women who served their country in Vietnam. Design aesthetics are a secondary concern.

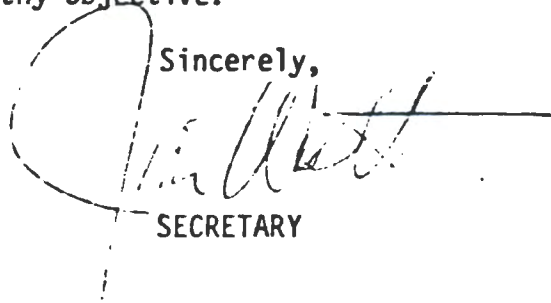
We have forwarded your submission and our approval to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission on Fine Arts for their review. Based on previous communications between my office and the Commissions, I have every reason to believe that your submission will receive timely approval from these entities. Be assured that I have committed the full weight of this Department to securing the necessary approvals for your latest submission.

I am also prepared to direct the National Park Service to issue the required permits for dedication of the memorial on November 11, 1982, if both Commissions approve the additions of the sculpture and the flag staff to the memorial at their scheduled October meetings.

Pursuant to the compromise struck last spring, it would be inappropriate to permit a dedication to proceed if either of these critical design elements were disapproved or located in such a fashion as not to have the wall, the flag, and the sculpture constitute a single memorial.

The men and women who served our country in Vietnam deserve a fitting memorial and I congratulate you on your organization's unstinting efforts to fulfill this worthy objective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Warner", written over a horizontal line. The signature is positioned above the typed name "SECRETARY".

SECRETARY

cc: Senator John Warner
National Capital Planning Commission
Commission of Fine Arts
American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

October 4, 1982

Mr. J. Carter Brown
Chairman
Commission of Fine Arts
708 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., we are submitting under separate cover a presentation model and site location for the proposed sculpture as well as siting for the location of a flagpole. We would very much appreciate the Commission's review of these design refinements at its meeting on October 13th.

I have enthusiastically approved these design refinements which are part of the careful compromise worked out among the interested parties last March and await the response from your Commission. We are prepared to render any assistance you may require to expedite favorable consideration of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's submission. Lastly, we will issue the necessary permits for a dedication of the memorial on November 11, 1982, if the design refinements are approved in the interim.

Thank you for your and the Commission's continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

October 4, 1982

Mrs. Helen M. Scharf
Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20576

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Commentary

Poll shows most Viet-vets against memorial design

For the past year and more, controversy has surrounded the proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The design selected in an artistic competition is a 500 foot long black wall in the shape of a V sunk 10 feet into an excavated area of the Mall, on which would be engraved the names of those who died in Vietnam. Opponents of this design have raised a storm of protest, and pleaded with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to conduct a national survey among Vietnam veterans to see what they think. V.V.M.F. has refused to do so.

Finally, Ross Perot, the Texas businessman who has been very much of a godfather figure to Vietnam veterans, hired the Gallup polling company to formulate and conduct a survey to that end. The subject class of Vietnam veterans used, because of their unimpeachable credibility with the American public, was the former prisoners of war who had been released from North Vietnam prisons; surely, these men

should be allowed to have some say in how their sacrifices for their country would be remembered.

On Feb. 23, Ross sent the results of the survey to the officers of V.V.M.F. and other concerned parties. A "compromise" meeting then took place to try to resolve differences over the design. V.V.M.F. refused to change the wall, but finally accepted the addition of a statue, an American flag, and a strong inscription on the flagpole base. Ross then agreed not to release the results of the survey: in a compromise, both sides must give a little.

Thereafter, construction has proceeded at a maddening pace, and the wall is now in place. Interior Secretary Watt has indicated that he will grant permission to dedicate this unfinished memorial on Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, when a massive "Vietnam Veterans' Reunion" (orchestrated by V.V.M.F.) is scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C., but only after the additional elements of the statue, the flag, and the inscription have received final approval by the Fine Arts Commission. This body, in a meeting open to the public, will meet to review these additions on Oct. 13, at noon in the Cash Room of the Treasury Bldg.

But attacks are being prepared in the art world: Robert Lawrence, the

TOM CARHART

president of the American Institute of Architects, has been generating an anti-statue, anti-flag letter writing campaign among his faithful. Apparently, he is also flying 75 architects in to pack that meeting in protest.

They will ask for a two-month delay in the decision on the proposed additions in order to prepare a formal objection. But if they get that delay, then when Vietnam veterans arrive in town the week of Nov. 11 for their "reunion," those additions will still not have been approved. When V.V.M.F. then tries to convince Secretary Watt to allow the dedication to proceed anyway, the implicit threat will be that, if he refuses, the veterans will tear down the fence around the memorial site and hold their own dedication ceremony. And once a dedication of the wall occurs without the flag or the statue, these elements will be lost in the administrative jungle of charges and counter charges that will grow up around them, and they will never be added to the memorial.

If that happens, what will the reaction of Vietnam veterans be? The only credible survey of the feelings of Vietnam veterans about the original sunken black wall design that exists is that conducted of former

P.O.W.s by Gallup for Ross Perot, and maybe it's time to make some of the results public.

One of the first questions asked for their personal rating of the winning design: 33 percent liked it, 67 percent disliked it. Do you think the color of the memorial should be white instead of black? 70 percent yes, 21 percent no, 9 percent makes no difference. Do you think much more of the memorial should be above ground? 82 percent yes, 10 percent no, 8 percent makes no difference. Do you think there should be a prominent place for the American flag in the memorial? 96 percent yes, 2 percent no, 2 percent makes no difference.

That sounds like pretty convincing evidence of major opposition to this design among Vietnam veterans. Even ignoring their fiduciary duty to the corporation and its contributors, the officers of V.V.M.F. would seem to have a strong responsibility to their fellow Vietnam veterans to further investigate their feelings about the design before spending any more publicly-solicited money.

To build such a memorial without doing so would be farcical if it didn't hurt so much. And yet, that's just what V.V.M.F. has done — they have gritted their teeth, ignored the sur-

vey of former P.O.W.s, and refused to conduct any further surveys. Why? It was within their power and the rules of the competition to have changed the color to white and to have raised the wall above ground if that's what the great majority of Vietnam veterans want, as seems apparent from the Gallup poll — why didn't they try to find out? Don't they care what Vietnam veterans think of the design chosen for their memorial by a group of artists who are not Vietnam veterans themselves?

V.V.M.F. is now (October 1982, some six months after they agreed to the addition of a flag, an inscription, and a statue) sending out mass mailings that offer for sale decals and etchings of "the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Constitution Gardens"; and yet the depiction they show in their advertisements of what they are selling is of only the naked black wall. No flag. No statue.

Does that mean they plan that these elements will never be added to the memorial? Ross Perot long ago began to suspect that they were improperly handling the contributions they had received from the general public. Since he contributed close to a quarter of a million dollars himself, he asked to see their books. They refused, and so he sent in his lawyers. V.V.M.F. responded by hiring one of the best law firms

in town and stonewalling. But why are they doing that? Anyone who gave 10 bucks to a supposedly charitable organization such as V.V.M.F. should be able to see the books — what are they hiding?

If the Fine Arts Commission delays on approving the additions, or if V.V.M.F. drags their feet in their implementation (years of direct assaults and other delaying tactics can be expected from the art community), then we will truly have been betrayed, and I don't think Vietnam veterans will stand for it. The only place the names of the dead should appear is in a cemetery, and even then, they are normally found in white stone above ground. If they must put the names of our dead on a black wall below ground level, then we must work to see that they at least get a decent burial: we must fill the trench in, then plant flowers on top and install the flag and statue.

The result will be a truly beautiful and appropriate memorial: a flower garden with a dignified statue that depicts us the way we were then, and an American flag. I think that may be the only way left to comply with the congressional mandate and build a memorial that will truly honor and recognize all the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam war.

Tom Carhart was awarded two Purple Hearts during his service as an Infantry Platoon Leader with the 1st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He is now a lawyer working in Washington, D.C.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SUPERIOR COURT

Case No. 0311231-20



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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 11, 1982

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

The East Room

10:01 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning and welcome to the White House.

This morning we're honoring an American patriot, Raymond Weeks of Birmingham, Alabama.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Weeks has exemplified the finest traditions of American volunteerism by his unselfish service to his country. As Director of the National Veterans Day Celebration in Birmingham for the past 36 years, Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran himself, has devoted his life to serving others, his community, the American veteran and his nation. He was the driving force behind the Congressional action which in 1954 established this special holiday as a day to honor all American veterans.

It's a pleasure for me to present Mr. Weeks the Presidential Citizens Medal given to those who have made outstanding contributions to their country.

And, Mr. Weeks, in honoring you, we honor the ideals that we hope to live up to. Your country is mighty grateful for what you've done. Now -- Mr. Weeks --

Mrs. Weeks, I'm going to hand you the case because I can't do this with one hand.

MR. WEEKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you -- (applause).

THE PRESIDENT: Ray, thank you so very much. Please --

MR. WEEKS: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: -- sit down over here.

It is fitting that we pay tribute to Mr. Weeks on this day when we remember the sacrifices of those who donned this country's uniform and did their part to protect our freedom and independence.

Words alone cannot express our gratitude to the brave men and women who took on the task of protecting our country from foreign threats and aggression.

President Coolidge once said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten."

Nothing is more important to the soul of America than remembering and honoring those who gave of themselves so that we might enjoy the fruits of peace and liberty. And that is the spirit of this special day and of this coming Saturday when the nation will dedicate the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial, a tribute that is long overdue. For too long, America closed its heart to those who served us with valor. It's time that Viet Nam veterans take their rightful place in our history along with other American heroes who put their lives on the line for their country.

Certainly, mistakes were made. But the reality of Viet Nam today, massive

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prisoner camps for torture and political indoctrination, hundreds of thousands of boat people sacrificing everything and risking a painful death to flee communist oppression. All this suggests that the cause for which our Vietnam veterans fought was an honorable one.

This Saturday America will put behind us the ingratitude and injustice of the past. We'll move forward in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln who in 1865 said, "Let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations. And although we'll be putting the divisiveness of Vietnam behind us, we will not forget those who are still unaccounted for.

Today I renew my pledge to the families of those listed as Missing in Action that this nation will work unceasingly until a full accounting is made. It's our sacred duty and we will never forget them.

Along with Raymond Weeks, I may be one of the few people in this room who remembers when Veterans Day was called Armistice Day commemorating the armistice that ended the First World War on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year in 1918. And I might add, I not only remember when it was called that day, I guess we may be the only ones that were on the streets in the wild celebration of the first and actual Armistice Day when it was signed.

Armistice Day honored those who gave their lives in the war to end all wars -- a day of hope that they had not given their lives in vain. But within a few years and in spite of an impressive effort on the part of the Western democracies to limit arms and to outlaw war, aggressors rearmed and war came again. Ironically, Armistice Day was made a legal holiday in the United States in 1938, just one year before a second and more terrible conflagration swept across Europe.

Winston Churchill labeled it the "unnecessary war" because he said there never was a war more easy to stop and no man had more right to say that than Winston Churchill. He had fought the illusions that led to war, pleaded with his countrymen to recognize and arm against this expanding totalitarian war machine, pleaded with his countrymen to be strong and to have courage -- not because he wanted war but because this was the only way to preserve peace. Yet, for all this, Churchill was castigated as a warmonger. Even after war broke out in Asia and in Europe, our own country was slow to take the steps necessary to defend itself. Warning us of the impending crisis, a young Harvard student, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, wrote a book titled "Why England Slept." His thoughtful study holds as true now, 42 years later, as when it was first published. After describing how a dictatorship with a controlled press and the power to silence political opposition can carry on a vigorous arms program, he noted, "In contrast, in a democracy, the cry of warmonger would discourage any politician who advocates a vigorous arms policy. This leaves armaments

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with few supporters. Among the reasons for England's failure to rearm in time," Kennedy wrote, "probably the most important was a firm and widely-held conviction that armaments were one of the primary causes of war." Well, the Western democracies didn't wake up until it was too late. It took Pearl Harbor to shake Americans from their complacency.

Today in this era of much more dangerous weapons, it is even more important to remember that vigilance, not complacency, is the key to peace. This administration is committed to rebuilding our national defenses which were permitted to erode during the last decade. We are now in the initial phases of that rebuilding, and we must continue to press forward in the years to come if we are to maintain a credible deterrent.

But let the world understand our purpose is not belligerency but respect, not conflict but deterrence, and not war but peace. None of the wars that I have mentioned, or others before them, ever came about because this country was too strong. We shall never flag in our pursuit of a more peaceful world.

Our goal is peace -- peace that's achieved through a stable balance of forces, a mutual reduction of weapons, and a better understanding between the Soviet Union, the United States, and all nations.

Earlier today we received word of the death of Soviet President Brezhnev. And I want to read to you, if I might, the letter that I have sent this morning to Vasilii Kuznetsov, First Deputy Chairman of the Presidium in Moscow. "Please accept my condolences on the death of President Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev. President Brezhnev was one of the world's most important figures for nearly two decades. May I ask you to convey our sympathies to the President's family.

"I would also like to convey through you to the Soviet government and people the strong desire of the United States to work toward an improved relationship with the Soviet Union. I look forward to conducting relations with the new leadership in the Soviet Union with the aim of expanding the areas where our nations can cooperate to mutual advantage."

Now, I've said for many years there are fundamental differences between the Soviet system and our own system here in the United States. But I believe our peoples, for all our differences, share a desire and a dedication to peace. On this day dedicated to American veterans, we honor the brave men and women who have by their service preserved our liberty. Our parades are a celebration of freedom. Our banner is Old Glory, and we hold her high and proud. This is the legacy of the brave men and women that we honor today.

Now, let us go forth from here having learned the lessons of history, confident in the strength of our system and anxious to pursue every avenue toward peace. And on this Veterans Day, we will remember and be firm in our commitment to peace, and those who died in defense of our freedom will not have died in vain.

And, again, we thank the man who has made Armistice Day into this Veterans Day, Raymond Weeks. And thank you all for being here. (Applause.)

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10:12 A.M. EST

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

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November 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO : Ron Mann, Assistant Director of Presidential
Personnel

FROM : Otto J. Reich, Bureau for Latin America and the
Caribbean

SUBJECT: Veterans Day Commemoration

I do not know what celebration or commemoration is being planned by the White House for November 11, Veterans Day. It seems to me a good idea, however, to have some event involving the President and the Presidential Appointees who are veterans of the Armed Forces.

This does not have to take place on November 11 proper, but I believe it would serve to (1) show high-level USG appreciation for service performed for the United States, in some cases at great personal sacrifice; (2) to highlight the number of veterans who have been appointed by the President; and (3) to further reinforce the importance of a strong national defense to this Administration. We cannot forget that behind every weapon system, no matter how large or sophisticated, stands an individual.



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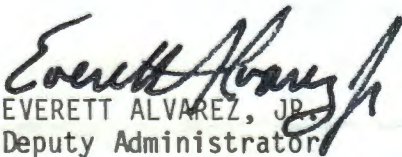
Honorable Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Room 191
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

What a great pleasure it was to have you join us for this year's observance at Arlington National Cemetery. Your interest and support of this special occasion played an important role in assuring that this tribute to our veterans was a meaningful one.

It was once said that "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." By your generous participation, you have helped perpetuate that noble ideal and we thank you.

Sincerely,


EVERETT ALVAREZ, JR.
Deputy Administrator



36TH ANNUAL NATIONAL VETERANS DAY

in BIRMINGHAM
P.O. Box 642, Birmingham, Alabama 35201

NOVEMBER 11, 1982

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DONALD E. ROSENBLUM
Commander
First United States Army
Fort Meade, Maryland

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The First United States Army with headquarters at Fort Meade Maryland, has the primary mission of Reserve Component readiness. This headquarters commands all United States Army Reserve units and directs and supervises Army National Guard training in the Eastern and Southeastern United States. First Army plays a key role in the success of our National Veterans Day Program and all Veterans groups and the citizens of Alabama are grateful for this support. The staff and military personnel at First Army have gone all out to see that Birmingham's National Veterans Day will continue to earn nationwide recognition it now has for annually presenting one of the best observances in the United States.



MAJOR GENERAL
STANFORD J. SKINNER
Commander
121st United States Army
Reserve Command



MAJOR GENERAL
THOMAS L. MERRILL
Commander
87th United States Army
Maneuver Area Command

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The superb performance of its duties, aggressive spirit of its personnel and the high leadership quality of its officers make the Army Reserve organization in Alabama an example for the nation. We salute the Army Reserve for constantly doing a great job.



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HENRY COBB
The Adjutant General
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ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD

Alabama's finest citizens have always been proud to serve in its National Guard. While ranking 21st in population, Alabama ranks high in Army National Guard strength with Units located in every County in the State. Its war-time record is unsurpassed. Alabama's Air National Guard has been one of the key factors in the development of aviation in the state since its beginning in 1922. It, too, has a proud war-time record.



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4th Division, FMF USMCR



CAPTAIN
B. THOMAS RECIO
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US NAVY/US MARINE CORPS/ US COAST GUARD

Units operating out of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center are doing a highly commendable job for Alabama and the nation. Both Navy and Marine Corps groups in the state have long been a key to this country's military strength.

The U. S. Coast Guard of Alabama is proud of the important part it has played in fighting America's wars since 1776.

Governor Fob James presents Alabama's annual **Veteran of the Year Award** to outstanding members of Alabama's American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. This prestigious award goes to the top member who has excelled in community service.



The Disabled American Veterans **Veteran of the Year 1981** was Grant Meade, Jr. Governor James presents the award to Meade.

The American Legion **Veteran of the Year** in 1981 was Robert L. Appling. Mr. Appling is shown accepting the award from Gov. James at the World Peace Luncheon.



Governor James presents Jack F. Ivey, past State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with the **Distinguished VFW Veteran of the Year** award during 1981 Luncheon ceremonies.



A small girl, flag in hand, symbolizes the patriotic spirit demonstrated by hundreds of thousands of Birmingham-area citizens at the Veterans Day parade.



Reviewing the Veterans Day parade, (left to right): Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr.; Mayor Richard Arrington; Congressman Bill Nichols; Senator Dave Durenburger and Captain Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.



CAPTAINS Roy Stoddard and Wallace Buck, USN, Det 109 Memphis NAS enjoy the 1981 festivities. CAPT. Buck relieves CAPT. Stoddard as the new commander of Det 109.



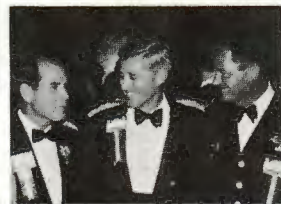
Mr. Sherman Roodzant, National Commander, DAV, leads the Veterans Organizations in the 1981 parade.



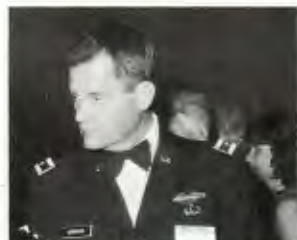
COL Harry Walker, CO, Anniston Army Depot is introduced during the National Veterans Award Banquet on the eve of Veterans Day.



Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. presents Maj. Gen. Tom Merrill with the **Army Award for Excellence** for Community Affairs projects performed by 87th Maneuver Area Command.



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Lieutenant General Larry Welch, Cmdr. 9th Air Force extends a greeting on behalf of the active military to Veterans world-wide.



Birmingham's Mayor Richard Arrington extends an official welcome to National Veterans Day guests during opening remarks at the National Veterans Award Banquet.



A solemn moment of prayer calls attention to the sacrifices of deceased veterans during the traditional Veterans Day Memorial service at Birmingham's Church of the Advent. The service is sponsored by the 40 et 8 of the American Legion in honor of the Gold Star Wives and Mothers.



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Miss Alabama, Pheobe Stone and Miss Freedom (First Runner-up to Miss Alabama), Dawn McDonald at the Distinguished Guests Reception 1981.



There's patriots a-plenty at the Veterans Day parade, viewed by thousands along the parade route and thousands more by local television broadcast.



A birds-eye view of Birmingham's National Veterans Day parade is afforded from atop a parking deck looking south on 19th Street, North.



Brig. Gen. Addison O. Logan, Commander, 117th Tactical Air Wing being introduced at the National Veterans Award Banquet on the eve of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, 1981. Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. is the distinguished guest speaker at the 1981 World Peace Luncheon. Secretary Marsh was introduced by Congressman Bill Nichols.



U.S. Navy marching unit "follows the colors" along the Veterans Day parade route. Each year a variety of military, civilian and veteran organizations make up the miles-long parade, the largest in the nation.

Miss Lee Ann Tatum beams Tarrant High School's pleasure as she accepts the **1981 Raymond Weeks Americanism Cup Award**. This award is given annually to the school which is judged to be outstanding in patriotic and civic actions endeavors.



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NOVEMBER 11, 1982

9:00 A.M.—Memorial Services

All religious faiths will be participating in fitting memorial services, nationwide. The Cathedral of the Advent has been designated to conduct official Veterans Day Memorial Services. All other churches will pay special tribute to our veterans on this occasion.

11:30 A.M.—World Peace Luncheon

The purpose of this annual luncheon, one of the outstanding events of the day in America, is to reaffirm our faith in the governmental principles of freedom throughout the world, to rededicate ourselves to active and forceful opposition to aggression and the favoring of strong military forces as our best guarantee for a continuing peace. A nationally known figure will fly to Birmingham to make the principal address. It is a compliment to the program that the proceedings this year as in the past will be covered by the national news-gathering services as well as by radio and television.

2:00 P.M.—National Veterans Day Parade

The tremendous military and civic parade through Birmingham's streets each year has been a stirring patriotic event. Because of the close cooperation of all the branches of the armed forces in Washington, in the south, and in our own home state of Alabama, we have been able to present some of the finest military units in the entire United States in these parades. Included in this year's edition of the Veterans Day Parade of Military Might will be the National Guard Units, both ground and air. Reserves and ROTC Units. Bands, Floats, Scouts and Veteran Marching Units.

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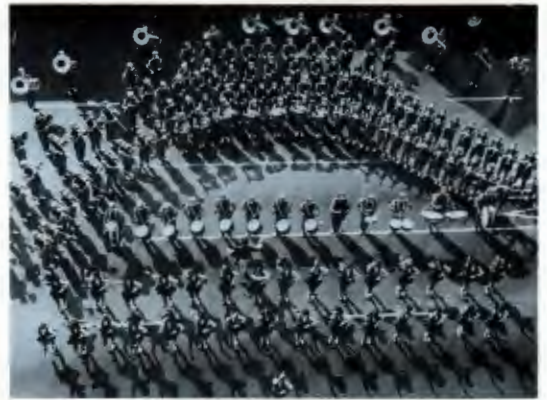
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Banner bearing the national theme, "A Grateful Nation Remembers," passes the parade review stand in the arms of representatives of each branch of the military.

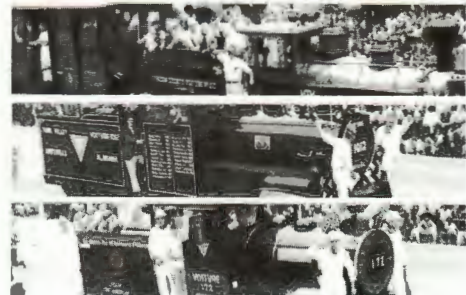
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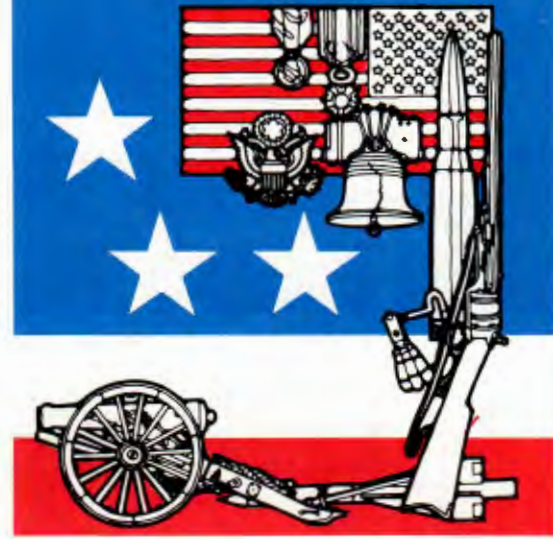
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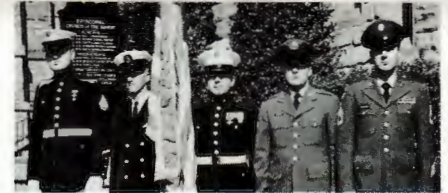
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DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL VETERANS AWARD

A perpetual national veterans award was created in Birmingham for America's first official National Veterans Day observance November 11, 1954, as authorized by Congress.

Its purpose is to honor an outstanding citizen in the United States each year who has made the greatest contribution to further the patriotic interest of veterans and veteran organizations throughout the country.

All national veteran organizations authorized by Congress lend support to the committee of public-spirited citizens who make the annual selections. The national commanders of the veteran groups serve as honorary chairmen of the Award Committee.

The trophy itself was months in the planning stage and expert craftsmen worked closely with the general committee to create a work of art. Massive and beautiful, the trophy stands four feet high and bears 100 plates around its base.

The Hon. Edward H. Rees, Member of Congress from Emporia, Kansas, was first choice of the Awards Committee in 1954. Mr. Rees was cited for this authorship of the bill changing the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day on November 11th.

The second honored name of the base of this 100-year trophy was the Hon. Harvey V. Higley, Washington, D. C., National Administrator of Veterans Affairs, for his outstanding record as Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

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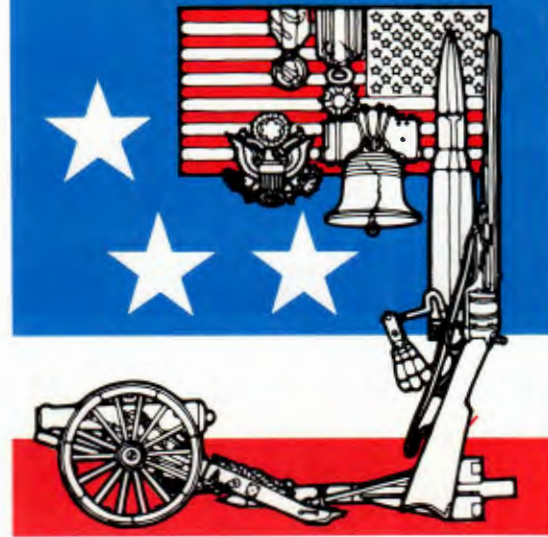
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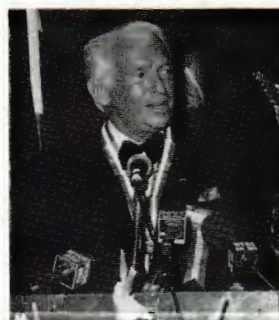
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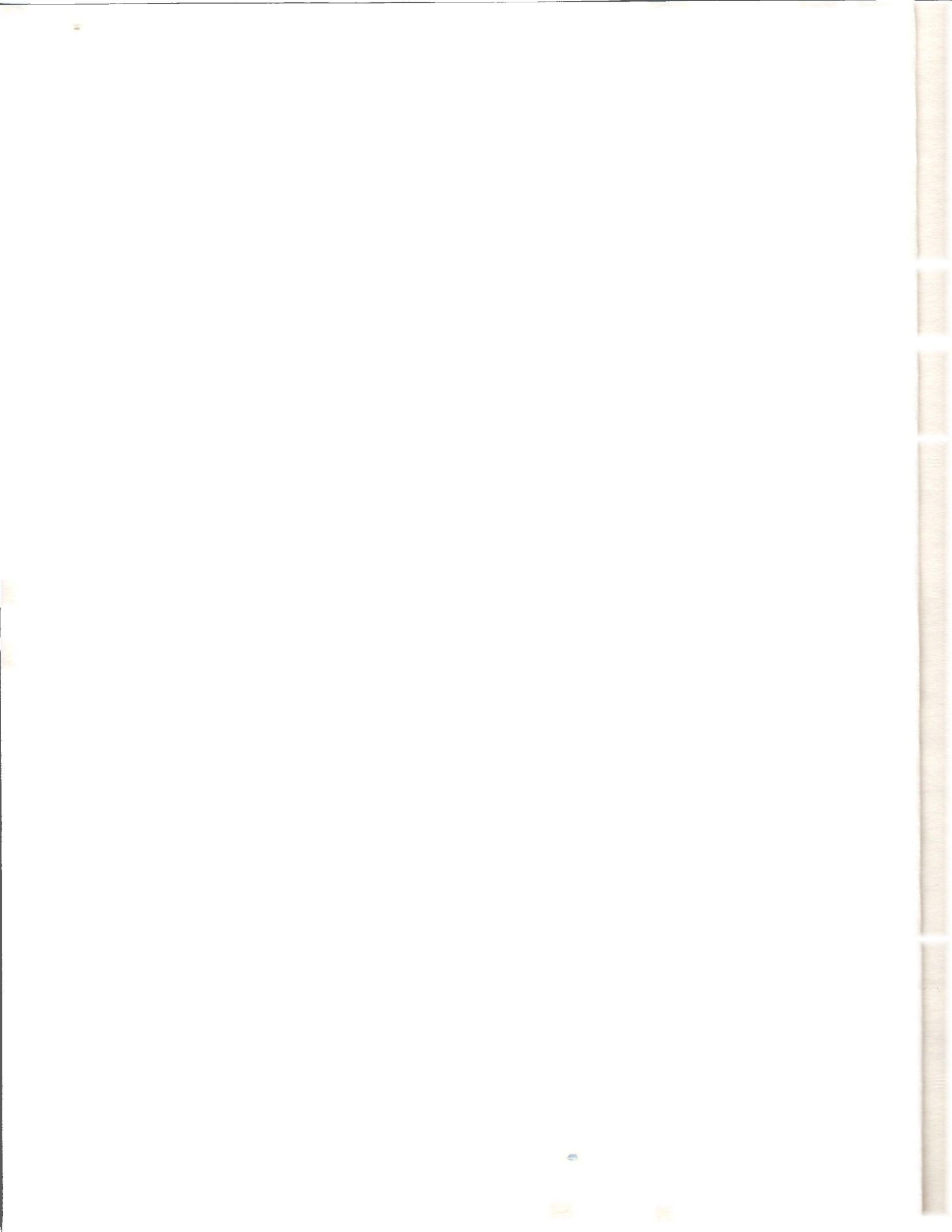
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November 11, 1982



...a grateful Nation remembers...





Veterans Day, 1982

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Veterans Day affords all Americans a special opportunity to honor the deeds of those who sacrificed so much to answer the call to arms during the life of this great country. On this day, our Nation is united in tribute to the valiant men and women who have unselfishly given of themselves to serve in our Armed Forces.

Words alone are insufficient to express our lasting gratitude and admiration to those whose patriotism and courage have ensured our peace and freedom despite threats of tyranny and aggression. Significant disruptions in their lives and other personal hardships have been the price that our Nation's veterans have paid so that the rest of us might enjoy the fruits of justice and liberty.

In order that we pay meaningful tribute to their efforts, Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 shall be set aside each year as a national holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby call on all Americans to join in observing Thursday, November 11, 1982, as Veterans Day. I urge both public ceremonies, as well as private thoughts and prayers, in recognition of the great contribution of our veterans to an America that today is an example to all nations of freedom, liberty, and democracy. On this day, let us give special consideration to those who have died in our Nation's wars and to those who have been disabled.

I call upon Federal, State and local Government officials to mark Veterans Day by displaying the flag of the United States, and I ask those Government officials to support fully and personally its observance by appropriate ceremonies throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of Sept., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Ronald Reagan

Placing of The Presidential Wreath

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER ELEVEN O'CLOCK

THE HONORABLE CASPAR WEINBERGER
Secretary of Defense

MAJOR GENERAL JERRY R. CURRY, USA, Commanding General, Military District of Washington, Host
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RONALD RAY, National President, Congressional Medal of Honor Society
HONORABLE MALCOLM R. LOVELL, JR., Under Secretary of Labor
HONORABLE VERNE ORR, Secretary of the Air Force
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GENERAL CHARLES A. GABRIEL, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
GENERAL ROBERT H. BARROW, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps
HONORABLE MORTON C. BLACKWELL, Special Assistant to the President, Office of Public Liaison
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A. LEO ANDERSON, Washington Liaison Officer, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs
RAYMOND COSTANZO, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery

THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND
Colonel Eugene W. Allen, Leader and Commander
Sergeant Major Patrick Mastroleo, Bugler
Master Sergeant Michael Johnston, Drummer

Courtesy transportation by TOURMOBILE



Program

Master of Ceremonies
Felix Grant
WMAL Radio

- MUSICAL PRELUDE The United States Marine Band "The President's Own"
Major Charles P. Erwin, Assistant Director, Conducting
- WELCOMING REMARKS Ronald E. Ray
National President, Congressional Medal of Honor Society
- PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS March, "The Medal of Honor"
Samuel R. Loboda
Veteran and Patriotic Organizations
- INVOCATION Chaplain James B. Martin
Chief of Chaplains, Veterans Administration
- THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Lloyd L. Burke
Medal of Honor Recipient
- THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (Audience Participation Invited)
- POSTING OF THE COLORS
- MUSICAL SELECTION "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
William Steffe/Arranged by Roy Ringwald
- INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- MUSICAL SELECTION "God of Our Fathers"
Setting by Tom Knox
- INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER The Honorable Everett Alvarez, Jr.
Deputy Administrator of Veterans Affairs
- ADDRESS The Honorable Caspar Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
- MUSICAL SELECTION "America the Beautiful"
Samuel A. Ward/Arranged by Carman Dragon
- BENEDICTION Chaplain Simeon Kobrinetz
Deputy Director, Chaplain Service, Veterans Administration
- RETIRING OF THE COLORS March, "The Stars and Stripes Forever"
John Philip Sousa



Veterans Day Ceremonies National

Arlington National Cemetery • Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the U.S.A., Host

Support Troops provided by The 3d United States Infantry (The Old Guard), U.S. Army
Commanded by Colonel Robert G. Krause

The United States Army Band (Pershing's Own)
Colonel Eugene W. Allen, Leader and Commander

Regional Ceremonial Sites and Hosts

Auburn, Washington	American Ex-Prisoners of War
Birmingham, Alabama	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Fremont, California (Alameda Country)	Disabled American Veterans
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	AMVETS
Nashville, Tennessee	Marine Corps League

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The Medal of Honor is the highest award for bravery that can be given to any individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Since its inception in 1861, approximately 3,400 Medals have been authorized and bestowed. Of the recipients, 264 are living today.

The Medal of Honor is awarded for a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty while the person as a member of the Armed Forces is in action against an enemy of the United States, or is engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or is serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

The deed must be proved by incontestable evidence of at least two eye witnesses; it must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes his gallantry beyond the call of duty

from lesser forms of bravery; it must involve the risk of his life. Each of the Armed Forces regulations permit no margin of doubt or error for judging whether a person is entitled to the Medal of Honor.

It is presented by the President or by a high official "in the name of the Congress of the United States," thus being referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society was chartered by the 85th Congress and signed into law (P.L. 85-642) by President Eisenhower on August 14, 1958.

The fate of nations often hangs in the balance during great battles. These in turn often turn upon the actions of great men, or of a single towering and heroic individual. Such are the deeds which are recognized, saluted, and memorialized by a grateful nation to Medal of Honor recipients.

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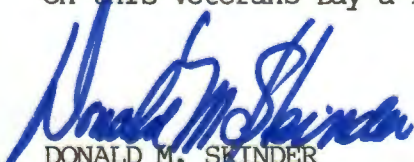
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Veterans Day 1982

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

1. The Veterans Day National Committee is honored that you will be joining us on Thursday, November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery for the twenty-ninth annual observance of Veterans Day. As one of our special guests you will be introduced during the program, but we will not impose upon you beyond that. This is an important occasion, and your participation will certainly help show that a grateful Nation does, indeed, remember its veterans.
2. For your convenience, it is suggested that holders of gold vehicle passes and their guests arrive at the WEST entrance to the Amphitheater via the West gate of Arlington National Cemetery. This entrance way is between the two Chapels at Fort Myer. Proceed down Farragut Drive and take a right on Memorial Drive. Parking for the vehicles with gold passes will be on Memorial Drive heading south. Military Traffic Control personnel will assist those parking in that area. They will also instruct the drivers how to pick up their party following the ceremonies.
3. VIP escorts will meet you as you leave your car. If you have family or friends accompanying you, they will be escorted to their box seats on the north perimeter of the Amphitheater. You will then be escorted to the Memorial Display Room of the Amphitheater. Please plan to arrive no later than 10:40 a.m. After being briefed on the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony, you and the other special guests will move to positions on the Plaza (about 10:50 a.m., but no later than 10:55 a.m.). Upon completion of the Wreath Laying Ceremony, please remain in place until the official party has cleared the Plaza.
4. Our distinguished guests will then enter the Memorial Display Room prior to going on stage in the Amphitheater. Additional information will be given at that time. When the Amphitheater program is completed, you may join your party at the WEST entrance on Memorial Drive to enter your vehicle for departure.
5. We hope these arrangements will make your visit to Arlington National Cemetery on this Veterans Day a rewarding experience. We thank you for joining us.


DONALD M. SKINDER
Executive Director



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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CHARLES N. COLLATOS
COMMISSIONER

February 2, 1983

*Hold for
invitations
re veterans
affairs*

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton,

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter you sent to me on January 4, 1982.

I have not been invited to attend any meetings, if they have been held, and would appreciate it if you would see to it that I am invited.

Red Cavaney, of course, wrote to me concerning this matter.

With all best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Charles

Charles N. Collatos
Commissioner

CNC:cck

*Called with the
Pres at the meeting
MIA POW matters
in Capital City*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1982

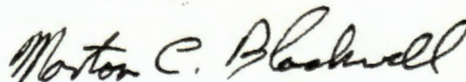
Dear Mr. Collatos:

Thank you for your letter of December 11.

The Office of Public Liaison does not maintain a veterans affairs mailing list. However, we will see to it that you are invited to appropriate meetings.

If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles N. Collatos
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cc. Red Cavaney