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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

JUNE 30, 1981

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The Blinded Veterans Association for presentation  
of a specially designed sculpted plaque.

PURPOSE: Recognition of the Blinded Veterans Association,  
one of the groups supporting the President  
and his economic package.

BACKGROUND: The Blinded Veterans Association is a Congressional  
chartered organization, consisting of 3000  
blinded veterans nationwide.

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION:

DATE: July 17 To coordinate with the other four veterans  
presentations.

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 5 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. George Stocking, President  
S.A. Vale, Executive Director  
John Fales, Director of Employment

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

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks - welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer and Blinded Veterans  
Association photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

# REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge  
Appointments Center  
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on July 24, 19 81

for VPOTUS/ Morton Blackwell of Office of Public Liaison  
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Please clear the attached list of names for a meeting with the  
Vice President.

AMERICAN LEGION  
BOYS NATION

## MEETING LOCATION

Building White House

Requested by Morton C. Blackwell

Room No. Rose Garden

Room No. 193 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 7:30 A.M.

Date of request July 22, 1981

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742



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## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Date

6/17/81

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## SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 8, 1981

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Meeting with Boys Nation Delegates from all over the country

PURPOSE: To honor the outstanding Boys Nation delegates who were selected at Boys State conferences

BACKGROUND: Boys Nation has been a project of the American Legion since 1936. The boys are chosen from the top 1/10 of 1% of their junior class, and usually 40% of these graduates go onto the military academies.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Presidents Ford and Nixon saw this group every year during their visits to Washington. President Carter only saw them in the election year of 1980.

DATE: July 22, Wednesday, 8:00 AM is best or anytime during the week July 20 to 24

LOCATION: Rose Garden DURATION: 10 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: American Legion Boys Nation Delegates - 100 boys

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President will greet the boys in the Rose Garden and make a few remarks. He will be presented with a Boys Nation tee-shirt and an athletic bag. The boys will have a tour of the White House either immediately or at another time during the week.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Press Corps opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

REMARKS REQUIRED

JUN 17 REC'D

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: Jennifer Fitzgerald

FROM: Maiselle Shortley

I have cleared the use of the Rose Garden for the meeting with the Vice President on Friday morning, July 24 at 7:30 A.M. through Chris Hathaway in Peter McCoy's office. She has also asked that the State Dining Room be set aside in case of rain. I have also informed Pat Byrne in the Visitor's Office that the Vice President will be meeting with the American Legion Boy's Nation Delegates.

The American Legion is bringing a camera crew of three, who are preparing a Documentary on this group's week in Washington. This has been okayed by Lou Gerig and I talked with Alixe in Pete Teeley's office and got their okay.

Attached is the original schedule proposal and a letter which should give you some background on the Boys Nation Delegates. I have also submitted the attached list of attendees for clearance.

Thanks for all your help and counsel with this event. I assume that an advance man from the Vice President's office will be in touch with me about any further arrangements. If there is anything I have forgotten please let me know and I will take care of it.

Just a reminder, these delegates must leave the Rose Garden by 7:40 to get to their White House tour at 7:45



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# The American Legion

★ WASHINGTON OFFICE ★ 1608 "K" STREET, N. W. ★ WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 ★  
(202) 393-4811 ★



OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 5, 1981

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

Dear Morton:

The American Legion Boys Nation will meet in Washington, D.C. from July 17 through July 24, 1981. We are requesting that President Ronald Reagan greet our Boys Nation delegates at the White House at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 1981. Of course we realize that the President's schedule is extremely busy and would willingly accept any convenient time between July 20 and 24.

Boys Nation consists of approximately 100 high school juniors selected on the basis of two per state. These 100 high school juniors are selected very carefully from the top high school juniors throughout the country. Boys Nation is an exercise in government whereby these young men form the three branches of government on their own during their stay at American University.

They are selected from their individual Boys State programs that are held in each state. Most of the young men who attend Boys Nation are the future leaders of our country in the fields of industry, government and politics, the professions, and the military.

Every President of the United States has taken the time to meet these young men, usually in the Rose Garden of the White House, to bring greetings to them and to accept a small token of their appreciation. Having attended Boys Nation and the visit to the President last year, I know it was one of the highlights of their visit to Washington. Knowing of the President's interest in the youth of our country, I feel this would be an opportunity not only for him to impact on the future leadership of our nation, but also to provide these young men with a memory that will last a lifetime.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT W. SPANOGLA  
Executive Director

enclosure: tentative Boys Nation agenda



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1981

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

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

**FROM:** ELIZABETH H. DOLE

**REQUEST:** To address the delegates to the AMERICAN LEGION 63rd Annual National Convention.

**PURPOSE:** To give additional recognition to the largest Veteran group and to express thanks for the support that the American Legion has shown for the President's economic package.

**BACKGROUND:** The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is by far the largest and best known Veterans group. They, immediately after the V.F.W. decision, actively supported the passage of the President's Bipartisan Budget Resolution in the House. Despite substantial concern among veterans with various aspects of administration policy, the leadership has been, after an initial period of uneasiness, very cooperative in many ways. An additional aspect to be considered is that the Naval Rebuilding Program which the Administration is undertaking can be highlighted by a trip to Pearl Harbor.

**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. (The Legionnaires interrupted Reagan 20 times with applause, while only applauding President Carter's speech 3 times at the same convention.)

**DATE:** September 1, Tuesday, opening session  
or other sessions on September 2 and 3, 1981

**LOCATION:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**DURATION:** 1 hour - speaking 20 minutes

**PARTICIPANTS:** 3000 delegates, 3000 alternates, plus spouses, guests, plus Ladies' Auxiliary delegates numbering 2000; all together 21,000 people - largest convention in U.S.

**OUTLINE OF EVENTS:** American Legion asked only for an address by President. They will arrange their session schedule to suit his schedule.

**REMARKS REQUIRED:** Speech - on foreign policy and/or national security

**MEDIA COVERAGE:** They know how to coordinate and work with White House press and know how to take care of press relations.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

**PROJECT OFFICER:** Morton Blackwell

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

1608 K STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

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**Memorandum to:** Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President

**DATE** May 20, 1981

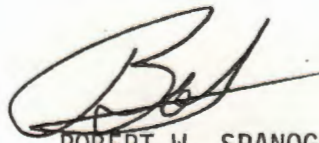
**SUBJECT:** Invitation to the President of the United States

Sorry I can't be with you today along with Bob Kruse, but I have another commitment this afternoon to the West Springfield Little League.

On March 30, 1981 I sent you the attached copy concerning an invitation to the President of the United States to appear at our 63rd National Convention to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii September 1-3, 1981. Naturally if the President cannot attend we would welcome the Vice President or the Secretary of State and/or Secretary of Defense. I am aware that our National Commander has both verbally and by letter of invitation asked Caspar Weinberger to be with us.

Morton, of great importance is a rapidly approaching deadline for a copy of Greetings to the Convention by President Ronald Reagan. We have a deadline of June 1, 1981 and I have enclosed a copy of last year's greetings by President Carter. Could you process this for me and have it sent to my attention?

I would welcome the opportunity to have you and Mrs. Dole join me and my successor Mylio Kraja for lunch prior to my departure for Indianapolis June 11. If this does not fit into your schedules, perhaps a brief meeting could be arranged. Along with introducing the new Executive Director, I have a gift of appreciation for Mrs. Dole which I would like to present to her at that time.



ROBERT W. SPANOGLE  
Executive Director

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1981  
TO: JUDY POND *Rm. 155*  
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *Rm. 134*  
RE: SPEAKER FOR AMERICAN LEGION  
CONVENTION Sept. 1-3

We have received this correspondence from the American Legion. From your letter of response, it looks as if the President cannot attend. This is an excellent group and we hope that you will be able to get a suitable substitute.  
Thank you.

P.S. It shouldn't be too hard to find someone willing to attend a meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii!

*Schedule*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1981  
TO: CHARLOTTE ELLIS  
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL  
RE: SCHEDULING A LUNCHEON WITH  
MRS. DOLE AND THE AMERICAN  
LEGION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Would you be able to schedule a date to accomodate this request?

Bob Spanogle # is 393-4811 and  
861-2711

Thank you, and please let us know.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1980

I send you my very best wishes as you gather for the Sixty-Second Annual National Convention of the American Legion.

You have a great deal to be proud of in the accomplishments of your distinguished organization. While it is tragic that Americans have been called to war four times in this century, it is commendable that veterans of those wars have dedicated themselves to a stronger nation and a better society. The American Legion boasts one of the finest and most consistent records in wartime service and peacetime devotion to our national well-being.

With this in mind, I wish you a successful convention and hope you will continue the leadership and service you have given so unstintingly for so long.

*Jimmy Carter*

National Headquarters  
700 North Pennsylvania  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Info copy: Frank C. Momsen  
William D. Jackson  
Robert W. Spanogle  
Fred Woodress  
Rod Anderson  
Bill Miller

March 19, 1981

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The 63rd Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 29-September 3, 1981. I am pleased to extend this formal and most cordial invitation to you to address the delegates to our convention during the opening session on Tuesday, September 1. In addition to our delegates and guests, the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will be in attendance at our opening session.

Additional sessions of our convention will be held on September 2 and 3. If either of these dates would be more compatible to your schedule, the time and date of your appearance on our program could, of course, be arranged at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

MICHAEL J. KOGUTEX  
National Commander



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National Convention - Speaker

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1981

*file*

Dear Mr. Kogutek:

Your request for a speaker has been forwarded to me with the recommendation that a surrogate be secured to speak to the 63rd Annual National Convention of the American Legion.

Your request is being considered, and I will be in touch with you at a time closer to the event to apprise you of its status.

Thank you for your interest, and I welcome the opportunity to work with you on this fine program.

Sincerely,

*Judith A. Pond*

Judith A. Pond  
Deputy Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. Michael J. Kogutek  
National Commander  
The American Legion  
Post Office Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Info copy: Frank C. Momsen  
William D. Jackson  
Robert W. Spanogle  
Fred Woodress  
Rod Anderson

THIS COPY FOR

Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President

March 30, 1981

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President of the United States

Attached is a letter sent over the signature of National Commander Michael J. Kogutek of The American Legion inviting the President of the United States to address the opening session of our 63rd annual National Convention to be held at Honolulu, Hawaii on Tuesday, September 1. As you and I discussed, if the President cannot attend we would welcome the Vice President and/or Secretary of State and/or Secretary of Defense.

I have also attached a copy of greetings brought to the Convention by James Earl Carter, President of the United States, and would like to request similiar greetings from President Ronald W. Reagan for this year's convention program.

ROBERT W. SPANOGLE  
Executive Director

Attachments

bcc E. Dole

*Maria Landau*  
254-8270

Copies to: EHD  
Red  
Diana Lozano  
~~Morton Blackwell~~  
Charlotte Ellis  
Events File

*Tom Swell*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

10/27/81

MEMORANDUM

TC: RED CAVANEY \*\*\*\*\*  
FROM: GREGORY ~~JO~~ NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Announcement of Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program

DATE: November 10, 1981

TIME: 11:45 am

DURATION: 15 mins

LOCATION: ~~Oval Office~~ *Rose Garden*

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

**REMARKS REQUIRED**

\*\*\*\*\* Coordinate with Craig Fuller

cc: M. Brandon  
R. Darman  
D. Fischer  
M. Friedersdorf  
C. Fuller  
C. Gerrard  
E. Hickey  
P. McCoy  
L. Nofziger

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WHCA Audio/Visual  
WHCA Operations



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Vietnam Veterans  
Leadership Program*

October 8, 1981

TO: Red Cavaney

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

When you called me regarding the President's veteran related activities on November 11, I told you I was unaware of any schedule proposals other than the wreath laying, which is traditional and appropriate.

Subsequently, I learned of this pending proposal by Tom Pauken. I strongly suggest that Veterans Day is a very appropriate occasion for the President to announce this now approved new program of voluntary action in behalf of veterans which his Administration has undertaken.

Not only would this show a real sensitivity for problems of veterans but it would be right in line with the President's policy of encouraging volunteerism. As you may recall, this ACTION project, Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, involves successful Vietnam veterans in voluntary counseling programs for the less successful veterans of that era.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

**VOLUNTEER VETS . . .** Action boss Thomas Pauken is making ambitious plans for a new project, the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, which will enlist vets who have become "recognized community leaders" to help other former GIs find jobs and take advantage of public and private programs for their benefit. The project will be strictly volunteer, Pauken says, with a single paid coordinator in each of the 50 cities where it will operate. The program will complement, but not overlap, the Veterans' Administration's Outreach Centers, Action officials say. Plans call for opening the first volunteer centers with great hoopla on Veterans' Day. Pauken is trying to get President Reagan to cut the ribbon.

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Wash. Post 10/2/81

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

5 AUGUST 1981

TO: TOM PAUKEN, DIRECTOR, ACTION

FROM: GREGORY J. ~~SEWELL~~, DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING  
THE PRESIDENT'S

SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT.

Please be advised that the Presidential Appointments and Scheduling Office has received your request from Dave Gergen, and we are penciling it in tentatively in November.

We will get back to you as the date draws nearer.

cc: David Gergen

Jack,  
F.T.I.





OFFICE OF  
THE DIRECTOR

# ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20525

July 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Gergen, Assistant to the President for Communications

From: Tom Pauken, Director, ACTION *Tom Pauken*

Subject: Announcement of Vietnam Veterans Leadership Project

The President has approved ACTION's new Vietnam Veterans Leadership Project. See attached PDM.

The Project recruits Vietnam Veterans who successfully made the transition back to civilian life to serve as volunteers to help fellow Vietnam Veterans who have lingering problems associated with their military service. The program is starting in five cities; with fifty by the end of '82; for about \$50,000 per city.

Rocky Bleier, Jim Webb, and Chuck O'Brien are a few of the well-known Vietnam Veterans who have agreed to help the project. Roger Staubach and Al Bumbry should be on board soon.

Recommendation:

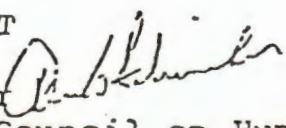
President announces project in Oval Office around Veterans Day (Wednesday, November 11th) with Bleier, et al., looking on. Proclamation. Photo opportunity. Out the door.

All we need right now is OK to plan on Veterans Day announcement.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Richard Schweiker   
for the Cabinet Council on Human Resources

SUBJECT: Decision on Proposed ACTION Program for Vietnam Veterans

At a meeting on June 9, 1981, the Human Resources Cabinet Council, with the Vice President's concurrence, approved an outreach program for Vietnam Veterans proposed by Thomas Pauken, Director of ACTION. The program would encourage able and successful Vietnam veterans to serve in their communities as volunteers to help fellow Vietnam veterans with lingering problems associated with their military service. The proposal is endorsed by the Human Resources Secretariat and the Office of Management and Budget.

The ACTION program will complement the already existing federal, local, and private veterans programs, and place particular emphasis on working closely with the Veterans Administration and the traditional veterans organizations.

The program will begin with a pilot phase in some four or five test communities which will last long enough to assure effectiveness.

Assuming a successful pilot phase, the operational phase will proceed in some 50 communities under a national project director and a local ACTION director in each community. Cost for the pilot phase is estimated at under \$200,000, now funded by ACTION. The operational phase is estimated at \$2 million per year from direct budget authority and appropriation to ACTION, and/or fund transfers from other federal agencies which have an interest in veterans.

The ACTION Program would be planned to end in late 1983 or early 1984 with the continuing flow of volunteers to be handled by existing agencies and programs.

RECOMMENDATION: The Human Resources Cabinet Council unanimously recommends that implementation of the ACTION program be given high visibility with participation by the President and senior administration officials.

DECISION:

☒ approve ☐ approve as amended ☐ reject ☐ no action




THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1981

MEETING WITH VIETNAM VETERANS  
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 1981  
LOCATION: ROSE GARDEN  
TIME: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE 

I. PURPOSE

To increase public awareness of the emerging leadership role of the nation's Vietnam veterans through recognition of the new Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLP).

II. BACKGROUND

The vast majority of Vietnam veterans have readjusted into the mainstream and are now moving into leadership roles throughout society. The leaders before you are successful veterans who are stepping forward as volunteers to help their fellow veterans who still face lingering problems associated with their service in Vietnam. Administered by ACTION, this new Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program is an important new thread in the support fabric of the veterans' services. In June, you approved the unanimous recommendation of the Human Resources Cabinet Council and instituted the VVLP. Following your remarks, Tom Pauken will introduce you to each of the Vietnam veteran volunteers (31), who will be assembled in the Rose Garden. The veterans plan to use photos of these handshakes to promote the program at the community level.

III. PARTICIPANTS: Elizabeth H. Dole; Tom Pauken, Morton Blackwell; and a group of 31 prominent Vietnam veterans and others associated with the program (list attached).

IV. PRESS PLAN: Full press coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

11:44 a.m. Welcoming remarks by Elizabeth Dole.

11:45 a.m. Upon announcement, you depart Oval Office and proceed directly to Rose Garden podium for remarks.

11:48 a.m. On conclusion of your remarks, you will remain at the podium while Tom Pauken, ACTION Director, thanks you on behalf of the Vietnam veterans and invites you to greet assembled Veterans.

12:00 noon You depart Rose Garden and return to Oval Office.

ATTACHMENT:



## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

JOHN BAINES: Chairman, San Antonio VVLP; international commercial real estate developer; U.S. Navy Seabee--built the longest bridge in Vietnam at the time.

SAM BARTHOLOMEW: Chairman, Tennessee VVLP; attorney; former legislative assistant to Senator Howard Baker; West Point Distinguished Cadet; patrolled Cambodian border with 4th Calvary.

KIP BECKER: Chairman, Wilmington VVLP; Ph.D.; Assistant Dean, Wilmington College; U.S. Army gunship pilot.

DAVID DECHANT: Program Director, Baltimore VVLP; restaurant manager; Marine scout; spent a total of 31 months in Vietnam.

RICK EILERT: Volunteer, Chicago VVLP; Marine rifleman; retired by reason of wounds; author of two novels which he plans to publish.

JOHN FALES, JR.: Advisor, VVLP; Employment Director, Blinded Veterans Association; Marine forward observer; wounded in Vietnam in 1967.

FRANCIS GUEST: Volunteer, Tennessee VVLP; Administrator, Tennessee GSA; Air Force in-country veteran.

WAYNE HANBY: Program Director, Wilmington VVLP; former Justice of the Peace; Marine rifleman; retired from wounds received.

JIM HARTDEGEN: Volunteer, VVLP; Arizona State Legislator; Vietnam combat veteran.

DAVID HUFFMAN: Program Advisor, Wilmington VVLP; blinded in Vietnam as Marine rifleman; first blind graduate of Delaware Law School.

BILL JAYNE: Deputy Director, VVLP; Marine rifleman; wounded at Khe Sanh during Tet offensive of 1968; author of "Immigrants from the Combat Zone" appearing in THE WOUNDED GENERATION.

DICK KOLB: Volunteer, VVLP; Oil Scout for Tenneco Corp.

JOHN MCCAIN: Advisor, VVLP; prisoner-of-war 1967-73; now Vice President of Hensley Company, Phoenix.

JOCK NASH: Volunteer, VVLP; Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; infantry platoon commander in Vietnam.

WALLACE NUNN: Volunteer, Philadelphia VVLP; graduate of Villanova University; is an investment banker in Philadelphia; served in Vietnam as a helicopter door gunner with the 101st Airborne Division.

CHUCK O'BRIEN: Chairman, Philadelphia VVLP; attorney; first of group of disabled persons to top Mt. Rainier last summer; Army platoon leader; wounded on Cambodian border and lost part of his leg.

MAX PATTERSON: Volunteer, VVLP; Chief of Police, Windsor, Connecticut.

TOM PAUKEN: Director, ACTION; enlisted in Army; served one tour in-country as Intelligence Officer.

LUIZ SANZ: Medical Doctor; advisor to VVLP; Georgetown University faculty member; was Army combat medic.

BOB SEARBY: Volunteer, VVLP; Deputy Undersecretary of Labor, International Affairs; was with 101st Airborne in Vietnam.

BILL STENSLAND: Program Director, San Antonio VVLP; highly decorated; wounded twice while serving two tours as Marine officer.

ED TIMPERLAKE: Deputy Director, VVLP; Naval Academy graduate; Marine F-4 pilot.

MARK TREANOR: Chairman, Baltimore VVLP; attorney; Annapolis graduate; Marine rifle platoon commander with 1st Marine Division.

JIM WEBB: Advisor to VVLP; author of the best-selling *FIELDS OF FIRE* and *A SENSE OF HONOR*; Marine platoon commander; Navy Cross.

JACK WHEELER: Director, VVLP; co-founder of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund; attorney; co-author of *THE WOUNDED GENERATION*; West Point graduate; Captain in Vietnam.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

CHARLES HAGEL: Deputy Administrator-designate, Veterans Administration; squad leader in Vietnam - was wounded twice; served with his brother in the same squad; his brother was wounded three times.



SPECIAL GUESTS (cont.)

MARCIA LANDAU: Media Director, VVLP.

HONORABLE THOMAS LOEFFLER: Congressman; strong supporter of VVLP;  
responsible for San Antonio VVLP.

HONORABLE JOHN P. MURTHA: Congressman; Korean veteran who reenlisted  
to-serve in Vietnam.

JIM McCLOSKEY: Program Director, Philadelphia VVLP; economist; was  
U.S. Army adviser to South Vietnamese.



(Rohrabacher/TD)  
November 9, 1981

VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 10, 1981

- It is appropriate that on the eve of Veterans Day 1981 we meet to inaugurate a program aimed at helping a group of veterans that never received the thanks they deserved for their extraordinary courage and dedication.
- There is no need to reiterate the tragedy of Vietnam. This long, dragged out Southeast Asian conflict divided our Nation and damaged America's self image.
- Yet when called upon, there were millions of young Americans who did their duty and demonstrated courage and dedication in the finest tradition of the American military.
- I want to express my appreciation to these veterans with us today for their service during the war and for their continued voluntary service to the Nation.
- It is important to recognize that the vast majority of Vietnam veterans readjusted quickly after returning from Southeast Asia. Contrary to the stereotype, many of these fine young people have excelled in their endeavors. Those of you with us today are outstanding examples of this fact.

- Nevertheless, there are those who have found it difficult to come to grips with problems that can be traced to their military service. The Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program is designed to draw volunteers from the pool of successful vets in order to provide guidance for those with lingering problems.
- This volunteer self-help program is within the spirit of brotherhood that has characterized American veterans of every war. Such comradery is even more important for those who fought in Vietnam.
- Those of you who will be doing your part to make this program a success deserve a special thanks. In these times of budget restrictions all of us must be aware that showing our gratitude to Vietnam veterans, and helping those still in need, will require more than Government tax dollars can provide. I hope that every American will follow your example and reach out individually to extend a hand of appreciation, and, where needed, a hand of assistance to all our fine Vietnam veterans.
- Americans should always remember that in a hostile world a nation's future is only as certain as the devotion of its soldiers -- and soldiers will be as loyal to the nation as the nation is loyal to them. This program

is one way of expressing our commitment not only to Vietnam vets but all those who now serve their country. So thanks to all of you for participating in this fine effort.



SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

- VIETNAM VETERANS ARE LEADERS AND THESE PEOPLE HERE TODAY ARE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF THAT FACT.
- IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT ON THE EVE OF VETERANS DAY 1981 WE MEET TO DISCUSS UTILIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF VIETNAM VETERANS AS AN ESSENTIAL NATIONAL RESOURCE.
- VIETNAM VETERANS DESERVE HIGH PRAISE AND THE SUPPORT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES FOR HAVING SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN A DIFFICULT AND DIVISIVE WAR.
- I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THESE VETERANS HERE TODAY FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE WAR AND FOR THEIR CONTINUED VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE NATION.
- THE VAST MAJORITY OF VIETNAM VETERANS HAVE READJUSTED WELL AND MANY OF THEM ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL. FROM THIS LEADERSHIP POOL THIS NEW PROGRAM WILL DRAW VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL WORK TO SOLVE THE LINGERING PROBLEMS STILL FACED BY THEIR FELLOW VETERANS.
- WHILE THESE PROBLEMS ARE SIGNIFICANT, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE STEREOTYPE OF THE VIETNAM VETERAN AS A LOSER, OR VICTIM, IS INACCURATE AND, INDEED, MOST HARMS THOSE WHO DO FACE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS.

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Diana Lozano

~~Morton Blackwell~~

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

October 23, 1981

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE *EHD*

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



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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



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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

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event

MEMORANDUM

10/27/81

TO: STEPHEN STUDDERT \*\*\*\*\*  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Participate in Wreath-laying Ceremony  
at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and deliver  
address

DATE: November 11, 1981

TIME: 11:00 am

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery

REMARKS REQUIRED: yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY  
PARTICIPATION: Yes

**REMARKS REQUIRED**

\*\*\*\*\* Coordinate with Elizabeth Dole

cc: M. Brandon  
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contacted  
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NOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 11 FILE

THERE IS ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE  
IN THE WORKS ABOUT HAMILTON  
FISH PARTICIPATION IN THE  
ARLINGTON CEREMONY



Office of the  
Administrator  
of Veterans Affairs



Veterans  
Administration

AUGUST 25 1981



The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, and on behalf of this year's host organization, The Legion of Valor, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 11, as we pay our respects to those who gave to our Nation their last full measure of devotion.

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In this regard, we would be most honored if you would deliver the principal address at the Arlington ceremonies following the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11 a.m.

As you know, Mr. President, Veterans Day is the day set aside each year to honor our more than 30 million living veterans and over 14 million veterans now deceased. This is the day on which all America says "thank you" for the selfless dedication given by these veterans to their country.

We hope your busy schedule will permit you and Nancy to attend. Your appearance would bring a special significance to the meaning of this important national observance.

With warmest personal regards.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT P. NIMMO  
Administrator

*10/26/81  
Jim called  
I informed  
Nancy's office  
of the President's  
participation*

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APPROVED FOR

(T) Date. 11/11/81  
Time. 11:00 AM  
Length. 780  
Date 7/27/91 GJN

SCHUELE PROPOSAL

July 27, 1981

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

FROM: FAN SNODGRASS *JS*

REQUEST: WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE TOMB OF THE  
UNKNOWN SOLDIER WITH FORMER CONGRESSMAN  
HAMILTON FISH

PURPOSE: The President is always present for this  
traditional wreath laying ceremony at  
Arlington National Cemetery. This year,  
former Congressman Hamilton Fish has asked  
that he be present as well and lay the wreath.

BACKGROUND: Hamilton Fish is a former Congressman from  
New York. He was responsible for implementing  
the bill that was signed into legislation for the  
creation of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This  
year will mark the 60th anniversary of the  
laying of the wreath for the first time. Mr.  
Fish is 91 years old and his last wish is that  
he lay the wreath this year along side President  
Reagan whom he heavily supported, being known as  
a pillar in the Republican Party for 67 years.

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: November 11, 1981 DURATION: 60 minutes  
11:00 am

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery  
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

OUTLINE OF  
EVENT:

- The President arrives at 10:55 and is  
briefed
- Commanding General of the Military District  
of Washington will escort the President and  
Mr. Fish to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
for the wreath laying ceremony
- When the official party is in position, the  
"National Anthem" will be played
- Hamilton Fish then places the Presidential  
Wreath which is then followed by (4) muffled  
Ruffles and Taps
- At the conclusion of Taps there will be (30)  
seconds of silence



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- Commanding General Military District of Washington escorts the President to the tent adjacent to the seating area while the podium is arranged (5 minutes.)
- The President and guests will take their place on the platform and the formal Memorial Service will begin.
- The Memorial Service is conducted by the Legion of Valor of the U.S.A.
- The Memorial Service will last approximately (45) minutes.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, the President will be escorted to the Motorcade and departs.

REMARKS

REQUIRED:            Brief Remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: Press Pool and Photo Coverage

PROJECT

OFFICER:            Steve Studdert



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Date: 11/11/81

Time: 11:00

Length: 30 min

Date 10/20/81 GJN

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: From the Veterans Day National Committee and this year's host organization, The Legion of Valor, for the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to deliver the principal address.

PURPOSE: To honor the nation's veterans.

BACKGROUND: Veterans Day is the day set aside each year to honor our more than 30 million living veterans and over 14 million veterans now deceased. Many dignitaries from all three branches of government will attend.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: This is a traditional event for Presidents on Veterans Day.

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

DATE: November 11, 1981

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery.

PARTICIPANTS: See attached list.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Host-proposed Sequence of Events attached.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Prepared text. *Remarks*

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Veterans Administrator Nimmo.

OPPOSED BY: None.

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell.

# Guideline

## ARMED FORCES FULL HONOR WREATH CEREMONY (PRESIDENTIAL)

### IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY

DATE: 11 November 1981

PLACE: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery

HOST: Major General Jerry R. Curry, Commanding General, United States Army  
Military District of Washington

## Guideline

### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Dignitary enters Arlington Cemetery via Memorial Gate and proceeds to the dismount point at the East end of Otis Walk. The route will be via Roosevelt Drive and the dignitary will receive appropriate gun salute while enroute.
2. Commanding General, Military District of Washington, will greet the dignitary at the dismount point.
3. A short briefing will be conducted at that point if necessary.
4. The dignitary will be escorted through a cordon of State and Territorial Flags to a point directly below the Tomb at mall level.
5. Four Ruffles and Flourishes and the National Anthem will be played when the dignitary is in his position.
6. The dignitary will then proceed up the steps to the landing on the level of the Tomb, and at that point place the Presidential Wreath.
7. When the wreath has been placed and the dignitary is at the hosts side, four muffled ruffles and taps will be sounded.
8. Thirty seconds of silence.
9. The host will then escort the dignitary back down the steps exactly as they had proceeded up the steps and to a point to the north of the mall area to allow for the set up of the platform area for the Memorial Service. The Band will play appropriate music during set up.
10. After approximately 5 to 8 minutes, when the first landing of the East steps leading to the Tomb are properly set up, the Commanding General, Military District of Washington, will escort the dignitary to that level and the Memorial Service will proceed.
11. At the conclusion of the Memorial Service, the Commanding General will escort the dignitary back to his vehicle via the same route that he entered.



Platform Guests  
Prepared for VDNC Invitations  
Date: Sept. 81

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VETERANS DAY, 1981

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Truly the success of our Republic has been the willingness of our citizens to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, even their lives, in defense of our democratic principles. From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity.

Americans throughout this great land set aside Veterans Day for special remembrance of the men and women who have served to protect our freedom. The sound of bugles playing taps will pierce the air at countless ceremonies around the country and at our bases overseas in tribute to those who gave their lives in order to safeguard human liberty.

On this special day, our hearts and thoughts also turn to those who were disabled while serving their country. Their sacrifices and hardships endure, and daily earn anew the honor and compassion of a grateful nation.

With a spirit of pride and gratitude, we honor all our veterans, and especially those who have fought on the battlefields of Europe and the beaches of the Pacific, in the jungles and mountains of Asia, in hostile waters and skies around the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite the American people to join with me in a fitting salute on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 1981. I urge all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers.

I ask that we devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled. Let us show them through our actions that we remember and honor them. There could be no better nor more tangible expression of our gratitude.

I also call upon Federal, state, and local government officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities throughout the country. I invite the business community, churches, schools, unions, civic and fraternal organizations, and the media to support this national observance with suitable commemorative expressions and programs.

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