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### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

#### MEMORANDUM

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Robert 1. Hague - Merchant Marine Industries Post No. 1242

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July 5, 1983

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Dear Mr. President:

This is to request your participation in the American Legion Merchant Marine Achievement Trophy Award ceremony.

As announced on Maritime Day in the Port of New York, the awardee is Congressman Mario Biaggi, Chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Merchant Marine. The American Legion considers the Congressman an ideal nominee at this time when your Administration is so actively engaged in strengthening the U. S. Merchant Marine. Your participation in the event will certainly signal the public and the entire industry that our executive and legislative branches are working together to turn around the depressed state of the Merchant Marine.

You will recall having conducted a similar ceremony two years ago in the Oval office on the occasion of W. J. Amoss, Lykes Bros. Steamship Company being so honored. The affair is a brief one of fifteen minutes or so. Attached hereto for the information of your staff are background photographs and documentaries from earlier presentations. Any date that would be convenient for you is acceptable to the Congressman and ourselves.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE We look forward to your reply and trust that it will be favorable.

Respectfully yours,

Post Commander

#### Attachments

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1983

#### By the President of the United States of America

#### A PROCLAMATION

The restructuring of longstanding Federal maritime policies constitutes a high priority of my Administration.

Considerable progress has been made in removing unnecessary regulatory constraints which contribute to inefficiency and increased costs of our shipping and shipbuilding. These efforts will continue and will greatly enhance our maritime posture. Over the next few years, new generations of efficient and productive merchant ships will improve the competitiveness of our fleet.

These and other announced policy initiatives are part of my firm commitment to provide the foundation upon which to build and maintain the strong merchant marine needed to serve the Nation's waterborne commerce and national defense requirements.

In recognition of the importance of the American merchant marine, the Congress, by joint resolution of May 20 1933, designated May 22 as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance. The date was chosen to commemorate the day in 1819 when the SS SAVANNAH departed Savannah, Georgia, on the first transatlantic steamship voyage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate May 22, 1983, as the fifty-first observance of National Maritime Day. I urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on that day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

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

Ronald Reagon

1983 Maritime Day Committee

Chairman: Captain Robert E. Hart, President, Marine Index Bureau, Inc. Vice Chairman: Frederick W. Benze, Vice President, J. P. McAllister Associates

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ROBERT L. HAGUE MERCHANT MARINE
INDUSTRIES POST, No. 1242

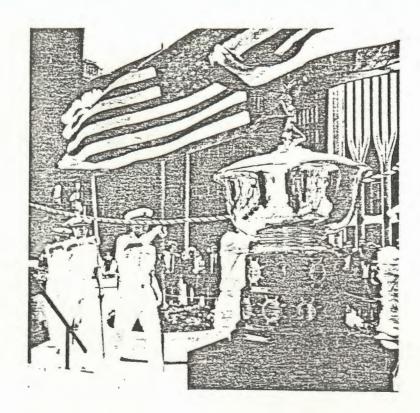


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## MARITIME DAY - 1983



Commander John V. Caffrey announced on May 21, 1983 that the next recipient for the Robert L. Hague American Merchant Marine Achievement Trophy will be Congressman Mario Biaggi.

Ceremonies took place at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.



### THE ANNUAL INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE

ROBERT HAGUE POST NO. 1242 TUESDAY, 21st JUNE 1983

Parapet Room, Officers' Club, Governors Island
Open Bar: From 5:30 P.M. Supper: From 7:00 P.M.

\$15.00 per person
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Call Mrs. Schnurr at (212) 267-2396





L. to R.: Congressman William Mailliard (R. Cal.); Senator Warren Magnussen (D. Cal.); Spyros S. Skouras, Jr., President of Prudential-Grace Lines; President Nixon; Senator Norris Cotton (R. N.H.); Past Commander Jack Keller of Robert Hague Post and Congressman Edward Garmatz (D. Md.).

#### NIXON PRESENTS TROPHY

Past Commander Jack Keller had been waiting quite a while, but he finally received the expected call from Washington that the presentation of the American Legion Merchant Marine Trophy to Spyros Skouras, Jr., President of the Prudential-Grace Line, had been arranged for Thursday, June 4th. 1970,

and that President Richard Nixon would make the presentation.

The trip to Washington was made by automobile, not to risk a valuable trophy on the vagaries of the Penn-Central, and the presentation party proceeded to the White House where the ceremony was conducted in the Reception Room beneath the battle streamers of our flag.

That's all. But the Robert Hague Post applauds a President of the United States, a man under great pressures, who thinks enough of the American Flag on the seas to lend his appearance and approval to workers in the field.

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#### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On June 19, 1962 the new slate of officers for the year 1962/63 will be installed at the Whitehall Club, 17 Battery Place at 6:30 P.M. Be sure and attend this meeting and meet the new officers and new members who will also be installed on this occasion. This will conclude the meetings until September when they will resume, as usual, so make a special effort to attend and meet your shipmates before we all go our different ways on summer vacations.

Looking back on the past year I am most gratified with the results and we will try our best to make the ensuing year even bigger and better. There is one thing that is of great concern to me and should be of concern to all of the Hague Post members — that is the rate of attrition. During this past year sixteen of our shipmates have passed away. At the June meeting we will install only eight new members. At this rate it is obvious that the Hague Post will eventually pass into obscurity and become only a memory. It is also obvious that to perpetuate the Hague Post and continue the good work we have accomplished on behalf of the American Legion and the American Merchant Marine we must get new members.

Starting right now let's all inaugurate a personal membership drive. This can be done even while you are on your summer holidays. If each member brings in one new member during the coming year we will really "have it made". Considering the prestige of the Hague Post and the interesting programs we provide, this should not be too difficult. I personally think we have something to sell in which we all believe and if one believes in his product, selling should be easy - so, let's go and "bring 'em aboard". If you find the selling hard, remember the old "Press Gangs" in the British Navy before the Revolution.

Will see you aboard at the Whitehall Club on June 19th.

Fraternally yours, Jim McQuilling

### PRESIDENT PRESENTS TROPHY TO MAGNUSON



Reading from left to right, William M. McGuire, Morton S. Bouchard, Jr., Post Commander James A. McQuilling, Henry C. Parke, Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Herbert Diesze, Wayne H. Christensen, Edward C. Holden, Jr., Nicholas P. Harvey, Paul Preus, President John F. Kennedy, Robert Patterson and National Commander Charles L. Bacon.

Washington, D. C., May 22, 1962, National Maritime Day, President John F. Kennedy received members of the American Legion, Maritime Commission and other notables at the White House for the purpose of presenting Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee with the American Merchant Marine Achievement Trophy. This trophy is sponsored by the American Legion and the New York Robert L. Hague Post as an annual Presidential Award to recognize persons, organizations or companies who have made the most significant contribution to the American Merchant Marine during the year.

Senator Maguson was awarded the Trophy in recognition of his continuous support of the American Merchant Marine in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Previous recipients of the trophy since its inception in 1956 are Senator John Marshall Butler of Maryland, Commodore John M. Anderson, U. S. Lines, Admiral John M. Will, now president of American Export Lines, Malcolm P. McLean, president of Sea-Land Shipping Company on behalf of the company, Henry C. Parke, formerly president of the National Propeller Club and head of Marine Electric Corporation, and Solon B. Turman, president of Lykes Brothers Steamship Company.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1962 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS — WHITEHALL CLUB — 17 BATTERY PLACE 6:30 P.M.



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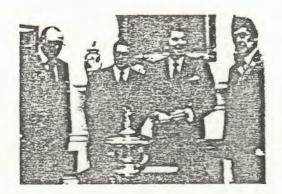
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### PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN PRESENTS HAGUE TROPHY



Commander John V. Caffrey and President Ronald Reagan.



NMU President Shannon J. Wall, Mr. James Amoss, President of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., President Ronald Reagan, Commander John V. Caffrey.

### LYKES PRESIDENT W.J. AMOSS RECEIVES AMERICAN LEGION MERCHANT MARINE AWARD

W.J. Amoss Jr., president of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc., a subsidiary of The LTV Corporation, was presented the American Legion's National Merchant Marine Award by President Ronald Reagan in a recent White House ceremony. President Reagan said Mr. Amoss was being recognized for his work in reopening U.S.-flag shipping with China, for the progress and expansion of the Lykes fleet, and for his advocacy of a strengthened merchant marine.

The award, established in 1956, is sponsored by the American Legion's Robert L. Hague Merchant Marine Industries Post in New York. It is presented only in years when a person, company, or organization is judged to have made an extraordinary contribution to the American merchant marine.

In his remarks accompanying the presentation of the award, President Reagan stressed the need for a healthy merchant marine "that can serve as a military auxiliary in time of national emergencies." In accepting the award, Mr. Amoss told President Reagan that the U.S. maritime industry is "enormously heartened by your interest in our industry. The reluctance of past administrations to define positive maritime objectives invited inter-governmental territorial squabbles that have characterized previous unsuccessful attempts at maritime reform," Mr. Amoss said.

Mr. Amoss, who has been president of Lykes since 1973 and is a vice president of The LTV Corporation, also serves as chairman of the board of governors of the National Maritime Council, an association representing U.S. shippards, shipping interests and maritime labor. In 1979, he negotiated an agreement that cleared the way for resumption of U.S.-flag shipping to China following a 30-year interruption. In March 1979, a Lykes ship became the first U.S.-flag vessel to call in China since 1949.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARITIME DAY THURSDAY, MAY 21st, 1981 TICKETS \$30.00 per person Call Irene Schnurr for reservations (212) 267-2396



Annual Meeting and Installation
June 24th, 1981
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TITLE: NATIONAL ADJUTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR

ORGANIZATION: REGULAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THE

UNITED STATES

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CITY: AUSTIN STATE: TX ZIP: 78746

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SUBJECT: OPPOSES REDUCING/ELIMINATING THE CHEESE AND

BUTTER ALLOCATION TO THE POOR, HOMELESS,

UNEMPLOYED, UNDEREMPLOYED & HUNGRY AMERICANS

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### REGULAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION



OF THE UNITED STATES (ESTABLISHED in 1800 as the U. S. MAIMED SOLDIERS LEAGUE)

JOHN W. SHANNON
NATIONAL COMMANDER
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
Twin Towers Center East
1106 Clayton Lane - 520-E
Austin, Texas 78723

An Association of active, retired, disabled and honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces of the United States

John B. Engberg, II
National Adjutant Service Director

June 30, 1983.

The Honorable Ronald Reagan, President. The White House. Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

The REGULAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES, INC., (R.V.A) protests your action in reducing/eliminating the cheese and butter allocation to the poor, homeless, unemployed, underemployed and hungry Americans.

The R.V.A. National Department and Fort. Worth Texas Post 57 has been working with the Government and local agencys in providing these items to the above people in the Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW) areas destitue, jobless and hungry Americans. Many of these were disabled veterans, unemployed veterans, young, old, male, female, minority veterans, their family and dependents. It is tragic when America stores millions of tons of food stuffs, at an outlandish price to the contractors, while Americans continue to go hungry.

Recent action by the Kansas Company storing the food, at taxpayers expense, in not allowing the media to accompany a fact finding Congressional committee is arrogrant, usurps the right of Government officials and the American public to exercise their right to know under the First Amendment, is an open defiance to the Committee and a blatant use of dictitorial powers by a Federal Contractor receiving millions of taxpayers money to hide their improper waste of money and food.

The R.V.A. calls upon you, Mr. President, to (1) direct the release of milk and butter to our organization, and others, for issue to the hungry Americans in desperate need, (2) direct the immediate termination of the Government Contractor in charge of the storing of foodstuffs, (3) direct that the R.V.A. receive both a list of the foods, amounts and date of storage of all foods in Kansas and the names of all Government Contractors and their salarys, who are presently handling the food stuffs

The R.V.A. calls upon you to denounce your cut-back and openly take action against the government officials and contractors who defy the American people.

JOHN B. ENGBERG II, O.C.H.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT/SERVICE DIRECTOR.

1309 Harrison Lane. Austin, Texas 78742

COPIES: US Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Towers, Secretary of Agriculture, Members of Congress, JJ Pickle, Jim Wright, Tom Vandergriff, Sam Hall and Texas Delegation. Speaker of the House O'Neill. House and Senate Agriculture Committees.



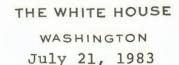
Cordially,











MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from James R. Currieo,

National Commander-in-Chief, VFW

Here is the awful letter from the head of the VFW.

There was no stone we left unturned to get the President scheduled to the VFW Convention. Fred Ryan said it came down to this: no one could be found to tell Mrs. Reagan the President would have to leave the ranch for this event.

Veterans' Administration Administrator, Harry Walters, called me at 11:00 o'clock this morning to say that he is going to ask for a meeting with the President to get him to reconsider accepting this invitation. Walters thinks it is absolutely vital for the President to be there.

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MR. JAMES R. CURRIEO TITLE: NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

ORGANIZATION: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE

UNITED STATES
STREET: VFW MEMORIAL BUILDING

200 MARYLAND AVENUE, NE

CITY: WASHINGTON STATE: DC ZIP: 20002

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

July 14, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

The greatest disappointment I have experienced during my lifetime was notification by your staff that you will be unable to keynote our 84th Annual National Convention to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 12-19, 1983. I personally feel your refusal to address our delegates was a direct slap to me and the 1.9 million members of our great organization.

I am sure you must know, Mr. President, that I have spent my entire year as National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars traveling from one end of this nation to the other speaking, literally, to hundreds of thousands of individuals and always supporting your defense and foreign policies. I must consider this as your thanks for such support. Believe me, it hurts and hurts deeply.

Again I must remind you that our members have not seen you at one of our National Conventions since our VFW Political Action Committee gave you our support in August 1980. Our membership was hurt by such lack of cooperation. They too, Mr. President, were hurt deeply.

Again, as a personal note, Mr. President, during my year as National Commander I feel my own safety was placed in jeopardy by taking time from my busy schedule to visit Central America in order to become better acquainted with that part of a troubled world and to prepare an in-depth report to my membership and to members of the Congress supporting your policies in that particular area. Apparently there are no thanks from your Administration for this endeavor.

Finally, Mr. President, I feel I had no choice but to place in writing my disappointment in your decision not to attend our Convention in order to assure there can be no misunderstanding of my position and that of my organization. There will be another day.

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JAMES R. CURRIEO

National Commander-in-Chief



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#### VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON DC 20420

July 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Honorable Edwin Meese

Mr. Craig Fuller Mr. Ed Rollins

Mr. Morton Blackwell

Harry Walters, Administrator of Veterans Affairs asked that you be provided a copy of this letter from the National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

F. C. BIDGOOD, COLONEL, USA Executive Assistant to the Administrator

Enclosure



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July 14, 1983

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The White House
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Sincerely,

JAMES R. CURRIEO

National Commander-in-Chief

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#### **REMARKS:**

Please forward comments/edits directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office, by Noon tomorrow, Friday, June 24.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

No problems. Looks five. McBlackwell

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983

First of all, Nancy and I want to wish all of you a pleasant and enjoyable holiday on this glorious Fourth of July.

As we enjoy the parades and picnics -- and the ball games -- we should also pause to reflect on the meaning of this day and on the indomitable spirit's been the driving force behind America's greatness. And nowhere is this spirit more evident than in the American willingness to volunteer -- to give our neighbors a hand when we're needed.

That's the spirit behind a program I want to tell you about -- the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, a Federally-sponsored volunteer program that encourages successful Vietnam veterans across the country to volunteer their time, effort and creative leadership to help solve the problems still faced by some of their fellow veterans.

The biggest problem addressed by these volunteers is in the area of unemployment. Millions of young Americans served proudly and well in Vietnam, giving up years of their lives to answer the country's call. They came home to an indifferent welcome and difficult economic times. The Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program helps address this problem by forging a partnership between the Government and the private sector — and especially the business community.

This partnership is exemplified by the support and cooperation of organizations like the Atlanta Braves and people like its President, Ted Turner.

You know, in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country, memorials honoring Vietnam veterans have been and are being built. These memorials are an important way for the American people to say thanks to our veterans. But there is no greater contribution Americans can make than to insure that each and every Vietnam veteran has a real opportunity to obtain employment. At this point, I want to ask employees in your State to join with the Georgia Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program and other leadership programs across the country to make sure that Vietnam veterans have a living memorial — a chance to put their discipline, loyalty and experience to work in a worthwhile job.

In closing, I would like to ask you to all join me in thanking Ted Turner and the Atlanta Braves baseball team for their part in honoring the men who served so nobly and well during the Vietnam conflict -- the men we remember this 4th of July.

Thank you and God bless you all.



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REMARKS:

RESPONSE: The President spoke earlier this year to the Legion's Mid-Winter Conference. This is only a courtesy invitation. They do not expect that the President will be able to accept. It is, however, absolutely vital that the President address the VFW Convention in New Orleans in August. We can't affort to play favorites between these two major, supportive groups:

### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

### MEMORANDUM

JUNE 16, 1983

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT:

Address - the 65th Annual National Convention

of the American Legion

DATE:

August 19-25, 1983

LOCATION: Seattle, Washington

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Regret Surrogate Message Other Accept Priority Routine

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

Sarah Long

# 145880

The American Legion

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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER MIS (24-25)

June 9, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

The 65th Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be held in Seattle, Washington, August 19-25, 1983. It is my pleasure to extend this formal and most cordial invitation to you to address the delegates and guests of our National Convention during the opening session on Tuesday, August 23.

Additional sessions of our convention will be held on August 24 and 25. If either of these dates would be more compatible to your schedule, the time and date of your appearance on our program would be arranged at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

AL KELLER, JR.

National Commander

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 24, 1983

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TO: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM:

DEBBIE HUTTON() Speakers Bureau

SUBJECT:

SPEAKERS REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event:

Eataan Memorial Parade

Date:

September 11, 1983

Location: Maywood, IL

Background: See attached correspondence.

If no surrogate is recommended, would it be appropriate

for a message to be sent from the President?

Yes No\_\_\_\_

RECOMMEND ACCEPT

RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE STAFF

RECOMMEND REGRET

RECOMMEND CABINET MEMBER

RECOMMEND SUB-CABINET MEMBER

COMMENTS:

Your response is needed by: July 1, 1983.

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### THE WHILL HOUSE

February 16, 1983

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your request for a representative from the Administration to be the Grand Parade Marshal in the Bataan Memorial Parade on the 11th of September has been forwarded to me.

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

Thank you for your interest, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this parade.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Fond Director Speakers Bureau

Mr. Jesse O. Jones
President
Maywood Civic and Veterans'
Association for the Preservation of Bataan Day
Post Office Box 285
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for inviting him to be the Grand Parade Marshal in the Bataan Memorial Parade to be held on Sunday, September 11 in Maywood, Illinois.

Although he would like to join you, the President's heavy schedule precludes his doing so. With regard to your request for a surrogate, I am forwarding your message to the Speakers Burgan and they will be in touch with you regarding the possibility of a representative.

In the meantime, the President has asked me to express his gratitude for your thoughtfulness in writing and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM K. SAPIDIR Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Jesse O. Jones

President

Maywood Civic and Veterans' Association

for the Preservation of Bataan Day

Post Office Box 285

Maywood, 17 50153

cc: w/inc copy to Judy Pond

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### CAYWOOD CIVIC AND VETERANS' ASSOCIATE R

# FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BATAAN DAY P. O. BOX 285 MAYWOOD, ILL. 60153

January 19, 1983

Ronald Reagan President of the United States White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C.

My Dear Commander in Chief:

This the forty first year since the fall of Fataan, the village of Maywood, Illinois will hold its annual "Bataan Memorial Farade", honoring those brave men who gave their all in the infamous "Bataan Death March "and prison camps. We also hower those who died in the other prison camps around the world, and this includes those of Korea and Viet Nam. We also hinor the men who survived those prison camps and there are quite a few who come from all over the United States to participate.

We know of your very busy schedule and of the security that you must have but we again extend to you the invation to be our. Grand Parade Marshal for this years parade, which will be held on the second Sunday of September, September 11th, 1983.

If you cannot attend would it be possible for you to assign a member of your staff to represent you? Could your color guard be sent? we need some kind of representation as the people of the area ask why we get no one. This is the only place in the United States to hold a memorial for the Ex-Prisoners of War.

Enclosed is a copy of a news release, which will explain what and why we hold this annual event. I do not know if this will get into your hands but if it does I feel sure that you will give our request your every consideration.

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ery Truly Yours

Jesse O. Jones President

cc: file

HONORING BATAAN SURVIVORS
AND ALL EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

On April the 9th, 1942, the Japanese took control of the Bataan peninsula when Major General Edward P. king Jr. surrendered the men that so galantly tried to hold on to this small piece of land in the Philippines. With the surrender, started one of the most inhuman treatments of prisoners of war, which men have been forced to endure. It was labled the "Bataan Death March", a forced march, which out of the 76,000 of sick and tired men who started this trail of blood, only 54,000 reached the prisoner of war camp at its end.

In this group of ill equipped men there was a company of men, Company B, 192nd tank battalion. This company orginated in Maywood, Illinois, composed of men from Maywood, Proviso Township and some from Chicago. With the news of their capture the beginning of what is known as Bataan Day was started.

Forty years ago this memorial was started with a parade down 5th Avenue in Maywood and every year since, with the exception of last year, the memorial has been held. Last year the Maywood Civic and Veterans Association decided not to hold a parade after the remaining 192nd survivors thought that it should be discontinued and raising the funds to finance the parade, which is totally presented by donations from the public, are getting harded to raise.

In September of 1964, a large group of Bataan survivors met at a dinner held at the O'Hare Inn, which about 1000 people attended. The speaker of the evening was Representive Harold Collier who was at that time the representive from our district, he inturn went back to congress with what the people of Maywood were doing and congress then set aside the second Sunday of September each year as Bataan Day.

The orginal group who started the memorial was the Maywood Veterans Consul who in 1973 could no longer get the needed help decided to call it quits. At this time a group of concerened civic leaders and veterans picked up where they left off and continued with the memorial. The new group, the Maywood Civic and Veterans Association for the Preservation of Bataan Day, has carried on the tradition since.

In 1974, the Association voted to include all bataan survivors as well as all ex-prisoners of wars this great nation has been forced to fight. This action has increased the attendence at the memorial.