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Events File

*Veterans  
Day  
1981*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

10/27/81

MEMORANDUM

TO: STEPHEN STUDDERT \*\*\*\*\*  
FROM: GREGORY *JS* 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

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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

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WASHINGTON

APPROVED FOR

(T) Date. 11/11/21  
Time. 11:00 AM  
Length. 780

Date 7/27/91 GJN

SCHEDULE 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

APPROVED FOR

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. *Remain*

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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M.F.  
HAMILTON FISH  
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July 9, 1981

Hon. Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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I know that you make your plans well in advance, so I am writing to you, rather than to have many of my friends do so, that I would appreciate it if you would arrange to have me place a wreath, along with you, on the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I on November 11, 1981, as I did sixty years ago.

I was the author of the bill that was ratified by both the House and the Senate, and was the last signed by Woodrow Wilson on March 4, 1921, to bring back the body of an unknown American for burial at the amphitheatre at Washington. I was authorized by the War Department to place the only wreath on the grave of the unknown soldier, representing all of our Armed Forces in World War I. In placing the wreath on the Unknown's tomb I had this to say: On behalf of the ex-servicemen of the Republic, I reverently place this wreath on the Tomb of our unknown comrade in arms who paid the supreme sacrifice that we might live at peace with all the world.

During the 25 years I served in Congress, while on the Foreign Affairs and Rules Committees of the House of Representatives, I invariably did everything in my power to promote and preserve peace with all nations. I still urge the immediate strengthening of our nuclear defense so no nation would dare attack the United States.

I have received many honors, but I would appreciate it deeply to represent World War I veterans in placing a wreath on the grave of the Unknown on its 60th anniversary.

Wishing you continued health and successful efforts to strengthen our nuclear defense not only for our own country, but for peace throughout the world.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Ham*  
Hamilton Fish

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1981

TO: Maureen Hudson Room 60

FROM: Kathy Christiansen  
Morton Blackwell's  
office Room 191 x.2657

Please type the following letter on White HOuse stationary to these Veterans commanders/presidents. We do not need carbons. Return to us for Morton's signature. Prepare labels for the envelope. Please try to have completed by November 6. Thank you very much.

Sent

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1981

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- no carbons  
- labels  
- need by 11/6

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:  
(title) (last name)

Enclosed is a copy for you of the President's proclamation for Veterans Day, 1981.

We certainly enjoy working with your organization and look forward to a continued, strong relationship with you.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant/to the President

Name (title + first name and last name )  
Organization  
Address

cc. Enclosure

The AMERICAN LEGION  
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DATE: 9/21/81

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/28/81

SUBJECT: Veterans Day, 1981

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Remarks:

Any comments on this proposed proclamation?

Allen W. Locke for  
Richard G. Darman  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ  
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR *MJH*  
SUBJECT: VETERANS DAY, 1981

Enclosed is a proposed proclamation for Veterans Day, 1981.

The Administrator, Veterans Administration, in his capacity as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, requests issuance of this proclamation early in September in order to permit timely distribution of materials to schools, State Chairpersons, etc., who are arranging this year's observances.

Although there is no statute which specifically calls for a Veterans Day proclamation, one has been issued each year since 1954.

The proposed proclamation has been retyped in this office to reflect a minor editorial change and in the standard format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

VETERANS DAY, 1981  
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

None among us deserve more respect than the millions of patriotic men and women who have worn our Nation's uniform to preserve America's freedom and world peace.

Our armed forces veterans have earned a special day in which you and I may focus on their heroic accomplishments. For their unselfish devotion to duty, Congress established Veterans Day as a national expression of gratitude. On this historic occasion, our hearts and minds should be with our living veterans and their deceased comrades who have contributed so much to the defense of our country's ideals.

From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, these valiant citizens have answered the call to service with honor and dignity. None are more worthy of a tribute from a grateful Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite everyone in our great land to join with me in a fitting salute on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 1981. To recognize their valor, I urge all Americans to show their appreciation through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers of thanks.

We should give special consideration to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and remember them by visiting them at home or in our hospitals. There is no better tangible expression of our gratitude.

I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials to arrange for the display of the flag of the

United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities throughout the country. The business community, churches, schools, unions, civic and fraternal organizations and the media should take the lead in supporting 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.

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# Veterans Day 1981

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DECEMBER 11 1981

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I appreciate your generous support of this year's Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. It was a very special occasion and the patriotic response to the program was most welcome.

For several years now, the theme for Veterans Day has been "A grateful Nation remembers" and by your sincere interest and participation you have helped perpetuate that noble ideal. On behalf of the Veterans Day National Committee and all America's veterans, we thank you.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. NIMMO  
Chairman



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