

DOLE: Rescuer didn't know who he was until 40 years later

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He dragged Dole 50 yards back to American lines, where Dole was given a shot of morphine. Carafa's assistant platoon sergeant, Stan Kuschik, used Dole's own blood to trace an "M" on his forehead, a signal to medics not to give him a second, fatal dose.

No other presidential candidate can match the war hero record of Dole, who is timing his entry into the 1996 race to the anniversary of his brush with death. The Senate majority leader officially announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in Topeka Monday.

At Dole's campaign events, there are frequent references to his war years and the uncompromising personal test he endured. His Washington campaign headquarters displays a large photo of young soldier Dole grinning beneath his helmet.

Dole, who was awarded a Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and two Purple Hearts for his service, often describes his presidential campaign as "one more mission" for the aging World War II generation and says last year's D-Day anniversary heightened his interest in running.

"When I'm asked questions, I respond, but I'm not out talking about my war injury," he said. But he added: "If somebody evades the service, I wouldn't look kindly on that. But not everybody has to go get shot at." GOP candidates Lamar Alexander and Phil Gramm both had Vietnam-era student deferments, as did President Clinton.

For most people, the only visible sign of Dole's injury is the permanently clenched right fist, in which he clasps a pen. He can barely move that arm, which is noticeably shorter than his left, and he keeps the pen there to discourage people from shaking his right hand.

"Everything he does is with one hand," said his wife, American Red

Cross President Elizabeth Dole. "Putting on a pair of socks. Tying a tie. Being forced to confront disability and fears of being an invalid left a permanent mark on Dole's personality, his wife said.

"It builds an inner strength, an ability to deal with tough problems and move on," Mrs. Dole said. "He also has compassion, a sensitivity to the needs of other people."

Erwin Hargrove, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University, said Dole's World War II story might cut both ways with voters.

"It just reminds them that he's old," Hargrove said of the 71-year-old senator. "But it may attract people. The thing people are impressed about with Bob Dole — he has incredible tenacity as a human being."

Dole spent three years in and out of hospitals, fighting infection and paralysis that slowly went away, and struggling to regain use of his arms. During the long agonizing recovery, one hospital bridge partner was fellow patient Daniel Inouye.

The two future U.S. senators had been wounded a week apart fighting the Germans in Italy, barely a month before the 1945 Nazi surrender in World War II. While Inouye had lost his right arm, Dole was suffering even more.

"He was obviously one of the worst-wounded patients in the hospital," Inouye, a Hawaii Democrat, recalled. "Anyone who can go through a 12-hour day of almost constant pain ... it gave him unlimited drive, and perseverance, and patience."

Finally, a series of operations in 1947 — financed in part by small donations from people in Dole's hometown of Russell — gave him partial use of his right arm.

Until a few years ago, Carafa didn't

know the man he had rescued had become a prominent politician. Dole had joined the unit as a replacement officer only a few weeks before he was wounded, and Carafa was bad with names.

"I only knew first names. When I came home, I thought my platoon leader's name was Doyle," he said.

After the war, Carafa started his own home remodeling business, then went to work in the maintenance department of Westchester County, N.Y. He is still working there.

At a 10th Mountain Division reunion in 1986, Dole was the featured speaker. "All of a sudden he started to speak and tells the audience he'd like to recognize a certain party, without whom he wouldn't be here today. And he introduced me. That's when I realized who he was," Carafa said. "Since then, I have been watching politics pretty close."



Bob Dole, far left without a helmet, poses with his platoon during World War II. Dole's official entry into the 1996 presidential race is timed with the 50th anniversary of his wounding April 14, 1945, near Castel d'Aino, Italy.

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Bob DOLE
By KRISTEN L. HAYS
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Dole slams Hollywood for violence and sex

DES MOINES, Iowa — Bob Dole sounded more like a former vice president Tuesday than an aspiring president.

On campaign stops in Des Moines and Columbus, Ohio, the Senate majority leader appealed to social conservatives in the Republican Party, sharply attacking Hollywood for "putting profit above common decency."

In words reminiscent of former Vice President Dan Quayle's "Murphy Brown" speech on family values during the 1992 campaign, Dole urged the American people to fight back against an entertainment industry that he said "poisons the minds of our young people" with images of casual sex and casual violence.

"Shame is a powerful tool," Dole, R-Kan., said at a campaign rally in Iowa, whose caucuses he won in 1988. "Let's put the heat on the entertainment industry where it belongs. We must hold Hollywood accountable for putting profit ahead of common decency. There's got to be a limit."

Dole asserted that the entertainment industry "ridicules" family values.

"Our music, movies and advertising regularly push the limits of decency, bombarding our children with destructive messages of casual violence and even more casual sex," he said.

In Columbus, Ohio, his first campaign stop on the second day of his presidential candidacy announcement tour, Dole arrived primed and ready to take the large Midwestern city by storm.

Enthusiasm spilled over from the crowd of more than 2,000 Ohio Republicans packed into Iowa's limestone and granite Statehouse. Those who couldn't fit in the space between the stage and the rear platform full of reporters and



At his second campaign stop of the day Tuesday, Sen. Bob Dole waved at supporters through the drizzle at the Des Moines, Iowa, airport.

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High flier off to 'good start'

By KRISTEN L. HAYS
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BOARD THE LEADER'S SHIP — Flying somewhere between Columbus, Ohio, and Des Moines, Iowa, Bob Dole, front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, ventured to the back of his campaign airplane to face information-hungry reporters.

"How are you doing back here?" a relaxed Dole asked as numerous mini-tape recorders were held close to his mouth. "Plenty of room? Plenty of food?"

Aboard Dole's plane, called The Leader's Ship, this audience — including reporters from CNN, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Associated Press and "Meet the Press" — didn't want to talk food or comfort. Business is business, and Dole easily responded to questions in his trademark deep voice that barely rose above the din of the plane's engines.

"There's no doubt, we're off to a good start," Dole said of the second day in his four-day presidential

announcement tour that by Friday will have swept through 11 cities in 10 states in four days.

Dole attributed the momentum to a talented 30-member campaign team. One of the downfalls of his unsuccessful presidential runs in 1980 and 1988 was disorganization from the inside. Not this time, he said.

"When people show up," he said of crowds at speaking events, "it makes you feel good. We've got a good campaign team. We're still growing."

Wearing navy slacks, a starched light blue shirt and a navy and red print tie, Dole waved off questions of whether he is flip-flopping on issues in order to court far-right conservatives expected to side with his main GOP contender, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas.

Yes, he favors school prayer, but only if it is voluntary.

"I don't want dictated prayer," he said. "I don't want somebody deciding what prayer

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Russell meets the press — The "Meet the Press" show that Bob Dole will tape Saturday in Russell came about because of a bet on the 1993 Super Bowl. Host Tim Russert, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., told Dole he'd have to come to Buffalo if the Bills won. Dole liked Dallas — he noted the Kansas City Chiefs were his favorite — and said Russert would have to tape a show in Kansas if the Cowboys won.

Russert lost. So about 400 people will get a chance to view the taping at Ruppenthal Middle School in Russell and then ask questions as part of the journalists' roundtable that ends each show. Dole himself won't take questions from the audience.

It will mark Dole's 53rd appearance on "Meet the Press," by far the most of any guest in history.

Former Minnesota Sen. Hubert Humphrey is next with 25 appearances.

A city crowd — Some among the crowd at the Kansas ExpoCenter to hear Dole's announcement speech Monday were paid for being there.

A letter sent to city department heads by Mayor Butch Felker last week encouraged them to let as many employees as possible have time off to attend the event.

"Governor Graves and I are honored the senator has chosen Topeka as his first city to begin the nationwide announcement tour," Felker wrote.

"Topeka will be the focal point of the nation as the local and national media will cover the event. I am encouraging all departments and divisions to invite their employees to

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Dole attacks entertainment industry



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No information was available Monday as to how many city employees took the time off. All city offices were open for business during the time of the event.

Mike Matson, Gov. Bill Graves' press secretary, said the governor didn't make the same offer to state employees.



Another Kansan on the ticket — This may be Dole's week, but a poem published in Sunday's Washington Post promoted another Kansan — Sen. Nancy Kassebaum — on a presidential ticket that included Colin Powell.

The poem, signed by "Publius T. Patriot," reads:

*The field is crowded,
Bob, Phil and Lamar,
and no doubt each
would be fine.
But none of their tickets
is nearly as strong
as this one, which I
claim as mine.
Yes, Nancy and Colin
could make a team*

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photographers were jammed into upper balconies, as all waved signs cheering, "We want Dole! We want Dole!"

The stage was flanked with Ohio leaders who have pledged their support to the 71-year-old Dole, including Gov. George Voinovich, Reps. John Kasich and Deborah Pryce, and state legislative leaders. Red, white and blue balloons encased in plastic hung from the skylighted ceiling, awaiting their cue to drop onto the crowd.

And the band from nearby Pinkerton High School let it be known the school recently produced "West Side Story" as the band rocked the crowd with the show's familiar tunes, including "In America."

Not even "technical difficulties" because of a TelePrompTer that had the pages of Dole's planned speech upside down could dampen the spirit or drain the energy.

Answering the crowd's demand, Dole emerged from behind a blue curtain on his way to the stage, about a foot behind his wife, American Red Cross president Elizabeth Dole. She turned to face him. He smiled at her, punched his left arm into the air in a "go get 'em" fashion, and slipped that arm around his wife's waist as they faced a friendly crowd.

The front-runner for the GOP nomination internalized the crowd's energy, departing from the first day's speech by adding humor as well as spice with a few slams at President Clinton.

He joked that reading his speech upside down from the defective TelePrompTer made it "sound pretty good, and if it doesn't make sense to you, we'll send you a transcript."

Dole told Ohioans his childhood in Russell, Kan., through the Great Depression taught him that self-reliance is "something I learned the hard way. I believe the American people want experience. Stability. Someone who knows extremists."

He recalled the 1992 election, when Clinton campaigned on a promise to bring change. More than two years later as a presidential candidate himself, Dole is challenging Clinton's commitment to that promise. He charged that since he was elected, Clinton:

■ Cut the "drug czar" budget.

■ Sharply curtailed efforts to prevent drugs from entering the United States from foreign countries.

■ "Abdicated the moral leadership we so desperately need."

"No president should ever appoint a surgeon general who believes the best way to fight illegal drugs is to legalize them," he said of Clinton's first choice of Joycelyn Elders as surgeon general, who he later fired.

"Next he'll campaign on change at all costs," Dole said. "He doesn't want any change. He only wants to talk about change."

In Dole's eyes, change means transferring federal governmental power to the states, voluntary prayer in schools, a balanced federal budget hand in hand with tax cuts and elimination of federal funding for the National Endowment of the Arts and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

"As county attorney in Russell, I signed my grandparents' welfare checks when they were caught up in the Dust Bowl days," the welfare-reform advocate acknowledged. But in the last several decades, welfare has grown "out of control" and needs less federal intervention and more state control to be a better system, he said.

Ohio's stop had a personal note. Dole was met by a group of World War II veterans who served in the 10th Mountain Division — a unit of which Dole led as a 21-year-old Army lieutenant

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Did taxpayers foot part of bill for Dole's rally?

State employees had OK to attend

By MIKE SHIELDS
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TOPEKA — The chairman of the Kansas Democratic Party wants to know how much it cost taxpayers to allow government employees to attend Monday's kickoff of U.S. Sen. Bob Dole's campaign for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

There were an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 people at the highly publicized event held at a Topeka concert arena and it is anyone's guess how many of them flocked from nearby offices of state government.

"Taxpayers should not become unsuspecting donors to the Bob

Dole campaign," said Kansas Democratic Chairman Dennis Langley. "If it is necessary to pay people to turn out a crowd, then let the Dole campaign staff stand at the entrance and pass out twenty dollar bills to all those who enter."

Langley made public a memo issued April 6 by supervisors at the Kansas Revenue Department. The memo alerted revenue workers to the campaign rally and said they could attend without loss of pay.

A spokesman for Gov. Bill Graves' Republican administration said the memo was issued in

response to queries from state employees who had asked if they could leave their duties to attend the "historic" event. Mike Matson, Graves' press secretary, said workers were given no special consideration because it was a Dole event.

Graves stood on the podium with Dole at the rally and made introductory remarks before Dole came on stage. Matson said time off also would have been allowed had the rally been for President Bill Clinton or Arlen Specter, another Republican presidential hopeful with Kansas roots.

"We consider Langley's charges for exactly what they are," Matson said. "It is in his best interest

to make Sen. Dole look bad. We realize he is just playing politics with this."