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KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 13 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) tonight saluted the achievements of the military, "at a time when it has become a popular pastime to harass and criticize them."

Dole spoke before the Kansas City Royals-Detroit Tigers baseball game at Municipal Stadium where 60 Kansas Navy officers were sworn in as supporters of the Royals team.

Pointing out nearly 50,000 Kansas boys are serving in the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force with over 7,000 in South Vietnam, he said, "Their efforts have not been without sacrifice. Over 425 Kansans have lost their lives in Vietnam with over twice that number of Missourians killed in action."

"From the grand achievements of General Eisenhower to the all-important support of the common seaman or private, Kansans have served their nation with distinction in the armed services," Dole added.

"Americans are a great people with great tradition and great hopes and prospects for the future," he said. "Our achievements as a nation are due in no small part to the dedication of the military."