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Sen. Bob Dole Lives an Outstanding Life

Recognized as one of America's towering political figures, Sen. Bob Dole has a distinguished record of public service that spans four decades.

A decorated and wounded combat veteran of World War II, Bob

lator and Russell County attorney.

He is currently Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate.

Leadership

Currently in his fourth term as the Senate Republican Leader,

performance and ability to use power that Senate leaders in the foreseeable future will be judged."

Sacrifices

During the second World War, Bob Dole was a platoon leader in

end of World War II, he attended The University of Arizona at Tucson two years. He later attended Washburn University in Topeka, where he received his law degree in 1952.

While still a student at Washburn, Dole was elected state representative from Russell County. After graduation, he returned to Russell with his wife, Phyllis.

In 1952, Dole was elected Russell County attorney, a position he held for four terms — eight years.

To Congress in 1961

Dole was elected to the United States House of Representatives in November, 1960. He served there four terms (eight years) until 1968, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He has been a senator for 22½ years, and the senior senator from Kansas for the past 12½ years.

He served as national chairman of the Republican Party from 1971 until 1973 and was selected by then-President Gerald R. Ford as his running mate in the summer of 1976, at the Grand Old Party's national Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Beaten by Carter, Mondale

In the hard-fought 1976 campaign, the Ford-Dole ticket was beaten by the Democratic ticket of Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale.

In the Senate, Dole became chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, where he headed a broad range of tax, health, trade and financial matters. He also served on the Judicial Committee, the Rules Committee, and was a senior member of the Agriculture and Forest Committee.

Becomes Majority Leader

In the formation of the 1985 Congress, Dole became Senate Majority Leader for a time.

Dole and his first wife, Phyllis, were divorced in 1972 after 23 years of marriage. He and Elizabeth Hanford Dole have been married for 15½ years.

Mrs. Dole has a degree from Harvard Law School. She has served as U.S. secretary of labor, secretary of transportation, a Federal Trade commissioner, and as special liaison in the Reagan White House, among other offices. When she was secretary of transportation, she oversaw 62,500 employees and a yearly budget of \$27 billion. She was the first woman to head a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Coast Guard.

On National Ticket

In 1976, candidates Ford and Dole came to Russell the day after the close of the Republican National Convention in Kansas City. An appearance on the Russell County Courthouse lawn here within view of the second-floor window of Dole's former office as county attorney, opened the '76 campaign.

About 6,000 people attended the spur-of-the-moment appearance here, including a full complement of the Washington, D.C., press corps which had been in Kansas City covering the convention.

Campaigns Launched Here

Dole's ambition to become the Republican nominee for presi-

dent in 1980 was also launched in Russell, in May, 1979, from a public platform at Eighth and Maple streets, almost on the steps of the City Building.

Dole launched his bid for the 1988 presidential nomination here on Nov. 9, 1987, from a platform at Eighth and Main streets.

Much of Dole's family still lives here. That includes his brother Kenneth, and sister, Gloria (Mrs. Larry Nelson). Another sister, Mrs. Norma Jean Steele, lives in Derby.

Man of Many Activities

Sen. Dole's activities include: Republican National Commit-

tee chairman, January 1971-January 1973; Advisor, U.S. delegation to United Nations Food and Agriculture Conference, Rome, Italy, 1975;

Member, Congressional delegation to survey food crisis in India at request of President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1966; con-

gressional delegation to study Arab Refugee problem, Middle East, 1967;

Past president, Washburn Alumni Association and Kansas County Attorneys Association; past lieutenant-governor, Kansas; Chairman of Russell

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SEN. BOB DOLE, at right, and his wife, Elizabeth Dole. Dole is the United States Senate Minority (Republican) Leader, and Mrs. Dole is president of The American Red

Cross. She also is a former secretary of labor and of transportation, and a former member of the Federal Trade Commission, as well as having held other high and important offices.

Dole was born and reared in Russell, on the plains of Western Kansas. This tough, commonsense conservative from America's heartland has experience few can match: He has been the Senate Majority Leader, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a two-time candidate for president, his party's nominee for vice president, a member of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the National Republican Party, a state legis-

Bob Dole is the president's point man on Capitol Hill, a job the Kansas Republican has handled so effectively, President Bush said, "I count my blessings that he's Leader in the Senate for our party. He's been a great Republican Leader, as great as any in the past."

As one of only 15 Americans to serve as Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Dole won praise nationwide, and according to Congressional Quarterly, "it is against his

the legendary Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. In 1945, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield and was later twice decorated for heroic achievement. His decorations include two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oakleaf Cluster.

Family.

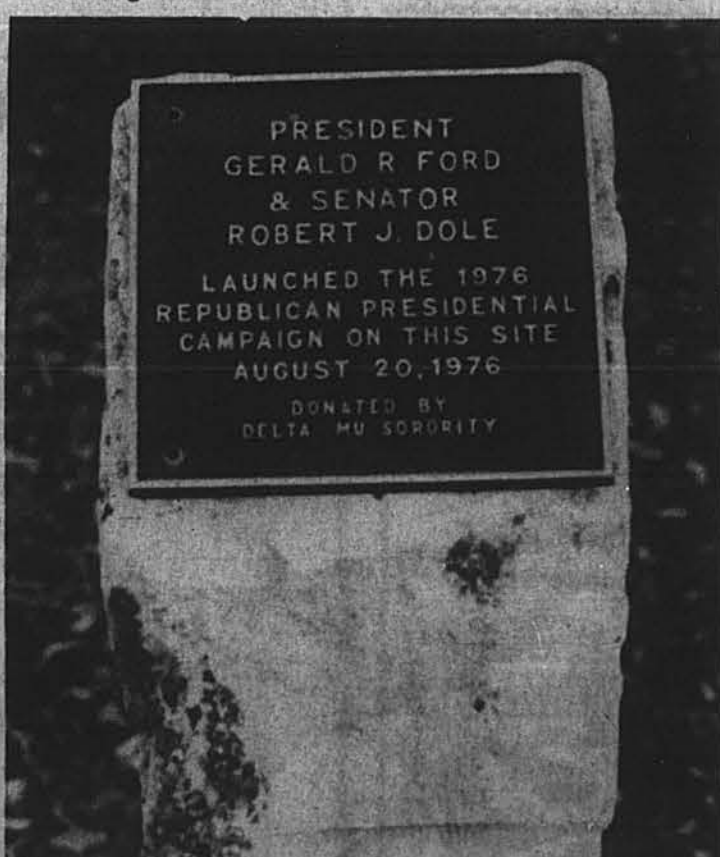
Senator Dole was born in Russell on July 22, 1923. He is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, president of the American Red Cross. Dole also has a daughter, Robin, 36, from his first marriage, who lives in Washington, D.C.

Dole, 67, is a 1941 graduate of Russell High School. He is a son of the late Doran R. and Bina Dole of Russell. He was born in the family home. His father was a restaurant owner, grain elevator manager and ran a milk and egg station here.

Attends KU Two Years

He attended The University of Kansas for two years before entering military service. Twice wounded, he was hospitalized for 39 months after being hit by machine-gun fire in the Po Valley in Italy.

Returning to Russell after the



THIS HISTORICAL MARKER, located on the south side of the entrance sidewalk to the Russell County Courthouse, marks the spot where President Gerald R. Ford and Sen. Robert J. Dole started their 1976 campaign for the White House. When Dole was picked by Ford as his running mate, the senator made the president promise that they would launch their campaign here. Delta Mu sorority donated the sign. (Staff Photo)



HOSPITAL PATIENT — Bob Dole is pictured in a hospital bed, recovering from the serious war wounds he received during World War II as he led an attack on a German stronghold in Italy. Dole was hospitalized 39 months and underwent surgery several times. After he was hit, all four of his limbs were paralyzed. After languishing for six months in a veterans hospital in Topeka, Dole found his right

shoulder still paralyzed and he had deep injuries to his spine, but worse, the muscles of both upper arms had been allowed to atrophy grotesquely. His right hand was crabbed, and his left one was nearly as useless. Active exercises were ordered. Doctors shook their heads. They did not expect Lt. Dole to live.

Bob Dole Had to Learn To Come From Behind

Sen. Robert J. "Bob" Dole has known what it is to come from behind to claim victory. In high school, he was a runner, and a good one, and he was tall and quick and a leader on the basketball team. He was an end on the football squad, using his height and speed to advantage. At The University of Kansas, Dole was a "walk-on" for legendary coach Phog Allen's basketball team and a member of the football and track squads, and he nearly broke the indoor record in the quarter-mile.

In 1943, when he was 20, Dole stood 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighed 192 pounds. He worked for Kaw Pipe Line Company one summer for conditioning.

The hard times of Dole's formative years seemed to fade in importance when compared to the sudden, stunning, tragic day, April 14, 1945, when during Operation Craftsmen, a spring offensive with the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division in Italy, he was seriously wounded by mortar and machine-gun fire as he carried a wounded soldier over his shoulder to safety. Dole was hit and fell. His companion was killed on the battlefield.

For 39 months, in a succession

of hospitals, he fought back, overcoming tremendous physical ailments in spite of gloomy prognoses.

His ordeal included hours at the 15th Evacuation Hospital, where the consensus was that he would die. He was "paralyzed in all four extremities," according to a report. Transferred two days later to the 70th General Hospital in Casablanca, in northern Africa, he wrote to his parents, optimistic about slight improvements. On June 12, 1945, Dole entered Winter General Hospital at Topeka.

He visited home here once on a

stretcher. He weighed only 120 pounds, excluding his cast.

Dole's injuries included a fractured right clavicle, scapula, and penetration to the fourth cervical vertebra. It was this vertebra which tilted out of position, shocking the spinal cord.

At Winter General, his condition worsened. His mother was told he had just hours to live. His temperature reached 108.7 degrees. A loss of bladder function resulted in kidney infection and kidney stones, and a kidney was removed on July 11, 1945. By September, he had regained use

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ALL SMILES, Bob Dole is sporting his high school senior suit as he posed on the front porch of the Dole home here with his mother, Bina, in the rear, and sister Gloria.



DOLE FOR PRESIDENT — Russell became prime time on Monday, Nov. 9, 1987, when a local man, Sen. Robert J. Dole, announced his intention

to seek the Republican nomination for president of the United States. The 25-minute announcement attracted more than 8,000 people to Eighth and Main.