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KANSAS VIETNAM VETERANS PROGRAM PRODUCED POSITIVE RESULTS SAY SENATORS

WASHINGTON-- A unique program designed to find jobs for Vietnam-era veterans "produced gratifying results" according to Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Landon Kassebaum.

Dole and Kassebaum initiated the program, designed to get private industry to pledge jobs for Vietnam veterans, to coincide with Vietnam Veterans Week, May 28 - June 3. Working with the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) and utilizing their Kansas offices as clearinghouses, the Senators from the Sunflower State were able to obtain pledges from over 30 companies for a total of more than 140 new jobs for veterans.

"This was a wonderful effort and we are very proud to have been able to play a part," said Mack McKinney, Director of Government Affairs for NCOA. The pledges have been turned over to NCOA for processing.

'REAL JOBS'

The jobs pledged are, according to Senator Dole, "real jobs. We stipulated that the job must be pledged for at least a year's duration. They come from the private sector and are not simply 'make work' positions, which, too often, are dead-end jobs," Dole added.

Dole indicated that the jobs pledged ranged from \$3.25 an hour to \$18,000 per year

Some of the firms who participated included: Bulger Cadillac, Wichita; Great Bend Industries, Great Bend; Star Electric Supply, Wichita; Saunders, Inc., Wichita; Dibbles Food Stores, Topeka; Seed-Siebart Agency, Salina; Drywall Construction, Topeka; Wilde Tool Co., Inc., Hiawatha; Acme Foundry Coffeyville; and others.

"We are still accepting pledges, even though our program officially ran out today," said Dole. "I do want to thank those business that have participated. By giving these vets a job, they will do much to bring them into full participation in American life," he added.