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NEWS

U. S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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DOLE TO BE FIRST PERSON IN TWELVE YEARS TO RECEIVE HIGHEST HONOR
FROM MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART;
PRESENTATION CEREMONY: 10:30 AM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
S-230 U.S. CAPITOL

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) WILL BE THE FIRST RECIPIENT IN TWELVE YEARS -- AND ONLY THE EIGHTH RECIPIENT EVER -- OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDALLION OF MERIT, THE HIGHEST HONOR AWARDED BY THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART.

THE MEDALLION OF MERIT WILL BE PRESENTED TO SENATOR DOLE BY MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NATIONAL COMMANDER JOSEPH HEMS IN A CEREMONY IN THE SENATOR'S U.S. CAPITOL OFFICE (ROOM S-230) AT 10:30 AM ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH. THE MEDALLION IS BEING PRESENTED TO SENATOR DOLE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS "YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF OUR ARMED SERVICES AND OUR VETERANS."

THE MEDALLION OF MERIT IS MADE OF SOLID GOLD AND BEARS THE LIKENESS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AS WELL AS HIS FAMILY COAT OF ARMS.

THE SENATOR IS A COMBAT VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II WHOSE DECORATIONS INCLUDE TWO PURPLE HEARTS. THE PURPLE HEART LAPEL BUTTON IS A FAMILIAR SIGHT ON THE LEFT LAPEL OF SENATOR DOLE'S JACKET. THE MEDALLION OF MERIT IS PRESENTED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DECORATED WITH THE PURPLE HEART, AS WELL AS TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT.

THE SEVEN PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDALLION OF MERIT ARE:

BOB HOPE -- 1966
JOHN FORD -- 1967
CLIFFORD A. PARMENTER -- 1972
PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON -- 1972
RICHARD P. GOLICK -- 1974
REP. OLIN E. TEAGUE -- 1974
HAROLD RUSSELL -- 1979

INTERESTED MEDIA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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