

MEMORANDUM
MAY 24, 1990

SUBJECT: CEREMONY TO HONOR FOUR DECADES OF AMERICAN MILITARY
HEROISM

DATE: MAY 24, 1990

TIME: 10:25 TO 11:00

LOCATION: EAST FACE OF CAPITOL, ON THE CENTER STEPS

SUMMARY OF THE EVENT:

AND Families, widows, etc

The event will honor the U.S. Military Veterans who served from 1950 to 1990. There will be approximately 350 representatives including veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War and other military operations over the last 40 years, such as the Iranian Rescue Mission, those serving in Beirut, Philippines, Panama and the Persian Gulf.

* AT 10:15, Senate and House Members will meet in the rotunda of the Capitol. At 10:30, the Congressional Members will walk down the center steps of the East Face, where the leadership will stay on the first landing and the other Members will join the 350 representatives seated in front of the center steps. The leadership will then each make a brief statement to last 2-3 minutes.

* There will then be the presentation to of the Colors, followed by the following order:

1. Invocation by the House Chaplain
2. Speaker Foley
3. Senator Mitchell
- Short musical selection--
4. Yourself
5. Rep. Michel

--Short musical selection--

6. Rep. Gephardt
7. Benediction by the Senate Chaplain

CONGRESSIONAL SALUTE TO FOUR DECADES OF AMERICAN MILITARY HEROISM

24 MAY 1990

10:30 A.M.

U.S. CAPITOL EAST FRONT

PRE-CEREMONY CONCERT

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

INVOCATION
(HOUSE CHAPLAIN JAMES D. FORD)

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HONORABLE THOMAS FOLEY

MAJORITY LEADER OF THE U.S. SENATE
HONORABLE GEORGE MITCHELL

MUSICAL SELECTION

REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE U.S. SENATE
HONORABLE ROBERT DOLE

REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HONORABLE BOB MICHEL

MUSICAL SELECTION

MAJORITY LEADER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HONORABLE DICK GEPHARDT

NATIONAL ANTHEM

BENEDICTION
(SENATE CHAPLAIN RICHARD C. HALVERSON)

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO
BE HERE TODAY TO HELP HONOR
FOUR DECADES OF AMERICAN
HEROISM — AND IN MY VIEW,
FOUR DECADES OF
UNDERAPPRECIATED VALOR.

THROUGHOUT OUR PROUD
HISTORY, AMERICANS HAVE
NEVER FAILED TO PUT THEIR LIVES
ON THE LINE IN THE DEFENSE OF
FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY,



WHENEVER AND WHEREVER
TYRANNY WAS ON THE MARCH.
NOWHERE IS THAT DEDICATION
MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THIS
COURAGEOUS AUDIENCE.

THE TWO "GREAT WARS" OF
THIS CENTURY, WE WERE TOLD,
WERE 'THE WARS TO END ALL
WARS'. BUT AS THE MEN AND
WOMEN HERE TODAY KNOW TOO

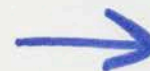


WELL, THE WARS NEVER REALLY
ENDED.

SINCE 1950 IT MAY HAVE BEEN
CALLED THE 'COLD WAR', BUT
FOR THE AMERICANS WHO WERE
FIGHTING ON THE FRONT LINES
OF FREEDOM FOR 40 YEARS, IT
STILL WAS ALL ABOUT
UNCOMMON COURAGE AND
SACRIFICE.



WHETHER IT WAS THE FROZEN
HILLTOPS OF KOREA, OR THE
STEAMING JUNGLES OF VIET
NAM; WHETHER IT WAS A DARING
BOMBING RAID OVER TRIPOLI OR
THE TOPPLING OF DICTATORS IN
PANAMA AND GRENADA, YOU
ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE
DIFFERENCE — YOU ARE THE
"HEROES" OF THE COLD WAR: THE



MEN AND WOMEN IN COMBAT,
AND THEIR LOVING FAMILIES
BACK HOME.

IT HAS BEEN YOUR SACRIFICE
THAT HAS HELPED OPPRESSED
MILLIONS THE WORLD OVER
SMASH DOWN THE WALLS OF
TYRANNY. WE DON'T HAVE TO
WAIT FOR THE "HISTORIANS" TO
TELL US. WE CAN SAY IT RIGHT



NOW —— YOU HAVE WON THE
COLD WAR.

TO THE CRITICS, THE
DOOMSAYERS AND THE CYNICS
WHO TOLD US IT COULDN'T BE
DONE, WE SAY LOOK AT
POLAND. LOOK AT PANAMA.
LOOK AT CZECHOSLAVAKIA.
LOOK AT THE BERLIN WALL. AND
LOOK AT THIS AUDIENCE.



FOR THE PAST FOUR DECADES
THE WORLD BEHIND THE IRON
CURTAIN' — THE WORLD
BENEATH THE FIST OF THE
TYRANTS AND THE TERRORISTS —
— LOOKED TO AMERICA FOR
HOPE.

AND AMERICA LOOKED TO
YOU TO GET THE JOB DONE.

TODAY, THE FREE WORLD SAYS
THANK YOU. AND SO DO I.

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