

## LUCAS POST 267 AVENUE OF FLAGS AND MEMORIAL STONE DEDICATION

LINE UP AT GATE .....11:00 A.M.

Colors  
Dignataries  
Firing Squad  
Other Legion Members

March to Dedication Site

### DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Opening Dedication ..... Jean Mettlen

Prayer .....Rev. Harold Haugaard

Commander's Comments.....Jean Mettlen

Thirty Seconds of Silence

Guest Speakers .....Lynn Hall, Russell  
VFW Judge Advocate

U.S. Senator Bob Dole

Placing of the Wreath - Firing Squad Salute - Taps

Fly Over By McConnell AFB Personnell .....11:45 A.M.

**SENATOR BOB DOLE**

**AVENUE OF FLAGS**

**LUCAS, KANSAS**

**MAY 25, 1992**

**I WANT TO THANK THE  
AMERICAN LEGION FOR ALL THE  
WORK THEY HAVE DONE TO  
MAKE THIS CEREMONY  
POSSIBLE.**

**I ALSO WANT TO THANK EACH**

**SPONSOR OF THE 101 FLAGS  
FOR YOUR HELP IN  
MAKING THIS EVENT SO  
MEMORABLE.**

**IN TRUTH, THE FLAG IS  
SIMPLY A PIECE OF CLOTH. BUT  
A LITTLE BREEZE CAN STIR THE  
FLAG TO LIFE--AND AS YOU  
WATCH IT SNAP IN THE  
WIND, YOU REALIZE THAT NO**

**OTHER PIECE OF CLOTH COULD  
BE JUST LIKE IT.**

**YES, THE FLAG IS JUST A  
PIECE OF CLOTH, UNTIL YOU  
PUT YOUR HEART AND SOUL  
INTO IT, AND GIVE IT A  
MEANING--THEN IT TRANSFORMS  
INTO A SYMBOL OF LIBERTY,  
JUSTICE, OPPORTUNITY AND  
FREEDOM.**



**IT IS JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH  
UNTIL WE BREATHE LIFE INTO IT-  
UNTIL WE SALUTE IT PROUDLY,  
UNTIL WE MAKE IT STAND FOR  
EVERYTHING WE BELIEVE IN.**

**TODAY IS THE DAY WE PUT  
ASIDE TO REMEMBER FALLEN  
HEROES WHO FOUGHT AND  
DIED FOR OUR FLAG, AND TO  
PRAY THAT NO HEROES WILL**

**EVER HAVE TO DIE FOR US  
AGAIN.**

**IT'S A DAY OF THANKS FOR  
THE COURAGE OF OTHERS. IT'S  
A DAY TO BE WITH THE FAMILY  
AND REMEMBER.**

**ALL ACROSS KANSAS, AND  
ALL ACROSS AMERICA, FAMILIES  
ARE ATTENDING PARADES AND  
CEREMONIES LIKE THIS. LATER**

**ON, THERE WILL BE PICNICS OR  
FAMILY REUNIONS.**

**BUT THROUGH ALL THE GOOD  
TIMES, OUR THOUGHTS AND  
PRAYERS KEEP RETURNING TO  
THE BRAVE SOLDIERS WHO  
REST IN CEMETERIES  
THROUGHOUT AMERICA, AND  
AROUND THE WORLD.**



**THERE WERE THE  
DOUGHBOYS OF WORLD WAR I,  
WHO FOUGHT IN WHAT WAS  
THOUGHT TO BE THE WAR TO  
END ALL WARS. LESS THAN A  
QUARTER-CENTURY LATER,  
ANOTHER WORLD WAR WOULD  
COME, AND AMERICANS WOULD  
BE SENT TO LOCATIONS CALLED**



**ANZIO, NORMANDY BEACH, AND  
TRIPOLI.**

**THE END OF WORLD WAR II  
MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A  
LONG COLD WAR--A WAR THAT  
WOULD ONLY END AFTER  
AMERICAN SOLDIERS FOUGHT  
AND DIED IN KOREA, IN  
VIETNAM, AND IN THE PERSIAN  
GULF.**

**THESE SOLDIERS CAME FROM  
RURAL FARMHOUSES AND  
INNER-CITY ROW HOUSES. THEY  
SPOKE WITH A SOUTHERN  
DRAWL, A MIDWESTERN TWANG,  
AND IN THE LANGUAGES OF THE  
LANDS THEIR PARENTS LEFT TO  
COME TO AMERICA.**

**AND WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN  
THE FACT THAT KANSANS HAVE**

**ALWAYS BEEN THERE WHEN  
THEIR COUNTRY CALLED,  
FIGHTING IN EVERY CONFLICT  
THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN  
INVOLVED IN, OVER THE LAST  
FORTY-FIVE YEARS.**

**AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
NOTE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE  
KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD AND**



**RESERVE WHO HAVE UPHELD  
THE SAME HIGH TRADITIONS OF  
OUR ARMED SERVICES.**

**THEY WERE IN THE FIRST  
CALL-UP FOR DESERT STORM.  
THEY CARRIED ON THE  
TRADITIONS OF THE CITIZEN  
SOLDIER, AND WERE  
INSTRUMENTAL IN THE WINNING  
OF COLD WARS AND HOT WARS.**

**WE GATHER TODAY IN A  
REMARKABLE WORLD. A WORLD  
WHERE FREEDOM SHINES  
WHERE ONCE THERE WAS ONLY  
THE DARKNESS OF  
OPPRESSION. A WORLD WHERE  
PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE  
AMERICAN FLAG MEANS  
FREEDOM.**

**AND EVERY AMERICAN CAN  
SHARE IN THIS VICTORY...EACH  
OF US CAN SAY THAT WE  
HELPED TO ROLL UP THE IRON  
CURTAIN--BECAUSE IT WAS THE  
STEADFAST DETERMINATION OF  
AMERICAN TAXPAYERS THAT  
ENSURED THAT OUR MILITARY  
WAS EQUIPPED, TRAINED AND  
READY.**



**THERE ARE THOSE WHO  
LOOK AT THE WORLD AND  
THINK THAT THE NEED FOR  
AMERICA'S MILITARY HAS  
PASSED. THAT IT'S TIME TO  
TURN ALL OUR ATTENTION TO  
PROBLEMS ON OUR OWN  
SHORES.**

**BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, EVEN  
WITH THE GREAT TURN OF**

**EVENTS IN EUROPE, DICTATORS  
AND TYRANNY STILL MAKE OUR  
WORLD A DANGEROUS PLACE.**

**TO THOSE THAT WANT SECURITY  
AND PEACE WITHOUT COST, I  
CAN ONLY SAY: FREEDOM ISN'T  
CHEAP.**

**WE KNOW THAT AS THE  
LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD,  
AMERICA MUST ALWAYS DEAL**

**FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH  
WHEN CONFRONTING TYRANNY  
IN ANY FORM.**

**SO YES, REDUCTIONS CAN  
AND WILL BE MADE IN OUR  
ARMED FORCES, BUT WE MUST  
NEVER PUT AMERICA AND OUR  
NATIONAL SECURITY AT RISK.  
WE OWE THAT TO ALL THOSE  
WE HONOR TODAY. WE OWE**



**THEM A PROMISE THAT WE WILL  
NEVER LOSE WHAT THEY  
FOUGHT AND DIED FOR.**

**AND LET US REMEMBER THAT  
THREATS TO OUR NATIONAL  
SECURITY CAN COME NOT JUST  
FROM FOREIGN DICTATORS.  
THEY CAN COME FROM A  
BUDGET DEFICIT WHICH  
THREATENS OUR CHILDREN'S**

**FUTURE. THEY CAN COME FROM  
A LOSS OF FAMILY VALUES.**

**AND, AS WE SAW IN LOS  
ANGELES, THEY CAN COME IN A  
SIMPLE INABILITY TO GET  
ALONG WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

**AND I BELIEVE WE ALSO OWE  
SOMETHING ELSE TO THOSE WE  
REMEMBER TODAY. WE OWE  
THEM OUR PROMISE TO DO ALL**

**THAT WE CAN TO SOLVE  
AMERICA'S PROBLEMS.**

**I AM REMINDED OF A STORY  
TOLD ABOUT THE NIGHT IN 1945,  
WHEN GENERAL DWIGHT  
EISENHOWER WAS WALKING  
ALONG THE RHINE, THINKING OF  
THE CROSSING IN WHICH HE  
WOULD LEAD THE ALLIED  
ARMIES. HE MET A SOLDIER,**



**AND ASKED HIM WHY HE WASN'T  
SLEEPING. THE YOUNG G.I.,  
WHO DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE  
SUPREME COMMANDER, SAID, "I  
GUESS I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS."**

**"SO AM I," SAID EISENHOWER.  
"LET'S WALK TOGETHER, AND  
PERHAPS WE'LL DRAW  
STRENGTH FROM ONE  
ANOTHER."**

**BY WORKING TOGETHER,  
WALKING TOGETHER, AND  
DRAWING STRENGTH FROM ONE  
ANOTHER AND OUR FLAG, WE  
CAN SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS,  
AND WE CAN ENSURE THAT  
AMERICA'S BEST DAYS ARE YET  
TO COME.**