

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Dole

FROM: Yvonne

DATE: May 21, 1993

-- I spoke with Senator Smith's staff -- the program is as follows:

Arlington National Cemetery, Section: 2

12:40	guests, family, etc. meet in Administration Building
12:45	processional to graveside begins
1:00- 1:45	memorial service
1:50	reception in the Chaplain's Lounge in the Administration Building

**SENATOR BOB DOLE**  
**SMITH BURIAL CEREMONY**  
**MAY 24, 1993**

**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
THE SMITH FAMILY:**

**I NEVER KNEW LT.  
COMMANDER DONALD SMITH,  
BUT WE SHARED A GREAT DEAL  
IN COMMON.**

**WE WERE OF THE SAME  
GENERATION. WE SERVED  
TOGETHER IN WORLD WAR II--HE  
FLEW THE SKIES OF THE  
PACIFIC, AND I WALKED THE  
HILLS OF ITALY. AND SINCE I'M  
FROM KANSAS, I NOTE WITH  
PRIDE THAT LT. COMMANDER  
SMITH SERVED ABOARD THE  
U.S.S. WICHITA.**

**THE AUTHOR HERMAN WOUK  
WROTE THAT "IF AMERICA IS  
STILL THE GREAT BEACON IN  
DENSE GLOOM...THEN WE STILL  
NEED HEROES TO STAND GUARD  
IN THE NIGHT."**

**LIKE SO MANY OTHERS  
BEFORE AND AFTER HIM, LT.  
COMMANDER DONALD SMITH  
STOOD GUARD IN THE NIGHT.**

**AND LIKE SO MANY OTHERS,  
HE MADE THE ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE.**

**HE WAS AND HE IS AN  
AMERICAN HERO, AND IT IS  
VERY FITTING THAT HE HAS  
BEEN BROUGHT HERE, THIS  
FINAL RESTING PLACE OF  
AMERICAN HEROES.**

**THERE IS ANOTHER NAME WE  
ADD TODAY TO THE LIST OF  
HEROES AT ARLINGTON. THE  
NAME OF MARGARET ELDRIDGE  
SMITH.**

**THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY,  
AS AMERICAN SOLDIERS HAVE  
"STOOD GUARD IN THE NIGHT,"  
THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE  
"STOOD GUARD" HERE AT HOME,**

**SUPPORTING THEIR COUNTRY  
AND THEIR MILITARY IN  
COUNTLESS WAYS.**

**WHEN MARGARET ELDRIDGE  
MARRIED DONALD SMITH, SHE  
DID SO KNOWING THERE WOULD  
BE TIMES WHEN THEY WOULD  
BE SEPARATED BY MILES OF  
LAND AND OCEAN.**

**SHE ALSO KNEW THAT THE  
TIME MIGHT COME, AS IT DID IN  
1945, WHEN THEY WOULD BE  
SEPARATED BY MORE THAN  
JUST TERRITORIAL LIMITS.**

**AND FOR THE PAST HALF-  
CENTURY, MARGARET SMITH  
HONORED HER HUSBAND AND  
HER COUNTRY BY CONTINUING  
TO STAND GUARD.**

**SHE RAISED A FAMILY ON HER  
OWN, BRINGING UP TWO FINE  
SONS WHO WOULD BOTH SERVE  
THEIR COUNTRY IN THE  
MILITARY AND IN GOVERNMENT.  
SHE, TOO, IS AN AMERICAN  
HERO.**

**I AM VERY HONORED TO BE  
HERE THIS AFTERNOON, AS**

**THESE TWO HEROES ARE  
REUNITED FOREVER. AND THE  
BEST WAY WE CAN HONOR  
THEM IS TO CONTINUE TO LOVE  
FREEDOM, TO LOVE OUR  
COUNTRY, AND TO ALWAYS  
"STAND GUARD THROUGH THE  
NIGHT."**