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- (1) actively support FORT RILEY for its continued mission and the retention of the 1st Infantry Division;*
- (2) provide public education with regard to the financial impact of FORT RILEY on the State of Kansas;*
- (3) stimulate political action and activism to promote FORT RILEY on a local, state and national level;*
- (4) provide a means by which supporters of FORT RILEY can make their views known.*

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MARCH 30, 1994

FORT RILEY LEADERS' CLUB

PROGRAM

Cocktails

Welcome Dr. Casey Thomas
Invocation Chaplain Joseph Miller

Dinner

Remarks MG Josue Robles, Jr.
Remarks Mr. Harland Priddle
Remarks Senator Bob Dole



SENATOR BOB DOLE

Recognized as one of America's towering political figures, Senator Bob Dole has a distinguished record of public service that spans four decades.

A decorated and wounded combat veteran of World War II, Bob Dole was born and raised on the plains of western Kansas. This tough common sense conservative from America's heartland has experience few can match; he has been the Senate Majority Leader, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a two-time candidate for President, his party's nominee for Vice President, a member of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Republican Party, a state legislator and a county attorney. In 1992, Senator Dole was re-elected by the people of Kansas to an unprecedented fifth term in the U.S. Senate.

As a Senate Republican Leader, Senator Dole's effectiveness as a consensus-builder and his commitment to deficit reduction have earned him the admiration of Republicans, Independents and Democrats alike. Scripps Howard News Service has called Senator Dole "a legislator par excellence—a master of the art of compromise, a bare-knuckles negotiator and a believer in the possible".

Senator Dole was born in Russell, Kansas, on July 22, 1923. He is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President of the American Red Cross. Senator Dole also has a daughter, Robin, who resides in Washington, D.C.

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: JUDY BROWN

BRIEFING FOR FORT RILEY

Re: Ross Porter - 16-year-old from Lisbon, Ohio

Ross came to our office last Spring, while he was visiting his sister and brother-in-law at Fort Riley. He is perhaps the most politically astute, (and conservative) young man I have ever met, and he absolutely idolizes Senator. We visited and I gave him a picture and a book. Since then I have heard from him numerous times, cheering the Senator on for his positions, and giving in-depth reasons why he is right.

He is planning to visit his sister during Spring break again this year, and his sister called him and told him Senator Dole would be at Fort Riley at the same time he will be. His mother called me last week and read me part of a letter she found that Ross was preparing to send me. He asked if I could help make a dream come true for him. To quote Ross, "The idea of being in the same state with him is almost overwhelming -- but being able to see him in person would probably be one of the most memorable occasions in my life." I put his sister in touch with Casey Thomas, with Kansans for a Strong Fort Riley, and Ross and his brother-in-law, Staff Sergeant Obenour, will be attending the dinner on the 30th. If there is any way he could even shake the Senator's hand, he would never forget it.

As a side note, Ross got to meet George Bush during the last campaign, because he was the hardest working young Republican in Columbiana County, Ohio. When he was here last Spring, he was going to try to get a Teen-Age Republican Club going at his school. He has had four or five Letters to the Editor published in their local newspaper.

Head Table:

Sen. Bob Dole
Sen. Nancy Kassebaum
MG Josue Robles
Merrill Werts
Dorothy Werts
Dr. Casey Thomas
Joyce Thomas
Ed Bruske

Dr. Casey Thomas will be the MC for the evening.
He is Chairman of Kansans For A Strong Fort Riley.
Cory Coryell - Vice-Chairman of KFSFR, and Chairman
of "Show of Strength" Staffer's Day Committee.

Sen. Dole will be picked up at the Manhattan Airport
approx. 7:00pm by MG Josue Robles and Mr. Lloyd Parker
of KFSFR. We can change speaking order to accomodate
Sen. Dole, and deliver him back to the airport anytime.
Note there is a press session at 8:50 if he wishes to
speak to the press.

"Show of Strength" Dinner Banquet

March 30th, 1994

Ft. Riley Leaders Club

AGENDA

6:00 - 7:00	Social Mixer	
7:00 - 7:10	Welcome	Dr. Casey Thomas
7:10 - 7:15	Innvocation	Chaplin Joseph Miller
7:15 - 8:15	Dinner	
8:15 - 8:30	Keynote Address	Sen. Bob Dole
8:30 - 8:40	Economic Impact	Harland Priddle
8:40 - 8:50	Military Myths	MC Josue Robles
8:50 -	Media Session	

GUEST LIST

NAME:

Sen. Bob Dole
Sen. Nancy Kassebaum
Gov. Joan Finney
Sec. of State Bill Graves
State Sen. Lana Oleen
State Rep. and House Speaker Robert Miller
State Rep. Kent Glasscock
State Rep. Alex Scott
State Rep. Steve Lloyd
Mrs. Jim Slattery
Dan Stanley (Dole)
Darren Dick (Dole)
Jim Morhard (Senate Approp. Comm.)
Dave Bartel (Kassebaum)
Mike Harper (Kassebaum)
Jonathan Fellows (Meyers)
Steve Goodman (Slattery)
Suzanne Klinker (Slattery)
Joe De la Torre (Graves)
Derek Kreifels (Miller)

Merrill Werts (Civilian Aid to Sec. of Army)
MG Josue Robles CG
BG David Ohle ADC (M)
BG John Sylvester ADC (S)
Col. Larry Aaron CS
Col. Fred Hepler GC
Ltc. Richard Gribbling DPTM
Ltc. Fred Lee DRM
Col. Joseph Miller Chaplin
Col. James Kirkpatrick CDR, MEDDAC
CSM Fred Davenport DIV CSM
Col. Raymond Bersano CDR, DENTAC
Maj. Ben Santos PAO
Mrs. Vi Willis DOC
Mr. Robert Sheridan DOL

Ed Bruske (Pres. KCCI)
John Bowser (KCCI)

Harland Priddle (Dir. EDC, JC)

Dole to visit

Senator to be keynoter at boost Fort Riley event

By SCOTT PRICE
Staff writer

U.S. Sen. Bob Dole will be the keynote speaker at the Kansans For a Strong Fort Riley banquet on March 30 at the Fort Riley Leaders' Club, according to Cory Coryell, the organization's vice chairman.

The banquet is the social highlight of KFSFR's

second annual "Show of Strength" Staffers Day meeting scheduled for March 30-31 at the post and in the Junction City area.

Maj. Gen. Josue Robles Jr., commander of the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, and Harland Priddle, of Junction City, will also address the diners, Coryell said. The banquet is by In-

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itation only.

"The conference is designed to educate individuals involved politically and militarily involved with the Base Realignment and Closure Committee (BRAC) on the strong contribution Fort Riley makes to our nation's defense and of the quality of life offered here," Coryell said.

"It is crucial that the individuals making the decisions regarding which bases will remain open and which ones will close, have accurate and updated information concerning Fort Riley and the key role it plays in our national defense," Coryell said.

Dole is one of several national, state and local dignitaries who have agreed to attend portions of the two-day event. Other people who have agreed to attend the dinner banquet are U.S. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, Gov. Joan Pinney, Secretary of State Bill Graves, Sen. Lank Oleen, R-Manhattan, Rep. Robert Miller, R-Wellington, Rep. Alex Scott, R-Junction City, and Rep. Steve Lloyd, R-Palmer.

Kansas elected officials' staff

representatives will also take part in the seminar which includes a briefing on BRAC procedures, projected Department of Defense spending, Fort Riley's master plans and proposed future projects. Additionally, there will be an economic impact briefing scheduled as part of the two-day event.

Tours of Fort Riley housing areas, schools, the upgraded rail head facility at Camp Funston, weaponry and unit training has also been scheduled, Coryell said.

"Last year, we went out to visit units that were conducting field exercises," he said. "I think having the chance to look at tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles in action really impressed the staffers."

Staff members from Dole's offices, as well as U.S. Rep. Jim Slattery, D-Kan., U.S. Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and U.S. Rep. Jan Myers, R-Kan., will also attend the conference and dinner, he said.

Military leaders from Fort Riley and the Pentagon will take part in the conference, Coryell said.

SENATOR BOB DOLE
KANSANS FOR A STRONG
FORT RILEY

MARCH 30, 1994

I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO GENERAL JOE ROBLES FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO FT. RILEY. HE HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB COMMANDING THE BIG RED ONE. WE WILL BE SORRY TO LOSE HIM, BUT WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE RIGORS OF ARMY LIFE. IMPORTANT FAMILY NEEDS CAN MAKE FOR DIFFICULT CHOICES.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL GORDON SULLIVAN WHOSE SUPPORT OF FT. RILEY ENSURED THAT WE STOOD ABOVE THE CROWD DURING LAST YEAR'S BASE CLOSURE PROCESS. BUT AS YOU KNOW, THE LAW REQUIRES ANOTHER ROUND IN 1995. AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE TONIGHT -- TO DEMONSTRATE OUR RESOLVE AND COMMITMENT TO KEEP FORT RILEY OPEN AND STRONG.

DURING OPERATION DESERT STORM, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM GENERAL RHAME, THEN COMMANDING THE RED ONE IN THE GULF. I HAVE THAT LETTER FRAMED AND HANGING ON MY OFFICE WALL. GENERAL RHAME HAD FASHIONED SOME LETTER HEAD WITH A BIG RED "1" AT THE TOP. AND ON IT, HE HAND WROTE THESE WORDS: "SOLDIERS PERFORMANCE WAS MAGNIFICENT. KANSAS PROVIDED TOUGH, DISCIPLINED AMERICANS TO FIGHT THE WAR." WITH PERFORMANCE LIKE THAT, AND THE LONG PROUD HISTORY OF "FIRSTS", IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE BIG RED ONE, AND FORT RILEY COULD EVER BE AT RISK. BUT THE FACT IS, THEY ARE. THESE ARE TOUGH TIMES FOR OUR MILITARY.

BUT LOOK AROUND AT THIS GROUP HERE TONIGHT -- A REAL SHOW OF

STRENGTH -- BECAUSE WE HAVE SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR. AND WE NEED EVERYONE PULLING TOGETHER AND PULLING THE SAME DIRECTION TO GET OUR MESSAGE OUT. SO, I AM PLEASED TO SEE NANCY, GOVERNOR FINNEY, MEMBERS OF OUR LEGISLATURE, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. I DON'T WANT TO FORGET THE CONGRESSIONAL STAFF BECAUSE THEY DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB FOR ALL OF US.

LET ME TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, AND WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ROUND. MANY OF YOU WERE HERE LAST JULY WHEN I EXPRESSED MY CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF FORT RILEY. AS I SAID THEN, THE PROBLEM IS IN THE NUMBERS -- HOW MANY DIVISIONS THE BUDGET WOULD ALLOW, HOW MANY DIVISIONS WOULD BE COMMITTED TO NATO, AND HOW MANY DEFENSE DOLLARS WOULD GO TO THE ARMY.

LAST YEAR, THE CONGRESS -- OVER THE UNANIMOUS OBJECTIONS OF REPUBLICANS -- PASSED THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PLAN REQUIRING \$127 BILLION IN DEFENSE CUTS OVER FIVE YEARS. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, WHEN YOU CUT THAT MUCH -- SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE.

IN ANY EVENT, THE PRESIDENT PASSED HIS DEFENSE CUTS AND THEN SECRETARY ASPIN CONDUCTED THE SO-CALLED "BOTTOM UP REVIEW". HE TOUTED THIS AS A FRESH LOOK AT OUR DEFENSE NEEDS IN THE POST COLD WAR PERIOD. THE FACT IS, THIS WAS SIMPLY A BUDGET DRILL -- DESIGNED TO JUSTIFY THE MASSIVE DEFENSE CUTS REQUIRED BY THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN. I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW, THAT THE GOING-IN POSITION OF THE WHITE HOUSE BEAN-COUNTERS WAS TO CUT THE ARMY DOWN TO ONLY 8 ACTIVE DIVISIONS. FORTUNATELY, GENERAL SULLIVAN

SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED AGAINST THAT SCHEME, AND HE MANAGED TO COME AWAY WITH 10 DIVISIONS.

THEREIN LIES OUR PROBLEM. ADD TO THAT THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO KEEP TWO DIVISIONS IN EUROPE, AND THE NEED TO KEEP AT LEAST ONE IN KOREA AND THINGS GET DIFFICULT PRETTY QUICK. I DON'T THINK GENERAL SULLIVAN LIKES GOING THAT FAR. BUT IN THE CHIEF'S DEFENSE, THE BEAN COUNTERS WEREN'T ABOUT TO GIVE THE ARMY ANOTHER NICKEL. AND THE CHIEF CAN'T FIGHT WITH A HOLLOW ARMY.

WHEN IT CAME TIME TO DO THE FINAL COST ESTIMATES OF THE "BOTTOM UP REVIEW", IT SHOULDN'T SURPRISE ANYONE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET COULDN'T EVEN FUND THIS DRAMATICALLY SMALLER FORCE. NO, THE FIX WAS IN. THE GAME GOT TOUGHER WHEN IT LEAKED OUT THAT THERE WAS A SHORTFALL OF OVER \$50 BILLION DOLLARS. SENATOR THURMOND AND I ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO LISTEN TO HIS MILITARY EXPERTS AND NOT THE BUDGET PEOPLE ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY. THE RESPONSE WE GOT WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY ASPIN WAS SUDDENLY UNEMPLOYED. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THE BEAN COUNTERS ARE IN CHARGE.

THERE IS ONE MORE BIT OF HISTORY HERE. LAST WEEK, SENATE REPUBLICANS OFFERED OUR ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL. IT IS NOT EASY GETTING OUR MESSAGE OUT THESE DAYS. BUT THE FACT IS, WE DO OFFER ALTERNATIVES -- GOOD CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACHES -- AND WE TRY TO WORK WITH OUR DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES TO CRAFT GOOD POLICY. OUR BUDGET ALTERNATIVE REDUCED THE DEFICIT TO \$99 BILLION BY 1999 -- OVER \$100 BILLION LOWER THAN UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR DEFENSE, OUR BUDGET WOULD HAVE ADDED BACK

THE \$20 BILLION TO THE DEFENSE BUDGET THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OWN DEFENSE EXPERTS SAY THEY NEED TO FUND THIS MUCH SMALLER FORCE. THIS PLAN WAS DEFEATED ON A PARTY LINE VOTE.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: IT IS NOT THAT AMERICA DOESN'T NEED FT. RILEY. IT IS NOT THAT AMERICA DOESN'T NEED A FULLY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED ARMY OF AT LEAST 12 DIVISIONS. THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE WHOLESALE AUCTION OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY STRUCTURE BY WISHFUL THINKING LIBERALS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR CASH TO FUND THEIR NEW SOCIAL SPENDING SPREE.

IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER THAT NORTH KOREA IS DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THREATENING WAR. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER THAT IRAN IS ARMING AT AN ALARMING RATE. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER THAT GROWING NATIONALISM IN RUSSIA COULD BEGIN A NEW COLD WAR. AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER THAT AN ARMY OF ONLY 10 DIVISIONS CANNOT POSSIBLY MEET THE WAR PLANNING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. NO, THIS IS A NUMBERS GAME. BEAN COUNTERS AND BUDGET PEOPLE ARE MAKING NATIONAL SECURITY DECISIONS. THE WHIZ KIDS ARE BACK.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. FORT RILEY IS VITAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. AND WE HAVE A GOOD STORY TO TELL HERE. "KANSANS FOR A STRONG FT. RILEY" HAS GAINED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF THE ENTIRE ARMY. OUR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ARE SOLID ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE KEPT THE TIES CLOSE AND WARM. EVERY SOLDIER WHO HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO SERVE WITH THE BIG RED ONE, AND RAISE A FAMILY HERE, KNOWS WHY FT. RILEY MUST REMAIN OPEN AND STRONG.

GENERAL SULLIVAN SHARES THIS VIEW. HE TOLD NANCY AND ME THAT

HE DOES NOT WANT TO CLOSE FORT RILEY -- OR ANY OF HIS MANEUVER INSTALLATIONS FOR THAT MATTER. ONCE YOU LOSE THE LAND, YOU NEVER GET IT BACK. BUT GENERAL SULLIVAN WAS FRANK. HE TOLD US THAT THIS TIME AROUND, HE DOESN'T HOLD ALL THE CARDS. IN YEARS PAST, THE ARMY RECOMMENDATIONS WERE GENERALLY FORWARDED UP THE LINE AND SENT TO THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION INTACT. BUT THIS TIME AROUND, THE BEAN COUNTERS AND BUDGET CUTTERS WILL HAVE A BIG ROLE, AND THEY MAY END UP CALLING THE SHOTS.

THIS IS WHAT HAS GENERAL SULLIVAN DEEPLY CONCERNED. IN MY VIEW, WE SHOULD BE LISTENING TO OUR MILITARY EXPERTS ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY -- NOT THE WHIZ KIDS.

YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT NANCY AND I ARE FULLY ENGAGED AND WORKING THE PROBLEM HARD. OUR ALTERNATIVE BUDGET WOULD HAVE ADDED MONEY BACK TO DEFENSE. WE VOTED TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO STOP THE RAID ON THE DEFENSE BUDGET. AND, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GENERAL SULLIVAN AND THE ENTIRE MILITARY LEADERSHIP TO HELP KEEP A STRONG ARMY.

AS YOU KNOW, I WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT WHO SERVES ON THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION, AND YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT MY APPOINTMENT WILL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING MANEUVER INSTALLATIONS.

IN MY VIEW, FORT RILEY IS AN ISSUE FOR THE ENTIRE STATE AND THE ENTIRE DELEGATION. MY RECENT LETTER TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION -- PAT ROBERTS, JIM SLATTERY, JAN MEYERS, DAN GLICKMAN, AND NANCY, EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF FORT RILEY TO THE KANSAS ECONOMY AND TO OUR SECURITY. I ASKED EVERYONE TO WORK

TOGETHER TO PRESERVE OUR POST. THIS IS NOT JUST A MATTER FOR JUNCTION CITY OR MANHATTAN. ALTHOUGH I REALIZE THE HUGH ECONOMIC STAKE THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE. HUNDREDS OF BUSINESSES, PEOPLES LIVES AND INVESTMENTS, HOMES AND FUTURES, ARE ALL AT STAKE.

THE FACT IS, FORT RILEY IS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN KANSAS -- OVER 26,000 JOBS. IT REPRESENTS OVER \$800 MILLION IN PAYROLL AND CONSTRUCTION. FORT RILEY'S ECONOMIC INFLUENCE REACHES EVERY DISTRICT IN KANSAS. WE NEED A COMBINED EFFORT FROM EVERYONE -- LOCAL, STATE, AS WELL AS THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. IT IS THAT IMPORTANT.

WE NEED TO GET OUR MESSAGE OUT. AND, THE FIRST MESSAGE IS THAT THE DEFENSE BUDGET IS BEING CUT TOO FAR -- TOO FAST. WE NEED TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG ARMY IN THIS DANGEROUS WORLD. WE MUST GET THE MESSAGE OUT ABOUT FORT RILEY -- ITS QUALITY, ITS HISTORY, AND THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT IT. THIS IS A NATIONAL TREASURE -- VITAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, AND A CRITICAL ASSET TO KANSAS.

WE MUST ALL FOCUS ON THE FACTS. RUMORS AND SPECULATION WILL NOT SERVE OUR PURPOSE. THIS IS NOT TIME FOR PANIC, THERE IS NO REASON. IT IS TIME TO PULL TOGETHER. THIS IS A TIME FOR ACTION.

THIS EVENT IS A GREAT START. NOW, WE NEED TO EXPAND OUR EFFORTS. THERE IS A LOT AT STAKE -- FOR KANSAS, AND FOR OUR NATION.