

TO: Senator Dole  
FR: Kerry

RE: The Women in Military Service for America  
12:10  
~~SC-5~~ SDG-50

\*This is an "awareness" luncheon for the monument honoring women in the military to be built at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. You are a member of the Congressional Host Committee. Groundbreaking for the monument is next spring.

\*Approximately 325 people, including--as of today--Mrs. Clinton will be present. A few members, including Congresswoman Schroeder and Senator Murkowski will offer brief informal remarks.

\*Some thoughts you might want to mention:

\*THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE, AND I'M HONORED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL HOST COMMITTEE.

\*I ALSO BRING GREETINGS FROM MY WIFE. WHEN ELIZABETH WAS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO EVER HEAD A BRANCH OF THE ARMED SERVICES--THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. AND, OF COURSE, THROUGHOUT THIS CENTURY, WHEREVER YOU FOUND AMERICAN SOLDIERS, YOU COULD ALSO FIND RED CROSS NURSES AND VOLUNTEERS.

\*A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO, I HAD THE HONOR OF TRAVELLING TO EUROPE FOR THE D-DAY ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES. WHILE I WAS THERE, I TALKED TO MANY VETERANS OF THE ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS AND THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

\*WOMEN CAN TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE ROLE THEY PLAYED ON JUNE 6, 1944--WHAT WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THIS CENTURY.

\*I WANT TO READ A PARAGRAPH FROM HISTORIAN STEPHEN AMBROSE'S RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK ON D-DAY.

"THE WOMEN IN UNIFORM DID EVERYTHING THE MEN DID, EXCEPT ENGAGE IN COMBAT. THEY WERE CLERKS, MECHANICS, ADMINISTRATORS, RADIO OPERATORS, PHOTO INTERPRETERS, COOKS, METEOROLOGISTS, SUPPLY SERGEANTS, TEST PILOTS, TRANSPORT PILOTS, AND MUCH MORE...THEY DID NOT HAVE AN EASY TIME. CRUEL AND VICIOUS JOKES WERE TOLD ABOUT THEM--ALTHOUGH NOT BY THE WOUNDED ABOUT THE NURSES (AND I CAN CERTAINLY VERIFY THAT STATEMENT).

AND AMBROSE CONCLUDES BY SAYING, "THESE PIONEERING WOMEN PERSEVERED AND TRIUMPHED...EISENHOWER FELT HE COULD NOT HAVE WON THE WAR WITHOUT THEM."

\*I ALSO WAS ABLE TO SEE FIRST-HAND THE INCREASING ROLE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN THE MILITARY...MY HELICOPTER PILOT DURING MY TRIP TO ITALY WAS LESLEE WOLFE, WHO IS THE ONLY WOMAN HELICOPTER PILOT IN THE U.S. ARMY.

**SENATOR BOB DOLE**

**WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE**

**THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO  
COME BY THIS AFTERNOON TO SAY HOW  
PROUD I AM TO BE A MEMBER OF THE  
CONGRESSIONAL HOST COMMITTEE, AND  
TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF  
THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT.**

**WE MEET TODAY A LITTLE OVER A  
WEEK AFTER THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF**

**D-DAY. I WAS PRIVILEGED TO ATTEND  
THE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES, WHERE  
I WAS ABLE TO TALK WITH MANY  
WORLD WAR II VETERANS.**

**AND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE  
ROLE THAT WOMEN PLAYED IN WORLD  
WAR II IS CERTAINLY WORTHY OF A  
MEMORIAL.**

**IN FACT, BEFORE I TRAVELLED TO  
EUROPE FOR THE D-DAY ANNIVERSARY**

**ACTIVITIES LAST WEEK, I READ  
HISTORIAN STEPHEN AMBROSE'S  
RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK ON D-DAY,  
AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A  
PARAGRAPH OF THAT BOOK.**

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RADIO OPERATORS, PHOTO**

**INTERPRETERS, COOKS,  
METEOROLOGISTS, SUPPLY SERGEANTS,  
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**( AND I CAN CERTAINLY VERIFY  
THAT STATEMENT, BY THE WAY. )**

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"THESE PIONEERING WOMEN  
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COULD NOT HAVE WON THE WAR  
WITHOUT THEM."**

**\*LET ME ALSO ADD THAT WHILE IN  
EUROPE, I WAS ABLE TO SEE FIRST-HAND  
THE ROLE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN  
TODAY'S MILITARY...MY HELICOPTER**

**PILOT DURING MY TRIP TO ITALY WAS A  
YOUNG WOMAN NAMED LESLEE WOLFE,  
WHO IS THE ONLY WOMAN HELICOPTER  
PILOT IN THE U.S. ARMY.**

**\*AGAIN, THANKS FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU AGAIN AT THE  
GROUNDBREAKING.**