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VETERANS DAY, 1991

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Memory is the first measure of gratitude -- those who are truly grateful do not forget the service that has been rendered for their sake. Each November we Americans remember in a special way the veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Through their vigilance, courage, and sacrifice, these individuals have helped to secure the freedoms that we so enjoy today -- the freedoms that we can sometimes, all too easily, take for granted.

Since President Woodrow Wilson asked that all Americans pause on November 11, 1919, in honor of the Nation's war heroes, Americans have set aside this date to remember and pray for all those patriots who have put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others. As we salute our Nation's veterans, we also remember with solemn pride their fallen comrades, including those heroes who rest "in honored glory . . . known but to God."

There is no irony in the fact that we honor this country's war veterans on the anniversary of Armistice Day, a day dedicated to peace. As was the case during Operation Desert Storm, members of the U.S. military have engaged in armed conflict only as a last resort, only to defend freedom and the rule of law. And we know that these ideals form the only sure foundation for lasting peace among nations.

America's veterans have faced the hellish fires of combat and the chilling presence of mortal danger so that our children and our children's children might dwell in a safer, more peaceful world. The freedom of millions of people around the globe is, in many ways, a living monument to each of them.

Today thousands of veterans continue to serve our Nation through their families and their communities, helping others to appreciate more fully the value of freedom and the importance of patriotism. These contributions we also remember with thankfulness and pride.

Of course, while memory is the first measure of gratitude, its fullest and most meaningful expression is found in word and deed. We can never repay our veterans for all that they have endured for our sake, but we can show by our actions -- on this day and every day of the year -- that their great sacrifices are indeed cherished and remembered. Whether we do so on our own or through our schools, businesses, and community organizations, let us convey our thanks to veterans through acts of generosity and kindness. Let us demonstrate, in a special way, our respect and concern for those former service members who are hospitalized or disabled.

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In order that we may pay due tribute to those who have served in our Armed Forces, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 11, 1991, as Veterans Day. I urge all Americans to honor our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers. I also call on Federal, State, and local government officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, churches, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with suitable commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

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to the opportunity of seeing this exhibition, the "Treasure Houses of Britain," which we are both very proud to be patrons of. And we hear from all sides just how stupendous this particular exhibition is. I think if you go and look at most of the country houses in Britain at the moment, you'll find them completely empty—[laughter]—of all the furniture and pictures, some emptier than others and, no doubt, with rather dirty marks on the walls where the pictures were. I only hope that they manage to get them all back in the right place at the right time. [Laughter]

I'm also very much looking forward, myself, to going to the Congress Library on Monday and discussing something about the Constitution, of which I know you celebrate the bicentenary in 1987. And I was very intrigued to discover that of the 55 delegates that came to the Federal convention in 1787, nearly all of them were in their thirties, which just goes to show what an extremely good age the midthirties is. [Laughter] I keep telling myself that because you reminded me about my birthday, and I'm not sure I need reminding. [Laughter]

I would also just like to say that coming, as we have, down from Australia, it is one of the more interesting aspects, I think, of the pioneering spirit of the English-speaking peoples. That here were two great con-

tinents—Australia and the United States of America, the former having developed about 150 years later than this great country—and in many ways there are similarities between the two. And I think that one of the things that becomes most obvious about Australia and America is that personal independence becomes a very dominant feature, particularly, I think, in American life. And one Englishman observed in 1796 that Americans tend to pass their lives without any regard to the smiles or frowns of men in power. However, in your case, Mr. President, I'm sure it's completely different.

So, if I may, finally, again say what an enormous pleasure it gives both of us to be here and how proud we are to be able to represent Britain here in America. As you say, it does, I think, emphasize the very strong links that do exist between our two countries—always have done, and I'm sure always will. And in the end, that bond between our two peoples is one of the most important and enduring features of this Earth.

Mr. President, thank you very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 10:09 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his opening remarks, he referred to Sir Oliver Wright, British Ambassador to the United States, and Charles H. Price II, U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom.*

## Remarks at the Veterans Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

November 11, 1985

Secretary Weinberger, Harry Walters, Robert Medeiros, reverend clergy, ladies and gentlemen, a few moments ago. I placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and as I stepped back and stood during the moment of silence that followed, I said a small prayer. And it occurred to me that each of my predecessors has had a similar moment, and I wondered if our prayers weren't very much the same, if not identical.

We celebrate Veterans Day on the anni-

versary of the armistice that ended World War I, the armistice that began on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. And I wonder, in fact, if all Americans' prayers aren't the same as those I mentioned a moment ago. The timing of this holiday is quite deliberate in terms of historical fact but somehow it always seems quite fitting to me that this day comes deep in autumn when the colors are muted and the days seem to invite contemplation.

We are gathered at the National Ceme-

tery, which provides a final resting place for the heroes who have defended our country since the Civil War. This amphitheater, this place for speeches, is more central to this cemetery than it first might seem apparent, for all we can ever do for our heroes is remember them and remember what they did—and memories are transmitted through words. Sometime back I received in the name of our country the bodies of four marines who had died while on active duty. I said then that there is a special sadness that accompanies the death of a serviceman, for we're never quite good enough to them—not really; we can't be, because what they gave us is beyond our powers to repay. And so, when a serviceman dies, it's a tear in the fabric, a break in the whole, and all we can do is remember.

It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country, in defense of us, in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray haired. But most of them were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives—the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for our country, for us. And all we can do is remember.

There's always someone who is remembering for us. No matter what time of year it is or what time of day, there are always people who come to this cemetery, leave a flag or a flower or a little rock on a headstone. And they stop and bow their heads and communicate what they wished to communicate. They say, "Hello, Johnny," or "Hello, Bob. We still think of you. You're still with us. We never got over you, and we pray for you still, and we'll see you again. We'll all meet again." In a way, they represent us, these relatives and friends, and they speak for us as they walk among the headstones and remember. It's not so hard to summon memory, but it's hard to recapture meaning.

And the living have a responsibility to remember the conditions that led to the

wars in which our heroes died. Perhaps we can start by remembering this: that all of those who died for us and our country were, in one way or another, victims of a peace process that failed; victims of a decision to forget certain things; to forget, for instance, that the surest way to keep a peace going is to stay strong. Weakness, after all, is a temptation—it tempts the pugnacious to assert themselves—but strength is a declaration that cannot be misunderstood. Strength is a condition that declares actions have consequences. Strength is a prudent warning to the belligerent that aggression need not go unanswered.

Peace fails when we forget what we stand for. It fails when we forget that our Republic is based on firm principles, principles that have real meaning, that with them, we are the last, best hope of man on Earth; without them, we're little more than the crust of a continent. Peace also fails when we forget to bring to the bargaining table God's first intellectual gift to man: common sense. Common sense gives us a realistic knowledge of human beings and how they think, how they live in the world, what motivates them. Common sense tells us that man has magic in him, but also clay. Common sense can tell the difference between right and wrong. Common sense forgives error, but it always recognizes it to be error first.

We endanger the peace and confuse all issues when we obscure the truth; when we refuse to name an act for what it is; when we refuse to see the obvious and seek safety in Almighty. Peace is only maintained and won by those who have clear eyes and brave minds. Peace is imperiled when we forget to try for agreements and settlements and treaties; when we forget to hold out our hands and strive; when we forget that God gave us talents to use in securing the ends He desires. Peace fails when we forget that agreements, once made, cannot be broken without a price.

Each new day carries within it the potential for breakthroughs, for progress. Each new day bursts with possibilities. And so, hope is realistic and despair a pointless little sin. And peace fails when we forget to pray to the source of all peace and life and hap-

tween technology, politics, history, and psychology. It's been the good fortune of our country to have these two brilliant people help us make sense of the unprecedented security problems we've faced in our modern age.

Roberta Wohlstetter, a generation ahead of her time, asserted her influence in areas dominated by and, in some cases, reserved for men. She rose above all obstacles and has had a profound influence. Her inquiries went to the heart of the system of our society, focusing on essential questions. Her analysis of the problems of terrorism, intelligence, and warning and, with Albert, the problem of nuclear deterrence broke new ground and opened new alternatives for policymakers. I daresay that she has blankly enjoyed posing the same penetrating questions to her husband that she has to the intellectual and political leaders of the country. And that is certainly one explanation for the clarity and persuasiveness of his own voluminous words on strategy, politics, and world affairs.

Albert Wohlstetter is a brilliant man with enormous strength of character. His intellectual integrity is renowned, and his analytical standards have been increasingly and unceasingly rigorous. He's been a steady hand in an uncertain time. His understanding on many levels has been indispensable to the well-being of the free world. In these last 30 years, Albert has been influential in helping to design and deploy our strategic forces—an awesome task. He's sought ways to make our forces safer from attack, less destructive, and thereby less dangerous to us all. Many of the basic concepts and requirements for deterrence in the nuclear age—analysis on which we've operated—can be traced to this outstanding individual. And his work on the problem of nuclear proliferation gave us the insight we needed to better curb the irresponsible flow of sensitive material and technology.

Albert has always argued that in the nuclear age technological advances can, if properly understood and applied, make things better; but his point, and Roberta's, has been a deeper one than that. He has shown us that we have to create choices and, then, exercise them. The Wohlstetters have created choices for our society where

others saw none. They've taught us that there is an escape from fatalism.

Those we honor today continue to make contributions. Their genius has made it possible for us to start on a new path which can free mankind of the fear of nuclear holocaust. These three people began their work in far different times, four decades ago when our national success was far from certain. Who would have foreseen the extraordinary achievements of the past generation, not the least of these a general peace, which has remained intact for 40 years. We praise these three extraordinary individuals who played a significant role in the most successful of all peace movements. They gave us strength through clarity; security through preparedness; and progress through intellect. They were the engineers and architects of a system that works and has served mankind well. They are the innovators who are leading mankind to the next step forward: Peace, based on protection, rather than retaliation.

Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels," once wrote, "Who'er excels in what we prize, appears a hero in our eyes." Well, these individuals are indeed American heroes.

I will now read the citations, which accompany our expression of gratitude for all that our honorees have done.

*[At this point, the President read the citations which accompanied the medals. The texts of the citations follow.]*

Paul H. Nitze:

In a career spanning nine Presidencies, Paul Nitze has made enormous contributions to the freedom and security of his country. Paul Nitze exemplifies the powers of mind, commitment, and character needed to fulfill America's world responsibilities. He was present at the creation of the strategy that has kept us at peace for 40 years. His deep understanding of the issues of war and peace, his discharge of high public assignments, and his advice to those in authority have been invaluable to our national well-being. He remains the most rigorous, demanding, and independent of analysts and the wisest of counselors.

Paul, congratulations, and thank you.

*Ambassador Nitze.* Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'm deeply honored at

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having received and you having awarded me the Medal for Freedom. There is, I think, the task that gives the greatest opportunity for development and for doing things is service in this government. You, today, have really a marvelous team helping you on foreign policy and national security, led by Secretary [of State] Shultz and Bud McFarlane, but they're also supported by an able team of negotiators, a most able team of negotiators, in Geneva. And we all thank you for your leadership.

Thank you, Mr. President.

*The President.* Thank you.

Now, Roberta and Albert Wohlstetter—one citation, but two medals.

Participants in the nuclear era's most momentous events, Roberta and Albert Wohlstetter have shaped the ideas and deeds of statesmen, and have helped create a safer world. Over four decades, they have marshaled logic, science, and history and enlarged our democracy's capacity to learn and to act. Through their work, we have seen that mankind's safety need not rest on threats to the innocent, and that nuclear weapons need not spread inexorably. Their powers of

thought and exposition are, in themselves, among the Free World's best defenses.

I want to make sure I have these right. Albert, to you. All right.

*Mrs. Wohlstetter.* Thank you, Mr. President.

*The President.* And now—all right. Thank you both, and congratulations.

*Mrs. Wohlstetter.* Thank you. I'm dazzled and very deeply honored. Thank you very much.

*Mr. Wohlstetter.* Mr. President, I receive this great honor not only for myself but for the brilliant and devoted research men and students with whom I've been lucky enough to work for nearly 35 years. I take particular pride in being given this Medal of Freedom from a President who's stressed that it's freedom that we're defending, that we have to defend it without bringing on a holocaust that would end both free and unfree societies. I'm most grateful and honored, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:05 a.m. in the East Room at the White House.*

## Nomination of Otis R. Bowen To Be Secretary of Health and Human Services

November 7, 1985

The President today announced his intention to nominate Otis R. Bowen to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. He would succeed Margaret M. Heckler.

Dr. Bowen is presently serving as the Lester D. Bibler professor of family medicine and director of undergraduate family practice education at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He was Governor of Indiana in 1973-1981. He was a member of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1957, 1958, and 1961-1972, serving as minority leader in 1965-1966 and speaker from 1967 to 1972. Dr. Bowen has served on a number of Federal advisory commissions, including the Advisory Council on Social Security (Chairman, 1982-1984); the Presidential Advisory Committee on Feder-

alism (member, 1981-1982); the Education Commission of the States (member, 1973-1981; Chairman, 1978-1979); the Republican Governors Association (member, 1973-1981; Chairman, 1978-1979); the President's Committee on Science and Technology (member, 1976-1977); and as a member of the Advisory Council of the United Student Aid Fund. Dr. Bowen is the recipient of many awards for his contributions to the field of public health. He has written extensively on health issues.

He graduated from Indiana University (A.B., 1939) and Indiana University School of Medicine (M.D., 1942). He is married and has four children. He was born February 26, 1918, in Richland Center, IN.



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HEADLINE: COMING HOME - TO 'TAPS' ;  
Scud victim buried at Arlington Cemetery

BYLINE: Carlise Cornelius; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BODY:

Filing from their cars, they waited for the flag-draped coffin to be brought from the white hearse into a sea of white granite markers.

Relatives and friends of Army Reserve Pvt. Timothy A. Shaw, who was killed Feb. 25 in the Persian Gulf war, formed a procession to an empty grave to say final goodbyes.

Among wreaths in the shape of hearts and crosses beside the grave, a square arrangement of red and white carnations simply spelled "21."

Pvt. Shaw, 21, of Alexandria, was deployed a month ago to Saudia Arabia on a water-purification mission. One of three casualties from the Washington area, he was buried yesterday in Arlington National Cemetery.

A native Washingtonian who graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in Gaithersburg, he was killed when an Iraqi Scud missile crashed into a barracks near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Most of the victims were eating supper when the warhead hit.

Pvt. Shaw joined the National Guard at the age of 17, later entering the Reserve in Prince George's County. Last month, before going to Dhahran, he was called to active duty with a unit based in Greensburg, Pa., southeast of Pittsburgh. He was in Saudi Arabia six days before the attack that claimed his life.

Yesterday, most of the graveside farewells were offered in silence as the Rev. James Silver of the Bible Way Temple in Washington officiated at the brief ceremony, which was punctuated by the rumble of jets above.

Earlier, during a funeral service at Bible Way, Pvt. Shaw's father, the Rev. Willie Shaw, said he was proud that his son died fighting for his country.

Recalling their last telephone conversation, he said his son told him, "Daddy, without a shadow of a doubt, if I left here today, I'm going to be with Jesus."

Seated with Pvt. Shaw's parents in the first row at the gravesite were his fiancee, Diedra Nimmons; an aunt, Perrine Parker; and a great-aunt, Annie Marshburn.



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After three cannon roars and the playing of "Taps," the Old Guard of the 3rd U.S. Infantry folded two flags into triangles, giving one to Pvt. Shaw's mother, Annette M. Brown, and the other to his father.

GRAPHIC: Photo (color), Diedra Nimmons weeps at the casket of her fiance, Pvt. Timothy A. Shaw, a Persian Gulf war casualty buried yesterday at Arlington National Cemetery., By Stephen Crowley/The Washington Times



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HEADLINE: AIRMEN'S FAMILIES LEARN OF THEIR DEATHS;  
VICTIMS: DIVERS IDENTIFY MISSING AC-130 WARPLANE FOUND OFF THE SAUDI-KUWAITI  
COAST.

BYLINE: By DEAN E. MURPHY, TIMES STAFF WRITER

BODY:

The long wait is over for the families of 14 missing airmen whose gunship disappeared in the skies over Kuwait five weeks ago. But unlike the jubilant relatives of the 21 American POWs freed this week by Iraq, there was no cause for celebration Wednesday in the Florida Panhandle.

"Air Force officials at the scene believe all crew members perished," the Pentagon said in a brief statement. "The families of all 14 missing crew members have been notified."

Wreckage of the AC-130 Spectre aircraft was discovered in the Persian Gulf about half a mile from the Saudi-Kuwaiti border. Scuba divers identified the wreckage as the missing gunship out of Hurlburt Field, Fla., headquarters of the Air Force Special Operations Command.

"We found out Monday that the aircraft had been located and they had divers searching," said Dixon Walters Sr., whose son, Air Force Capt. Dixon Walters Jr., was aboard. "When he didn't show up among the POWs being released, our hopes went down to zero."

Kimberly Walters, the missing captain's wife, was taking the news "very hard," the senior Walters said.

"They have a daughter, Jessica, who is 3 1/2, and a boy, Hunter, who is 7 months," he said. "He wrote his wife a letter that he would do it again and again if his country called on him."

Beverly Blessinger's husband, Staff Sgt. John P. Blessinger, also was killed in the crash. She said that family members of the downed airmen were having "a million different feelings" about the news. "I think we are all very proud," she said.

The grim discovery of the AC-130 cuts by half the number of Americans classified by the Pentagon as missing in action. Although the 14 airmen will remain on the missing list during an investigation of the crash, a Pentagon spokeswoman said the practical "short list" now has 14 names.

For the families of those 14 servicemen still unaccounted for, word of the sunken wreckage came as a painful reminder that the war is not yet over for them. As the nation, almost giddy with its battlefield success, readies for



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ticker-tape parades and welcome-home parties, some families still lie awake at night wondering about their loved ones.

"It is the not knowing," said Helene Turner of Richfield, Minn., whose son, Navy Lt. Charles J. Turner, has been missing since a Jan. 18 bombing mission. "It is actually torture."

Charles Turner's wife, Sharon, and his 7-month-old son, Andrew, arrived Tuesday in Richfield, a Minneapolis suburb where Turner grew up, to spend time with Helene Turner and her husband, Lowell. Sharon Turner lives at a naval air base in Whidbey Island, Wash., but both families decided the distance had become too great.

With smiling POWs parading across the living room television, the Turners needed to be together.

"We are gathering strength from each other," Helene Turner said. "We are all getting very anxious. The war is over now -- and now we want them to investigate the crash sites and tell us what happened.

"It is hard to think of him," she said, pausing as she began to sob, "being there and not having him home."

Charles Turner, 29, was the flight officer on an A-6 jet piloted by Navy Lt. William T. Costen, 27. Costen, a close buddy, sang at the wedding of Charles and Sharon Turner.

William S. Costen, a St. Louis physician, said he has not given up on his son and the other airman, although he got a real scare Tuesday when a Navy captain arrived at his home.

"He had called my wife and she got me out of a lunch," the senior Costen said. "I zipped home expecting to hear one way or the other. But he just wanted me to know that none of the released personnel was Navy, so it couldn't be Tom."

The news was disappointing, but Costen said it was also hopeful: There is still no definite word that his son is dead.

In Rock Island, Ill., a city on the Iowa border, a dejected Diane Phillis turned off the television on Wednesday after watching it practically nonstop for two days. She had been hoping to see her son, Air Force Capt. Stephen Richard Phillis, who has been missing since Feb. 15 when his A-10 Warthog jet was shot down over northwestern Kuwait.

"I had been sitting by the TV watching CNN, hoping something would come on, even though I knew they would call me before I saw it on CNN," she said. "It is just hard to turn it off sometimes. We just want to know. The waiting is getting pretty difficult."

Times researcher Doug Connor in Seattle also contributed to this article.

GRAPHIC: Photo, Unidentified American POW, newly freed, hugs a colleague at air base in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. . . . Reuters; Photo, . . . At left, Army officer presents casket flag to parents of Army Pfc. Adrienne L. Mitchell, 20, of Morena Valley at funeral near March Air Force Base. Mitchell was killed in Gulf

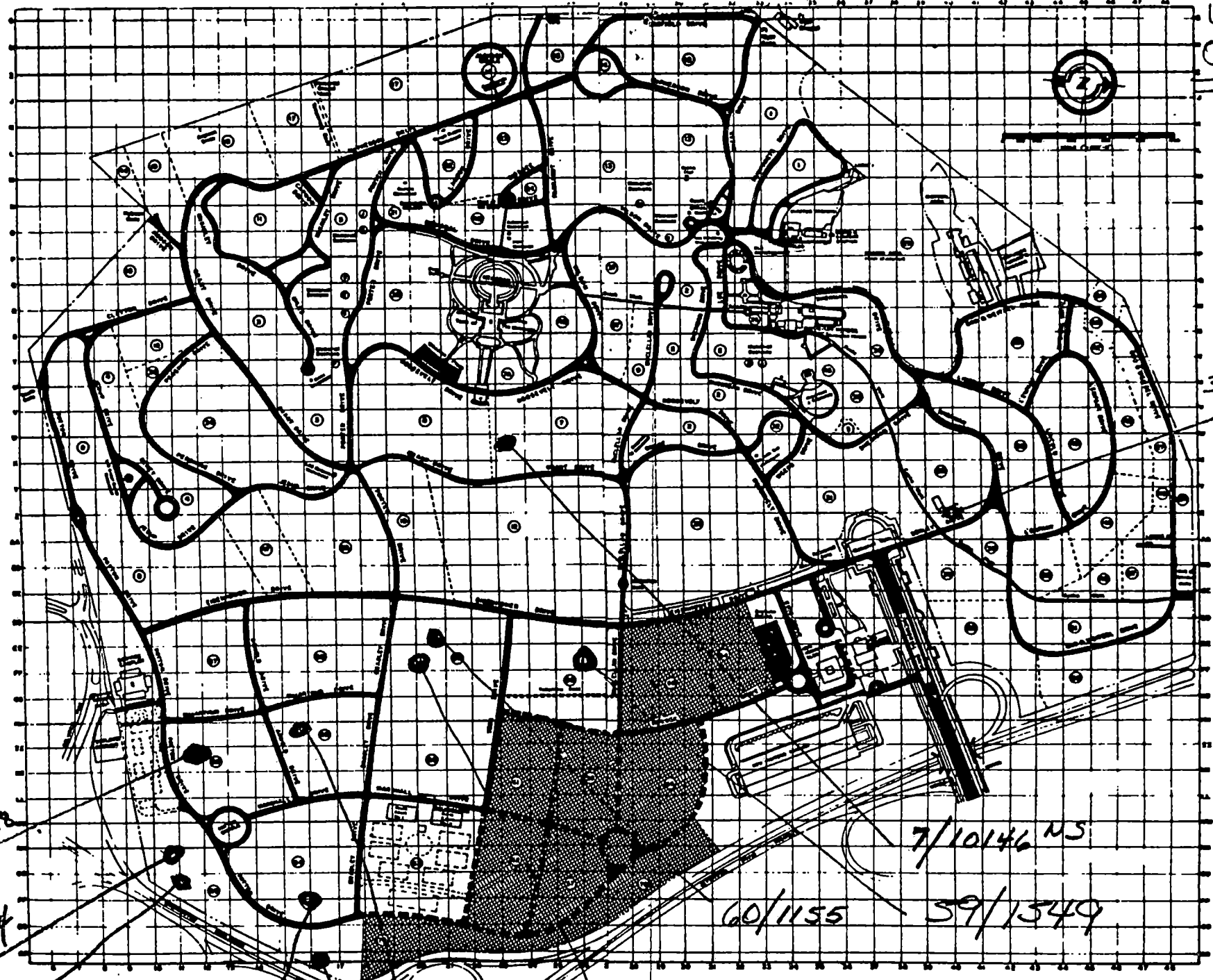


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action. ROBERT GABRIEL / Los Angeles Times; Photo, (Southland Edition, A8) At left, Naomi Swartzendruber, seated, is held by her sister, Norelene Hamlin, as a radio station dedicates a song to her son, Army Warrant Officer George Swartzendruber, who died in Iraq. Associated Press

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heralded effort to find him, Dr. Livingstone wasn't lost; he was where he wanted to be, doing the work he wanted to do. Sometimes I get the feeling that a lot of public speakers have what I call a Stanley and Livingstone complex. You in the audience are their Livingstones, and they are going to save you from being lost. They are going to show you the way. Ladies and gentlemen, I have no such illusions about my remarks to you here today. I do not pretend to know the way; what I do know is something of what is going on, and I'd like to report that to you so you can draw your own conclusions.

## NOVEMBER 11

### Patton

One of the sad but inescapable facts about fame is that it often picks people for their eccentricities as much as their accomplishments. Today is the birthday of General George S. Patton Jr., whose scrapes and exploits in World War II made him such a headline figure. General Patton was born on this day in 1885 in San Gabriel, California. There were many other outstanding generals in World War II, but few with Patton's extroverted personality and flair for getting into and out of difficult situations. The question that kept arising was whether it was his ability or his colorful presence that made him so well known, and the same question keeps arising with many of the public figures we know today—business people whose commercial achievements are fair to middling but whose didos or attitudes keep making headlines, politicians with fine looks and statesmanlike voices who never say or do anything of distinction, one-dimensional entertainers who make a lifetime success by playing the same role over and over again. Public images and actual personalities may be quite different. Sometimes it helps to hear different views of the same headliner, because from these different views you can form a probably more accurate composite. And so today I hope I can contribute to that sort of composite in the case of some current leaders.

### "God Bless America"

Sometimes good things take a long time to make it. On this day in 1939, singer Kate Smith introduced on her network radio program a new patriotic song that had actually been written more than twenty years earlier. The song, as you may have guessed, was Irving Berlin's "God Bless America." In the same way that songs have to wait for their time, ideas have to wait for their time, too, and I think the time has now come for some ideas that are not necessarily new but are certainly timely. I'd like to talk about one such.

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Ms. Goodwin: <sup>(Name of Sender)</sup> Mr. Richard Thomas suggested that I fax these materials to you. <sup>(Telephone Number)</sup> They pertain to two Desert Storm Veterans that will be in attendance at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. This information may be of interest to the President. A copy of the materials has also been faxed to Ms. Kathy Shanahan, FAX #456-2223.

These veterans will be seated in Box 27, seats 9 and 10. From where the President will be standing looking out at the audience, these seats are to his left/center.

## Nasty Jack:

Here's the info on two of the former Walter Reed in-patients for telephone invite to the Veterans Day Kennedy Center reception (and possibly the Arlington Ceremony) -- I've even attached two local Newspaper article on the guys, Erik (invite should include his wife) and Jay (invite should include his Mom & Dad):

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1. Erik Tate, Lance Corporal, Rations Company, Marine Corps Reserve, Anacostia, DC.

Erik is currently living at home in Herndon, VA with his wife Shirl. Erik goes to Walter Reed 3 days a week for therapy. He is now actually attached to Med-Hold of Bethesda Naval NMC.

Erik's home number is (703) 709-9150.

*Erik would either attend in wheelchair or ambulate on his temporary leg with crutches.*

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2. Jay Humphries, SP4, 325 Infantry Regiment, (a separated unit of the 82nd Airborne in Italy).

1. Jay is now also an outpatient at Walter Reed (as of 11/6) and he is living at home with his parents in suburban Maryland. Jay's home number is (301) 983-5339.

His parents, Sue & Steve, moved back here from working in Saudi Arabia to assist Jay's rehab.

Steve's work number is (W) (301) 380-3245.

*I hear that Jay has some trouble with his AK prosthesis rubbing a skin-graft area and he may attend in wheelchair.*

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## A Saudi vet's long road home

# BATTLING BACK



Story by Christine B. Laurich  
Photos by David Hobby

**T**wenty-six-year old Erik Tate is learning to walk — again. Injured in a vehicle accident while serving in Saudi Arabia, the Marine corporal suffered third degree burns over 65 percent of his body and had to have his left leg amputated.

Tate now appreciates everything in life he used to take for granted — a breath of fresh air, going for a long walk, his loving family and even being able to take his shoes off. He says he has to.

The soft-spoken Reservist deployed with his unit, Rations Company, Marine Corps Reserve, Anacostia, Dec. 31, 1990 — New Year's Eve.

Like the other 541,424 military members who were sent to Southwest Asia to put a lid on Saddam Hussein's aggression, Erik went proudly. First, however, he said goodbye to Shirl, his wife of seven months, his family, colleagues at the Fairfax County, Va. Police Department where he served as a police officer, and numerous friends from his hometown.

Nearly three months passed and Erik's unit was given the mission of establishing a new supply point in the then-liberated Kuwait. The Marines began their task by driving a convoy of nine trucks through the desert. They were about four miles from their destination when the accident occurred. He explains the events of March 22:

"Due to the sand (kicked up) from the trucks in front of us, we couldn't see. But when the sand cleared, we saw three trucks in front of us, side-by-side.

"The driver (of my vehicle) saw an opening between two of the trucks and tried to get in between, but there wasn't enough room and we hit the bumper of the truck on the right-hand side and another vehicle hit us from behind," Erik says as he stares at his scarred hands.



"Our truck hit the gas tank of the right-hand truck and that's when the explosion occurred.

"After a few seconds, I kicked the door open and got out and rolled about 200 yards because I felt a stinging sensation. I went to the other side of the truck because I didn't want to be in the road," he continues.

Afraid of a subsequent explosion, fellow Marines helped Erik get further away from the scene. His colleagues wrapped each of his arms around their shoulders.

What Erik didn't know at the time, however, was that the stinging sensation he felt was caused by the fact that he was on fire.

He was taken by ambulance to a hospital in Saudi Arabia, although he says he's not sure which one. It was at that hospital that his left leg was amputated.

He was then transferred to an American hospital in Lansuhl, Germany.

"I guess they stabilized me there and sent me to a burn center in a German military hospital in Koblenz," Erik explains.

It was in Koblenz that he finally regained



Learning to walk again, Erik receives a helping hand from 2nd Lt. Gary Gilbert as Capt. (Dr.) Tamara Lauder looks on.

## BATTLING BACK

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to visit the elementary school where children wrote him while in Saudi Arabia; he wants to ski and even jump (parachute) out of an airplane, although he says he may not be able to do that for awhile.

"My main goal now is to get out of what I call the 'red zone,' where I can do everything on my own. Once that happens, I want to get back to normal and

be myself — I'll get there, it's just going to be a little delayed," he adds.

Erik says he has learned many positive lessons since the accident.

"It's a shame that something bad has to happen before something good, but now I appreciate every little thing in life.

"My marriage, for example. That (the accident) just made it absolutely stronger because I remember the walks we used to take and all the things we have to look forward to.

"She (Shiri) can't wait until I can start walking again and neither can I," he says with a smile.

He may not have to wait long, as he is already been fitted with and is using a prosthesis.

**Physical therapist** 2nd Lt. Gary Gilbert usually administers Erik's physical therapy which consists of strengthening and stretching exercises. Erik attributes his determination to having Gilbert push him to the limit.

"I remember once when Lieutenant Gilbert and I were doing some stretching and he just asked me out of the blue, 'Do you want to walk?' Of course, I was shocked because I didn't think I could," he explains.

"But he put the walker in front of me and said, 'Do it,' and I did. It was one of the best feelings I've ever had. Without him, I don't know where I'd be. He gave me the confidence to go on.

"I think what made it even better was that Lieutenant Gilbert was even happier than I was."

Erik says there was a time when he couldn't lift his leg.

"I started with ankle weights which is about a quarter of a pound. Now I can use a 20-pound dumbbell."

Erik says he doesn't lie around and wait for life to happen. He says he treats his days in the hospital like a job and is up early each day, ready to tackle a new feat.

"That's what I want to be — myself," he states. "I know I won't be 100 percent the way I was, but I can be as strong and that's my goal."



Assisted by physical therapist 2nd Lt. Gary Gilbert and Capt. (Dr.) Tamara Lauder, Erik prepares to put on his prosthesis.



consciousness.

"When I awoke, I turned and heard people speaking a language I never heard before," he says. "I saw doctors in green outfits — I thought 'where am I?' and what's going on?"

When he turned his head, he saw his wife, his mother, Barbara and his brother, Duke, standing beside him.

"Once I saw them, I knew everything was going to be OK, and tears started coming out of my eyes, but I couldn't say or do much because I couldn't move," he recalls.

Erik stayed there until May 22, exactly two months after the accident. While at that hospital, he had four skin graft surgeries to replace the skin on his arms, hands and legs.

**He was transferred** once more to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., where he has had two more skin grafts and continues to undergo a myriad of treatments and therapies for his injuries.

Capt. (Dr.) Tamara Lauder, Physical Medicine and

Rehabilitative physician, says Erik is doing a tremendous job of recuperating, especially, she stresses, considering the fact that he came to Walter Reed unable to move his hands or leg without experiencing severe pain.

"When he first came to us (July 17) he was in a gurney, unable to turn himself over. Now he's walking and it's amazing," she remarks. "It's a reward to see how well he's done."

**Erik has** come a long way from the days when he couldn't move his arms and legs. For four weeks now, he has been allowed to go home for the weekend. He can remove his shoe, an action not possible even two weeks ago, he adds. He takes a shower by himself, and can be seen traversing the hallway in his wheelchair under his own power. Although trivial to most, these milestones are major accomplishments, Lauder notes.

"Dr. Lauder takes a different approach than most doctors," Erik comments. "She has a serious side and a funny side. Some doctors will only come see me when there's something wrong or just when I

Erik cannot yet do a complete sit-up, but strengthens stomach muscles by doing three sets of 25 "crunches" as part of his daily physical therapy routine.

need treatment, but Dr. Lauder knows when to be serious and when not to. That's good because sometimes I need both."

Although Erik has experienced extreme pain, Lauder says he has always had a positive attitude and has been a joy to work with.

"It makes my job worth it just to see how he's progressing," Lauder says.

Although Erik is unsure as to what his job will be when he returns to the police department, his goals are set high.

"I probably won't be patrolling — right away anyway — maybe I'll do something along the lines of public relations," he says with confidence. "I can't change what happened to me, but I can change what's going to happen."

Along with returning to work, Erik says he wants

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## Home from the Gulf

## New struggle in the wake of war

Joel Davis

The Persian Gulf War is fading now for most Americans into parades, celebrations and congratulations, particularly those surrounding the nation's patriotic holiday, the Fourth of July.

For some young Americans, though, the real battle is just beginning.

Jay Humphries is among those young men and women. A graduate of Point Branch High School and a member of its varsity wrestling squad there, Humphries was serving as part of the force keeping rebellious Kurds in northern Iraq secure from Iraqi government forces when he stepped on a land mine.

The injuries he suffered cost him both legs and nearly took his sight, landing him in the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center after only eight days of service in Iraq.

"The mine I stepped on was probably meant for a Kurd," said Humphries. "Everything was mined. All around our position, all up and down the slope into Turkey. I guess Iraq assumed the allies would attack

from Turkey, and they didn't have enough troops to stand up there. Most of the mines were laid by Iraqis, but some were even laid by Kurds."

Humphries was a scout for the 325th Infantry Regiment, a separated unit of the 82nd Airborne Division, stationed in Italy until orders came for Iraq. "Our mission was to secure an area of northern Iraq to make a safe haven for the Kurds," he explained.

"(As a scout unit) we were there to warn the rest of the regiment if the Iraqis were coming up on us," Humphries said. "We were on a mountain watching a small village with a few Iraqis posted in it. We also saw convoys of Iraqi army troops moving south, away from the Kurdish territory, so the warnings from the allies worked."

Despite his injuries, Humphries said he is glad he joined the army, and glad he had the chance to be a scout.

"I liked it a lot," he said. "We worked on our own, and the (five-man) teams got to be pretty tight. You have to be pretty good friends to be out there like that. You rely on each

other a lot to do what you have to do."

Humphries said he was a bit surprised at the territory he had to patrol. Expecting a desert, he was surprised at the mountainous terrain, the grassy fields and shrubbery of northern Iraq.

Humphries' contact with the refugees was less surprising to him, but much more disturbing. He said he was not quite prepared for the condition of the refugee groups, especially the children.

"I'll tell you the saddest thing I ever saw," recalled Humphries. "We were driving through the city of Zakku, on the border with Turkey, riding our Hum Vees and trucks and all. There were about 100 real little kids lining the road on both sides, waving empty MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) packages at us, wanting us to throw them some food. It was pitiful. They were all so thin and everything, and the way they would almost run out in the street trying to stop someone was hard to take."

Once Humphries got to the edge of the Kurdish security zone, the hard work started, setting up camp and digging

defensive positions.

"The first three or four days were boring, really, just a lot of digging," he said. "I liked the rest of it, once we started our mission."

On his eighth day in Iraq, Humphries lost his back, and stepped in the wrong place. The violence of the explosion is still apparent on Humphries' body, and some evidence of the blast will be with him always.

"I was injured May 4, and I was first sent to a field hospital run by French and Canadians," Humphries said, calmly describing the terrifying moments. "Then I was sent to a hospital in Turkey, but I think that was just to keep me until I could get a plane. I was in Weisbaden, Germany for three days, then they sent me here."

The extent of the blast damage forced doctors to amputate both Humphries' legs, his left just below the knee, his right just above, but the most pressing problem was his eyes.

"They wanted to get me back here as quickly as possible because of my eyes," said Humphries. "My right eye had a little shrapnel in it, but they were able to fix it with sutures.

It formed a cataract because of the trauma, but I'm getting it operated on next month.

"The left eye had more damage," said Humphries. "I had to have a cornea transplant in that eye. I can see, but it looks like I'm in a real dark room."

Humphries expects to recover most of his sight in both eyes, though his right will probably always be better than his left. Now that his health is stabilizing, Humphries has had a chance to reflect on his experience, and his outlook is amazingly positive.

"I enjoyed what I did, and I was good at what I did," he said. "I had a good time while I was in Iraq. I really don't have any regrets, especially since volunteered for Infantry, and for Airborne. It comes with the territory. Being a soldier is a dangerous job."

Life after soldiering is already mapped out to some extent. First on the list is recovery.

"I've been going to physical therapy to try to get my upper body built up some," Humphries said. "Pretty soon they will measure me for prosthetics, and that will help. I'm anxious to get up walking."

**LIVING**



Jay Humphries

Humphries gives full marks to the Army for his care. They put his parents up in a hotel until they could find a place to stay, and have guaranteed Humphries full medical care for the rest of his life. It seems everyone has rallied around in his time of need.

"My friends have been really good," he said. "A lot of people come to visit me."

His parents returned from an ARAMCO (the Arab-American oil company) assignment in Saudi Arabia to take care of Humphries, and they are impressed with his fighting spirit.

"I'm very proud of my son," said Sue Humphries. "If anyone can conquer those kind of injuries, it will be Jay."

Right now, Humphries is still learning to live with his injuries, unable to read, or walk, or a host of other things a lot of us take for granted.

His body is still covered with healing wounds, a reminder of the true price of war to set beside the political gains and the lessons learned. Humphries is full of confidence, though, ready to be back in the swing of things, getting on with a life that war merely interrupted.

"Come back and see me in four or five months," he says with conviction. "I'll be up and around. There should be a tremendous improvement by then."

again. As soon as I get my eyesight better, and can walk enough to get around real well by myself, I'm going back to college."

Humphries said he needs some time at a community college first, "because I forgot a

lot of stuff in the Army," but eventually hopes to go somewhere out west, preferably in Arizona.

"I'll probably take a lot of general courses at first," he said. "I don't really know exactly what I want to do yet."

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## Proclamation 5907—National Firefighters Day, 1988 November 10, 1988

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

### *A Proclamation*

Each year, fires claim some 6,000 lives in our country and destroy property worth \$10 billion. The toll would be much higher were it not for the skilled and dedicated individuals who are our Nation's firefighters. These Americans, our friends and neighbors, confront danger every day as they protect our lives, homes, and communities. They exemplify the very best in the American spirit. On National Firefighters Day, 1988, and all year long, we owe municipal, volunteer, and all other firefighters our heartfelt thanks, our utmost respect, and our thorough cooperation in their fire prevention, rescue, and safety efforts.

Last year, 127 firefighters gave their lives in the line of duty. Let us pause in solemn and prayerful remembrance of these fallen heroes and of all firefighters who have given their lives through the years. Let us also be sure to extend our support and sympathy to their brave families.

From the days of firefighters' hand-drawn rigs in the 18th century to those of 19th-century horse-drawn engines, and on to today's modern fire and rescue vehicles, Americans young and old have thrilled, during many a parade on many a Main

Street or Maple Avenue throughout our land, to colorful and exciting displays of powerful firefighting equipment. But we have thrilled even more in understanding and appreciation of firefighters' critical mission and their indispensable spirit of courage, service, and sacrifice. May such recognition always inspire us to salute and thank America's firefighters for all they do for each of us.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 649, has designated November 12, 1988, as "National Firefighters Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

*Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 12, 1988, as National Firefighters Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.*

RONALD REAGAN

*[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 11:10 a.m., November 14, 1988]*

## Remarks at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier November 11, 1988

Those who live today remember those who do not. Those who know freedom remember today those who gave up life for freedom. Today, in honor of the dead, we conduct ceremonies. We lay wreaths. We speak words of tribute. And in our memories, in our hearts, we hold them close to us still. Yet we also know, even as their fami-

lies knew when they last looked upon them, that they can never be fully ours again, that they belong now to God and to that for which they so selflessly made a final and eternal act of devotion.

We could not forget them. Even if they were not our own, we could not forget them. For all time, they are what we can

only aspire to be: giving, unselfish, the epitome of human love—to lay down one's life so that others might live. We think on their lives. We think on their final moments. In our mind's eye, we see young Americans in a European forest or on an Asian island or at sea or in aerial combat. And as life expired, we know that those who could had last thoughts of us and of their love for us. As they thought of us then, so, too, we think of them now, with love, with devotion, and with faith: the certainty that what they died

for was worthy of their sacrifice—faith, too, in God and in the Nation that has pledged itself to His work and to the dream of human freedom, and a nation, too, that today and always pledges itself to their eternal memory.

Thank you. God bless you.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:17 a.m. in the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.*

## Remarks at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial November 11, 1988

Well, thank you, Jack Wheeler, thank you very much. I shall treasure that gift. And to all of you, thanks, and good morning.

Before I begin, let me take a moment to congratulate the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the other distinguished guests without whom the construction and operation of this memorial would not have been possible. Let me also say that America is grateful to the hundreds of Vietnam veterans who, when I asked them to join my administration, did so, and have and are serving our nation so proudly. For your devotion to America, I salute you.

We're gathered today, just as we have gathered before, to remember those who served, those who fought, those still missing, and those who gave their last full measure of devotion for our country. We're gathered at a monument on which the names of our fallen friends and loved ones are engraved, and with crosses instead of diamonds beside them, the names of those whose fate we do not yet know. One of those who fell wrote, shortly before his death, these words: "Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own. And take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind."

Well, today, Veterans Day, as we do every year, we take that moment to embrace the gentle heroes of Vietnam and of

all our wars. We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause.

I'm not speaking provocatively here. Unlike the other wars of this century, of course, there were deep divisions about the wisdom and rightness of the Vietnam war. Both sides spoke with honesty and fervor. And what more can we ask in our democracy? And yet after more than a decade of desperate boat people, after the killing fields of Cambodia, after all that has happened in that unhappy part of the world, who can doubt that the cause for which our men fought was just? It was, after all, however imperfectly pursued, the cause of freedom; and they showed uncommon courage in its service. Perhaps at this late date we can all agree that we've learned one lesson: that young Americans must never again be sent to fight and die unless we are prepared to let them win.

But beyond that, we remember today that all our gentle heroes of Vietnam have given us a lesson in something more: a lesson in living love. Yes, for all of them, those who came back and those who did

not, their love for their families lives. Their love for their buddies on the battlefields and friends back home lives. Their love of their country lives.

This memorial has become a monument to that living love. The thousands who come to see the names testify to a love that endures. The messages and mementos they leave speak with a whispering voice that passes gently through the surrounding trees and out across the breast of our peaceful nation. A childhood teddy bear, a photograph of the son or daughter born too late to know his or her father, a battle ribbon, a note—there are so many of these, and all are testimony to our living love for them. And our nation itself is testimony to the love our veterans have had for it and for us. Our liberties, our values, all for which America stands is safe today because brave men and women have been ready to face the fire at freedom's front. And we thank God for them.

Yes, gentle heroes and living love and our memories of a time when we faced great divisions here at home. And yet if this place recalls all this, both sweet and sad, it also reminds us of a great and profound truth about our nation: that from all our divisions we have always eventually emerged strengthened. Perhaps we are finding that new strength today, and if so, much of it comes from the forgiveness and healing love that our Vietnam veterans have shown.

For too long a time, they stood in a chill wind, as if on a winter night's watch. And in that night, their deeds spoke to us, but we knew them not. And their voices called to us, but we heard them not. Yet in this land that God has blessed, the dawn always at last follows the dark, and now morning has come. The night is over. We see these men and know them once again—and know how much we owe them, how much they have given us, and how much we can never fully repay. And not just as individuals but as a nation, we say we love you.

These days, we show our love in many ways—some of it through the Government. We now fly the POW-MIA flag at this memorial on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and POW-MIA Recognition Day. This is a small gesture, but a significant one. America also keeps a vigil for those who have not

yet returned. We have negotiated with the Vietnamese to bring our nation's sons home, and for the first time, too, have joint teams investigating remote areas of Vietnam that might shed light on the fate of those we list as missing. In Laos, we have also begun a new round of surveys and excavations of crash sites. And we have told Hanoi that it must prove to the American people through its cooperation whether men are still being held against their will in Indochina. Otherwise we will assume some are, and we will do everything we can to find them.

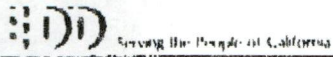
Here at home, a new Department of Veterans Affairs and extended veterans benefits are merely outward and visible signs of an inward and invisible grace that has come to our land. Vietnam service is once more universally recognized as a badge of pride. Four years ago, I noted that this healing had begun and that I hoped that before my days as Commander in Chief were over it would be completed. Well, now as I approach the end of my service and I see Vietnam veterans take their rightful place among America's heroes, it appears to me that we have healed. And what can I say to our Vietnam veterans but: Welcome home.

Now before I go, as have so many others, Nancy and I wanted to leave a note at the wall. And if I may read it to you before doing so, we will put this note here before we leave:

"Our young friends—yes, young friends, for in our hearts you will always be young, full of the love that is youth, love of life, love of joy, love of country—you fought for your country and for its safety and for the freedom of others with strength and courage. We love you for it. We honor you. And we have faith that, as He does all His sacred children, the Lord will bless you and keep you, the Lord will make His face to shine upon you and give you peace, now and forever more."

Thank you all, and God bless you.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:45 a.m. He was introduced by John Wheeler, chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Mr. Wheeler gave the President a bronze replica of the memorial's "Three Fighting Men" statue.*



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# S. J. RES. 157

To designate the week beginning November 10, 1991, as "Hire a Veteran Week".

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6 (legislative day, JUNE 3), 1991

Mr. ROCKERFELLER (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. CRANSTON, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. MITCHELL) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the week beginning November 10, 1991, as  
"Hire a Veteran Week".

Whereas the people of the United States have a deep appreciation and respect for the men and women who serve the United States through service in the Armed Forces;

Whereas many veterans possess special qualities and skills that make them ideal candidates for employment;

Whereas many veterans encounter difficulties in securing employment despite these special qualities and skills; and

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Labor, the Office of Personnel Management, and many State and local governments administer veterans programs and have veterans employment representatives

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to ensure that veterans receive the services to which they are entitled and to promote employer interest in hiring veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3 the week beginning November 10, 1991, is hereby desig-  
4 nated as "Hire a Veteran Week", and the President is  
5 authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling  
6 upon employers, labor organizations, veterans' service or-  
7 ganizations, and Federal, State, and local governmental  
8 agencies to lend their support to the campaign to increase  
9 employment of the men and women who have served the  
10 United States through service in the Armed Forces.

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## House of Representatives

### HIRE A VETERAN WEEK RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. BROWN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in an effort to help create employment opportunities for America's veterans. As we know here in Congress, the Federal Government funds many program to assist veterans in finding jobs and to encourage private employers to hire veterans.

Unfortunately, many employers and veterans do not know of these programs. Sometimes, all a good idea needs is a little publicity. That's why a constituent of mine, Mr. Bill Baker, who is a veteran, persuaded me to introduce a resolution to authorize national "Hire a Veteran Week." You or your staff may even have spoken with Bill Baker, since he's taken a week of vacation time and flown here from California to make phone calls to gather support for this resolution. The other body has just passed Hire a Veteran Week, and 10 more cosponsors are needed to bring the measure to the floor in the House.

During Hire a Veteran Week, political leaders would be encouraged to remind employers and veterans of the many programs that exist to promote the hiring of veterans. Many Members will themselves be making speeches this Veteran's Day. I would urge every Member to include in his or her speech references to the many job related skills and abilities that America's veterans have and to the programs that exist to facilitate the hiring of veterans. And, if you are able, I would encourage you to add to the national publicity for veterans employment by cosponsoring Hire a Veteran Week. You can see me or call my office to do so. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.



## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Paul Tagliabue  
Commissioner

June 20, 1991

Mr. William Baker  
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Dear Mr. Baker,

The NFL would be pleased to cooperate with a "Hire a Veteran Week". We would be in a position to publicize the week, especially by using our in-stadium scoreboards to promote it.

Please send additional information to Joe Browne, Vice President of Communications and Development in my office.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL TAGLIABUE

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**IT IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT A GRASS-ROOTS EFFORT**  
**TO GET JOBS FOR VETERANS**

October 15, 1991

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to you for the last time to request that you join me as a cosponsor to H.J. Res. 280, to designate the week of November 10, 1991 as "Hire a Veteran Week." The corresponding Senate bill has <sup>49</sup>51 cosponsors and will ~~likely~~ pass this week. /

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, Bill Baker -- himself a veteran who helps find other veterans jobs for the state of California -- will be calling from my office to follow up on this letter and request that you sign on to H.J. Res. 280. I sponsored "Hire a Veteran Week" after Mr. Baker suggested to me that a period of national publicity on behalf of veterans would be of great assistance to the veterans' assistance offices that exist in every state.

A few points for you to keep in mind about "Hire a Veteran Week":

- o This bill will not cost the taxpayers a dime.
- o The idea has received the support of such organizations as the National Football League and the American Legion. They will utilize independent efforts to promote "Hire a Veteran Week". But we need to enact it, first!
- o The bill will highlight the fact that there are significant advantages to hiring veterans, including already existing federal programs that employers may not know about, such as tax credits and special Job Training Partnership Act funds.

I urge you to join me in cosponsoring this resolution to help America's veterans and their families. Please contact my legislative aide for veterans' issues, Doug Mink, at 5-6161.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.  
Member of Congress

**118 Cosponsors include:**

Aberrombie, Ackerman, Andrews(ME), Applegate, AuCoin, Bacchus, Bateman, Bentley, Beville, Billakis, Blaz, Bliley, Bonior, Brewster, Browder, Bryant, Bustamante, Byron, Callahan, Carper, Clement, Clinger, Coleman(TX), Collins(MI), Conyers, Cooper, Cramer, Davis, DeFazio, Dellums, de Lugo, Dixon, Doolittle, Downoy, Durbin, Dwyer, Emerson, Engel, Erdreich, Espy, Evans, Faleomavaega, Fawell, Felghan, Fish, Ford(MI), Franks, Gaydos, Gilman, Grandy, Guarini, Hammerschmidt, Harris, Hayes(LA), Henry, Horn, Horton, Hoyer, Hubbard, Huokaby, Hunter, Hyde, Jefferson, Jontz, Kaptur, Kolter, Kopetski, Lagomarsino, Lancaster, Lehman(FL), Lewis(CA), Lewis(FL), Lipinski, Lloyd, Long, Lowey(NY), McCloskey, McGrath, McMillan, McMillen, McNulty, Martinez, Mavroules, Mineta, Montgomery, Moran, Mrazek, Panetta, Parker, Patterson, Payne, Perkins, Poshard, Quillen, Rangel, Reed, Rhodes, Roe, Rowland, Sangmeister, Saxton, Scheuer, Sisisky, Skeen, Slattery, Smith(FL), Spence, Spratt, Sundquist, Swett, Towns, Traficant, Unsoeld, Washington(TX), Waxman, Weldon, Wilson, Wise.

Friday, November 1, 1991

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S15733-S15819*

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1903-1911, and S. Res. 213 and 214.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1287, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 102-199)

S. Res. 198, amending Senate Resolution 62 of the One Hundred Second Congress to authorize the Committee on Foreign Relations to exercise certain investigatory powers in connection with its inquiry into the release of the United States hostages in Iraq, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 102-200)

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### Measures Passed:

*Kentucky Bicentennial Day:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 61, to designate June 1, 1992, as "Kentucky Bicentennial Day."

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*National Home Care Week:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 81, to designate December 1, 1991 through December 7, 1991, and November 29, 1992 through December 5, 1992, each as "National Home Care Week."

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*National Home Care Week:* Senate passed H.J. Res. 175, to designate the weeks beginning December 1, 1991, and November 29, 1992, as "National Home Care Week," clearing the measure for the President.

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*National Philanthropy Day:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 96, to designate November 19, 1991 as "National Philanthropy Day."

Pages S15814-15

*National Philanthropy Day:* Senate passed H.J. Res. 140, designating November 19, 1991, as "National Philanthropy Day," clearing the measure for the President.

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*National Women Veterans Recognition Week:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 145, designating the week beginning November 10, 1991, as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week."

Pages S15814-15

*Hire a Veteran Week:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 157, to designate the week beginning November 10, 1991, as "Hire a Veteran Week."

Pages S15814-15

*Hire a Veteran Week:* Senate passed H.J. Res. 280, to designate the week beginning November 10, 1991, as "Hire a Veteran Week," clearing the measure for the President.

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*National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 174, designating the month of May 1992, as "National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month."

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*National Women in Agriculture Day:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 176, to designate March 19, 1992, as "National Women in Agriculture Day."

Pages S15814, S15816

*Geography Awareness Week:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 180, designating December 1, 1991, through December 7, 1991, as "Geography Awareness Week."

Pages S15814, S15816

*National Red Ribbon Month:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 188, designating November 1991 as "National Red Ribbon Month."

Pages S15814, S15818

*National Military Families Recognition Day:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 197, designating November

# National "Hire A Vet Week" in 1991?

For the first time, "Hire A Veteran Week" may be observed nationally during the week of November 11, 1991.

Since 1989, California DVOP Bill Baker has written hundreds of letters, made several thousand phone calls and spent his nights speaking to V.F.W. and American Legion halls.

His efforts have resulted in a bill that was introduced in Congress and will allow the President to declare the week as national "Hire A Veteran Week."

The bill "...requests and authorizes the President to issue a proclamation calling upon employers, labor organizations, veterans organizations, and federal, state

and local governmental agencies to lend their support to the campaign to increase employment of the men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces."

"I think this can add an upbeat aspect to Veteran's Day," Baker said. "After we have a moment of silence for those veterans who died serving our country, we can remember those who are still here, those veterans who might need a job."

## NVTI

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

October      November      December      1991

This NVTI Training Schedule lists all courses and start dates for October, November, and December 1991.\* Although no addition of classes, deletion of classes or change of class start dates is anticipated in this schedule, circumstances unforeseen at the time of this printing could necessitate such changes.

**Professional Skills Development (Core I)** - sessions start Monday morning, end Friday afternoon. Departures are scheduled Friday.

October 28      Session 259 & 260

**Veterans' Benefits (Core II)** - sessions start Monday morning, end Friday afternoon. Departures are scheduled Friday.

October 21      In Oregon  
November 4      Session 77  
December 9      Session 78

**Grants Management and Analytical Techniques** - (tentative schedule) sessions start Monday morning, end Friday afternoon. Departures are scheduled Friday.

November 4      Pilot 1  
November 18      Pilot 2  
December 2      Session 1

**Transition Assistance Program** - sessions start Monday morning, end Friday afternoon. Departures are scheduled Friday.

October 7      Sessions 17 & 18  
October 21      Sessions 19 & 20  
November 18      Sessions 21 & 22  
December 2      Sessions 23 & 24

**Marketing & Accessing the Media** - sessions start Monday morning, end Friday afternoon. Departures are scheduled Friday.

December 9      Session 16

**Managing Veterans Programs** - sessions start Sunday evening, end Wednesday afternoon. Departures are scheduled Wednesday and Thursday.

October 28      Region VIII  
November 18      Sessions 13  
December 2      Sessions 14

Baker continues to drum up support for the week and already the National Football League has responded positively to one of his requests. NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, has agreed to publicize "Hire A Veteran Week" on in-stadium scoreboards all over the country.

Baker, an NVTI graduate of Class 141, plans to approach dozens of major corporations to garner support in the form of media access or to publicly hire veterans during that week.

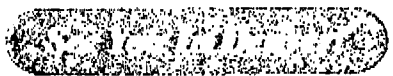
## Take a Bow, Mr. Hartnett

A big round of applause is due Thomas F. Hartnett, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor. Our sources tell us he is the originator of the Veterans' Bill of Rights program.

The Veterans' Bill of Rights program, started in New York, has been launched in West Virginia, Florida, Mississippi, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Ohio and Kansas.

The program promotes veterans' understanding of their employment and training rights and the state employment security agency's mandate to provide veterans priority services as required by Congress.

\*Courses are tentatively scheduled pending FY '92 funding.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 11, 1991

Dear Private First Class Sell:

Thank you for your assistance in preparing the President's Veterans Day address. He was impressed by the excellent example and devotion to duty displayed by the Tomb Guards.

It was an honor to meet you and your comrades-in-arms. You are America's pride.

I have no doubt that you will continue to live up to "Line 6."

Sincerely,



Robert H. Simon, Jr.  
Speechwriter

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 11, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Arlington National Cemetery

11:36 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all. Thank you, Mr. Secretary, and thank all of you. To Secretary Garrett and General Powell, members of the Joint Chiefs, ranking enlisted persons with us here today. Members of Congress. To General Streeter. And, of course, Mr. McCoy. Fellow veterans and citizens.

On this cold autumn day, in this hallowed place of honor, we gather to convey our nation's gratitude for those who risked their lives for the land, the people and the ideals they loved. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the guns fell silent and the first World War drew to an end. Ever since, Americans have set aside November 11th to honor our veterans whose footsteps set the pace of freedom's march.

From our fiery birth in 1776 to freedom's latest triumph in the Persian Gulf, America's veterans have always answered the call and given their all whenever tyrants and despots imperiled freedom and democracy. They called World War I "the war to end all wars," but that was not to be. The Earth was engulfed a second time and Americans of my generation rose up again to defend their homeland and liberate two continents. Fifty years later the memorial to World War II veterans is all around us, an America strong and proud, her proud example lighting the way to liberty.

And yet even with that war's end, freedom's work was not complete. First in Korea and then in Vietnam, two more generations of Americans responded with determination and vigor. And today, on this Veterans Day, we owe a special debt to the men and women of Desert Storm. They went proudly, willingly, on a mission of high principle and noble purpose to defeat aggression and defend freedom. They freed a captive nation and set America free by renewing our faith in ourselves.

And in this victory America rallied behind those who served in Desert Storm and, in a wonderful way, they rallied behind those who so proudly served in Vietnam. It was long overdue and it was good for the nation's soul. America holds a special place in history; as we preserved and strengthened our own democracy, we've sought to extend the blessings of liberty throughout the world. The ideals on which this great nation was founded have taken root in new and fertile lands.

In the Western Hemisphere, 98 percent of the people now live in democracies. In Africa, people line up to vote as one-man states collapse. Europeans, East and West, unite in ways never thought possible. Age-old enemies of the Middle East finally sit face to face to seek an end to their bitter strife. The Soviet Union strives to throw off the dead hand of communism. And the time is coming when those last few totalitarian states will fade into historical oblivion.

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The United States will always be a force for peace in the world. But the peace we seek is a real peace. The triumph of freedom and prosperity, not merely the absence of war. We can never know which war will be the last. But we take as our hope the prophecy of Isiah, that "nations shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." And, yes, we hope, we pray, that as the years progress, the face of war will recede into our distant memory. But the memory of our veterans and their sacrifice will never fade.

President Coolidge said long ago, "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten." We will not forget. America will not forget. We will not forget those who died. We will not forget those who do the hard work of freedom every day. And we will never forget the POWs and the MIAs yet to be accounted for.

A year from now, 100 years from now, citizens will come here on November 11th to remember. And yet we cannot confine our obligation to a single day. We must always remember the importance of preparedness and the high cost of liberty.

For more than 50 years, 24 hours a day, a lone sentinel has kept a silent vigil aside the Tomb of the Unknowns. And recently, one of the outstanding men who guard the tomb was asked what is it like here at night, alone, in the quiet of this place. And he said he felt a kinship to the men resting here; that this was where he wanted to be, here to honor his comrades and all they represent. Sometimes, this young PFC said, "The rain streaks in your eyes or your fingers go numb from cold, but then I think about what they suffered through. And after that my duty doesn't seem hard at all."

There's a poem the honor guards learn that says it all. "You are guarding the world's most precious gifts. You, you alone, are the symbol of 250 million people who wish to show their gratitude. And you will march through the rain, the snow and the heat to prove it."

To the men and women of our Armed Forces and to all our veterans, know that you have your country's gratitude on Veteran's Day and every day of the year. And may God bless America and the veterans who keep her free. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

END

11:42 A.M. EST



# VETERANS DAY

November 11, 1991

Arlington National Cemetery





## Veterans Day, 1991

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

Memory is the first measure of gratitude—those who are truly grateful do not forget the service that has been rendered for their sake. Each November we Americans remember in a special way the veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Through their vigilance, courage, and sacrifice, these individuals have helped to secure the freedoms that we so enjoy today—the freedoms that we can sometimes, all too easily, take for granted.

Since President Woodrow Wilson asked that all Americans pause on November 11, 1919, in honor of the Nation's war heroes, Americans have set aside this date to remember and pray for all those patriots who have put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others. As we salute our Nation's veterans, we also remember with solemn pride their fallen comrades, including those heroes who rest "in honored glory . . . known but to God."

There is no irony in the fact that we honor this country's war veterans on the anniversary of Armistice Day, a day dedicated to peace. As was the case during Operation Desert Storm, members of the U.S. military have engaged in armed conflict only as a last resort, only to defend freedom and the rule of law. And we know that these ideals form the only sure foundation for lasting peace among nations.

America's veterans have faced the hellish fires of combat and the chilling presence of mortal danger so that our children and our children's children might dwell in a safer, more peaceful world. The freedom of millions of people around the globe is, in many ways, a living monument to each of them.

Today thousands of veterans continue to serve our Nation through their families and their communities, helping others to appreciate more fully the value of freedom and the importance of patriotism. These contributions we also remember with thankfulness and pride.

Of course, while memory is the first measure of gratitude, its fullest and most meaningful expression is found in word and deed. We can never repay our veterans for all that they have endured for our sake, but we can show by our actions—on this day and every day of the year—that their great sacrifices are indeed cherished and remembered. Whether we do so on our own or through our schools, businesses, and community organizations, let us convey our thanks to veterans through acts of generosity and kindness. Let us demonstrate, in a special way, our respect and concern for those former service members who are hospitalized or disabled.

In order that we may pay due tribute to those who have served in our Armed Forces, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 11, 1991, as Veterans Day. I urge all Americans to honor our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers. I also call on Federal, State, and local government officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, churches, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with suitable commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Bush".



## Veterans Day 1991

As chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, and on behalf of this year's host organization, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, I am pleased to welcome you to this ceremony.

On this honored day, throughout our Nation, in the largest cities and the smallest towns, our citizens will gather in ceremonies like this one in order to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the American armed forces. Without these sacrifices, made so freely and so generously by our brave veterans, our cherished freedom would long ago have vanished.

Today's date, November eleventh, was etched in the stone of history by the sacrifice of one generation of veterans, and sustained by the service of their sons and grandsons, daughters and granddaughters. The flag under which they served is the emblem of our unity, our power, and our purpose as a Nation. Each generation of veterans has passed on to its successors the tradition of honor and service embodied in the flag of the United States.

Veterans Day honors their service and I am proud to play an integral role in our Nation's expression of gratitude for their commitment to our ideals.

The Department of Veterans Affairs not only serves and cares for America's veterans, we also consider it our sacred trust to keep alive the legacy created by those who donned our Nation's uniform in the cause of Freedom, as well as to keep our commitment to those who served. It is my pleasure to join with you here today, and with all Americans across the land, as we pause to remember them.

Edward J. Derwinski  
*Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

# Placing of the Presidential Wreath

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS ..... 11:00 A.M.

## THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH President, United States of America

HIS EXCELLENCY MICHAEL JOHN COOK,  
Ambassador from Australia

HIS EXCELLENCY DEREK BURNEY,  
Ambassador from Canada

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Ambassador from Saudi Arabia

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Ambassador from New Zealand

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United States Senate

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United States House of Representatives

THE HONORABLE JOHN H. SUNUNU,  
Chief of Staff to the President

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National President, Host Organization  
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*And to the Coors Family for their generous contribution to the reception.*

# Amphitheater Program

November 11, 1991

Stephen S. Bell, Master of Ceremonies

KYW – TV Philadelphia, PA

MUSICAL PRELUDE .....	The United States Navy Band <i>LCDR, Ralph M. Gambone, Assistant Leader, Conducting</i>
PRESENTATION OF COLORS .....	“National Emblem March” Edwin E. Bagley
INVOCATION .....	Chaplain, Simeon Kobrinetz <i>Deputy Director, Chaplain Service, Department of Veterans Affairs</i>
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE .....	Carlos Rodriguez <i>Past President and eastern PVA Associate Executive Director–Benefit Services</i>
“THE NATIONAL ANTHEM” .....	The United States Navy Band J.R. Smith <i>Audience participation invited Senior Chief Musician Charles Yates, Soloist</i>
POSTING OF COLORS .....	
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	“America the Beautiful” The United States Navy Band
WELCOMING REMARKS .....	Victor S. McCoy, Sr. <i>President, Paralyzed Veterans of America</i>
INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS .....	Stephen S. Bell
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER .....	The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski <i>Chairman, Veterans Day National Committee and Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs</i>
ADDRESS .....	The Honorable George Bush <i>President of the United States</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	“Battle Hymn of the Republic” Peter Wilhousky <i>Senior Chief Musician Charles Yates, Soloist</i>
BENEDICTION .....	Chaplain Herbert B. Cleveland <i>Chief of Chaplains Department of Veterans Affairs</i>
RETIRING THE COLORS .....	“Washington Post March” John Phillips Sousa <i>Ms. Dornian Mirsch, Interpreter for the hearing impaired.</i>

# Veterans Day Ceremonies National

Arlington National Cemetery • Paralyzed Veterans of America

Support troops provided by the Armed Forces of the United States.

## Regional Ceremonial Sites and Hosts

Alameda County, Oakland, California .....	VFW
Albany, Oregon .....	Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
Auburn, Washington .....	Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
Atlanta, Georgia .....	Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association
Austin, Texas .....	Austin Veterans Day Committee
Birmingham, Alabama .....	87th USA Maneuver Area Command
Bonham, Texas .....	Veterans Day Parade Committee
Covington Kentucky .....	Tipton Co. Veterans Council
Columbus, Ohio .....	Military/Veterans Education Foundation
Indianapolis, Indiana .....	American Legion
Kansas City, Missouri .....	VFW
Milwaukee, Wisconsin .....	AMVETS
Mobile, Alabama .....	American Legion
Nashville, Tennessee .....	Marine Corps League
St. Louis, Missouri .....	Metro. St. Louis
San Jose, California .....	United Veterans Council
Vancouver, Washington .....	American Legion
Waco, Texas .....	American Legion

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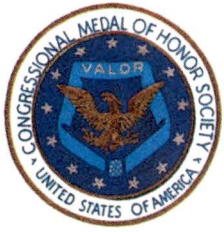
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