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Thursday, May 1, 2003

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

REMARKS ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 2003

7:35 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.

East Room

Karl Rove

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National Day of Prayer
May 1, 2003
Draft #5

Thank you, and welcome to the White House. I thank Laura for the introduction. We are both so pleased to have you with us.

I also thank each one of you for participating in this National Day of Prayer. Today we recognize the many ways our country has been blessed, and we acknowledge the source of those blessings. Millions of Americans seek guidance every day in prayer to Almighty God. I am one of them. I also know that many Americans remember me in their prayers, and I am grateful to them all.

Acknowledgments

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So many great events in our Nation's history were shaped by men and women who found strength and direction in prayer. The first President to live in this house composed a prayer on his second evening here for all who would follow him in office. Our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, knew that his burdens were too great for any man, so he carried them to God in prayer. And over the radio on D-Day in 1944, Franklin Roosevelt prayed for God's blessing on our mission to "set free a suffering humanity."

The past month has been another time of testing for America, and another time of intense prayer. Americans have been praying for the safety of our troops, and for the protection of innocent Iraqi citizens. Americans

BACKGROUND ON THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN AND GIRLS

The Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls was instituted in the fall of 1997. The 22 to 24 choristers attend the Cathedral School on scholarship and are drawn from the seventh through twelfth grades.

Along with the Choir of Men and Boys, the Men and Girls sing for Washington National Cathedral services, radio and television broadcasts, and concerts. Each year, the choir participates in special services of National and ecumenical importance, such as the Celebration of Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service, and the National Prayer Service on September 14, 2001.

The Girl Choristers have appeared on *CBS This Morning*. Under the direction of James Litton, the Choir of Men and Girls performed for the prestigious 2002 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Philadelphia.

BACKGROUND ON DR. LUIS PALAU

Now in his fourth decade of mass evangelism, Dr. Palau has spoken in English and Spanish to hundreds of millions of people in 104 nations through radio and television broadcasts, and face-to-face to 15 million people in 69 nations. In the evangelist's hometown in Argentina, Palau drew crowds of 80,000 and 120,000 for Festival Córdoba in 2001. In September of 2001, New York publisher Doubleday released his newest book *It's a God Thing*. Dr. Palau has two other books published by Doubleday: *Where Is God When Bad Things Happen?*, and *God Is Relevant*.

Dr. Palau is president of the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association.

BACKGROUND ON FATHER JOSEPH WALLROTH

Chaplain, Colonel Joseph R. Wallroth is the Wing Chaplain 89th Air Base Wing, Andrews AFB, Maryland. Chaplain Wallroth was commissioned a chaplain with the rank of Captain in 1981 and has served as a Catholic Chaplain, Installation Staff Chaplain, Senior Catholic Chaplain, Senior Cadet Chaplain at the United States Air Force Academy, and Wing Chaplain. Prior to joining the Air Force, Chaplain Wallroth served as Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Tenafly, New Jersey, and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, New Jersey. He has served in his chaplain role at Air Force bases in New Jersey, California, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Alabama, and Germany.

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USA FREEDOM CORPS SERVICE RECOGNITION
San Diego, California

1. Name: Bobby Russell Price
2. Activity: You will meet Bobby and pose for photos with him near Air Force One upon arrival.
3. Background: Born and raised in Florida, Bobby graduated from Robert Wood Johnson High School in Gainesville, Georgia, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in December 1976. In February 2001, he retired as a Lieutenant after serving 24½ years of service. His final sea tour was aboard the USS *Constellation* in 1998.

Since his retirement, Bobby has worked for Science Applications International Corporation as a defense contractor, supporting the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in San Diego, California.
4. Age: 44 years old
5. Service Record: Bobby is an active volunteer with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, specifically working with their Military Assistance Program. He estimates that he volunteers approximately 500 hours each year, helping to assist veterans and their families. He is currently serving as California's 1st District Senior Vice Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also serves as a commissioner of the City of Chula Vista Veterans Advisory Committee.

As part of his volunteer service, Bobby has worked to educate and enlist the support of 36 Veterans of Foreign Wars posts for the Adopt-A-Unit program and Operation Uplink. Bobby's own post, #2111, adopted the USS *John C. Stennis*, and presented the aircraft carrier's executive officer with a certificate and World Trade Center flag as part of a candlelight vigil on September 11, 2002, just after the ship returned from Operation Enduring Freedom.

Bobby's volunteer service has focused primarily on helping to provide support for veterans and military families. He has helped to organize workshops for veterans about how to access benefits and develop living trusts, organized social dinners for military families, and he regularly visits VA hospitals to bring support and cheer to veterans and their families.
6. Other: Bobby is married to Cynthia Price. They have five children.
7. Participation: Bobby will not join you for the message event.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT TO THE USS *ABRAHAM LINCOLN* (CVN-72)

Thursday, May 1, 2003, to Friday, May 2, 2003

12:00 p.m., Thursday – 7:35 a.m., Friday *PDT*

NAS North Island, USS *Abraham Lincoln*

Joseph W. Hagin

I. PURPOSE

To welcome home and congratulate the crew of the *Lincoln* Battle Group upon its successful return from a lengthy deployment in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

II. BACKGROUND

USS *Abraham Lincoln* set the record for the longest naval deployment by a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in history, deploying for 290 consecutive days, and steaming over 100,000 miles. For a Carrier Battle Group, this is the longest deployment in the last 30 years. The *Lincoln* Battle Group was involved in combat in support of three major operations: Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) and embarked Carrier Air Wing Fourteen successfully launched and recovered aircraft 12,700 times, mishap free, during this deployment. Combat sorties included 597 sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, 975 sorties in support of Operation Southern Watch in Iraq, and 1,558 sorties as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Strike aircraft operating from the three Arabian Gulf carriers (*Abraham Lincoln*, *Constellation*, and *Kitty Hawk*) dropped over three million pounds of ordnance from March 19 through April 10, 2003, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The *Lincoln*'s Air Wing Fourteen dropped nearly 40 percent of this total, or nearly 1.2 million pounds. These air operations helped protect our troops on the ground, and win the war by destroying enemy air defense units; tanks and armored vehicles; artillery pieces; command, control, and communications sites; Baath Party/Brigade Headquarters buildings; military structures; leadership targets; fuel and ammunition stores; missiles – including Al Samoud and ASTROS II units; and other military vehicles.

The Cruiser-Destroyer Group staff aboard *Lincoln* also functioned as Tomahawk Launch Area Coordinator (LAC) for the Fifth Fleet, coordinating the launching of 755 Tomahawk cruise missiles from 32 destroyers, cruisers, and submarines operating in the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea.

- Upon entering the ship, you will proceed to the Captain's Inport Cabin.
- After changing into casual clothes, you will be escorted to Ready Room One for a briefing on the Airwing's recently completed combat operations.
- You will then proceed to the tower for a light lunch and observe the launch of the Airwing F-18's with RADM Kelly.
- After lunch, you will proceed to the navigational bridge to meet Captain Card and the bridge team that drives the ship.
- From the bridge, you will proceed to Air Operations, where you will observe flight operations.
- You will then proceed to the flight deck to observe flight operations.
- After viewing flight operations, you will return to the Inport Cabin for private time/speech prep.
- You will address the Nation at 6 p.m.
- Following the address, you will enter the ship and join a group of enlisted crew for dinner.
- The rest of your evening is free.

Friday, May 2

- At 6:30 a.m., you will have breakfast with RADM Kelly and the ship's senior staff
- At 7:30 a.m. you will proceed to the flight deck for farewells with VADM Malone and RADM Kelly, and depart via helicopter for NAS North Island.

VI. REMARKS

None

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Bios of Naval Officers
Background on USS *Lincoln*



REAR ADMIRAL JOHN M. KELLY, USN

**Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE /
Commander, ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group**

Rear Admiral Kelly, a second-generation Naval Academy graduate, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering from Annapolis in 1973. Upon commissioning, he joined USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16) on deployment in the Western Pacific, serving as Main Propulsion Assistant and Navigator. He then attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master's Degree in Weapons Systems Technology.

In July 1979, RADM Kelly joined the commissioning crew of USS THORN (DD 988) as Combat Systems Officer, deploying to the Mediterranean in 1981 and conducting operations in support of the Lebanese Missile Crisis and Gulf of Sidra Freedom of Navigation Operations. He returned to the Western Pacific in January 1982, serving as Weapons Officer in USS LEAHY (CG 16), participating in three carrier battle group operations off the Kamchatka Peninsula.



Following his third sea tour, RADM Kelly reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in September 1984 as the Surface Navy's Gunnery Officer, with subsequent responsibilities for Harpoon and Tomahawk missile systems. In January 1986, RADM Kelly reported as Executive Officer in USS YORKTOWN (CG 48). During this tour, YORKTOWN operated in the Black Sea, the Mediterranean and extensively in the Gulf of Sidra, earning the coveted SIXTHFLT TOPHAND and Battle Efficiency Awards.

Following a tour on the staff of Commander, Surface Warfare Development Group as Director for Tactical Development, RADM Kelly reported to the Current Operations Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff (J3) as the conventional Tomahawk Officer and as Action Officer, European and Central Command branch from January 1989 to January 1991. During this period, he participated in the planning and execution of the Panama and Desert Shield Operations, while concurrently serving as briefer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense during these operations.

In October 1991, RADM Kelly reported as the commissioning Commanding Officer of USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53). After supervising construction, he prepared JOHN PAUL JONES for her initial deployment, while concurrently conducting shock trials the Arleigh-Burke class; the most successful on record.

RADM Kelly next joined the staff of the Director, Surface Warfare Division (N86) as Deputy Director, Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (N865). RADM Kelly then assumed command of USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) in May 1996, and immediately deployed with the ENTERPRISE Battle Group to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf, including extensive Persian Gulf Operation SOUTHERN WATCH operations. RADM Kelly then served as Chief of Staff, Commander, Second Fleet and Commander, Striking Fleet Atlantic until September 1999, including conducting Strong Resolve 98, the largest NATO exercise since the end of the Cold War, while preparing five battlegroups for forward deployment.

RADM Kelly then assumed duties as N765 (Director, Theater Air Warfare), and subsequently Deputy Director, Surface Warfare (N76B), responsible for all Surface Warfare Programs.

RADM Kelly assumed command of Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE in July 2001.

Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN
Captain Kevin C. Albright
United States Navy



Captain K. C. Albright is a native of Timonium, Maryland and a 1979 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He received his wings from VT-22 in Kingsville, Texas in May of 1981. Following A-7E Fleet Replacement Training in VA-174, Captain Albright reported to VA-12 and completed three Mediterranean deployments aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

In April 1985 he reported to VA-174 NAS Cecil Field, Florida for duty as an A-7E Instructor Pilot and Landing Signal Officer. Following this tour Captain Albright was assigned to Carrier Air Wing THIRTEEN and participated in the final deployment of USS CORAL SEA (CV-43).

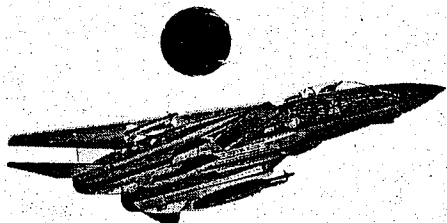
Captain Albright's next assignment was VFA-137 where he completed a Department Head tour with the KESTRELS. While assigned to VFA-137 he deployed with Carrier Air Wing SIX aboard USS FORRESTAL (CV-59) and participated in Operation PROVIDE COMFORT in Northern Iraq. In October 1992 he reported to the Naval War College in Newport Rhode Island and received a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Following a year in Newport, Captain Albright reported to a Joint Duty Assignment in Colorado Springs, Colorado at US SPACE COMMAND. In March of 1996 Captain Albright reported as the Executive Officer of VFA-81 and assumed command of the SUNLINERS in November 1996.

Captain Albright completed his command tour in 1998 and reported to the OPNAV staff as the Joint Strike Fighter Requirements Officer. He was subsequently selected for major command and reported to CVW-14 in April of 2001 as the Deputy Air Wing Commander and assumed command of the Air Wing in December 2001.

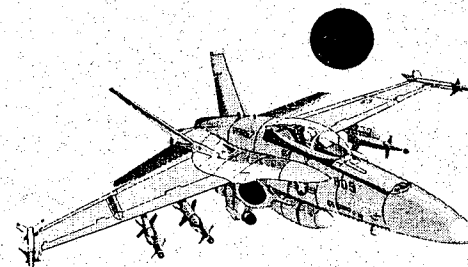
Captain Albright has accumulated 3500 flight hours and 1000 carrier landings. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike Flight Medal, Navy Commendation and Achievement Medals.

He is married to the former Suzanne Miller of Gastonia, North Carolina and has a son Drew and daughter Jordan. The Albrights reside in Lemoore, California.



CARRIER AIR WING FOURTEEN

"Fortune Favors The Brave"



Squadron

Electronic Attack Squadron 139 "Cougars"
VAQ-139

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 113 "Black Eagles"
VAW-113

Fighter Squadron 31 "Tomcatters"
VF-31

Fighter-Attack Squadron 113 "Stingers"
VFA-113

Fighter-Attack Squadron 115 "Eagles"
VFA-115

Fighter-Attack Squadron 25 "Fist of the Fleet"
VFA-25

Fleet Logistic Support Squadron THIRTY "Password"
VRC-30

Sea Control Squadron 35 "Blue Wolves"
VS-35

Helicopter Squadron 4 "Black Knights"
HS-4

Primary Mission

Electronic Warfare

Electronic Radar Support

Fighter

Fighter / Attack

Fighter / Attack

Fighter / Attack

Carrier Delivery

Anti-sub / Refueler

Anti-sub / Search & Rescue

Type

EA-6B Prowler

E-2C Hawkeye

F-14 Tomcat

F/A-18 Hornet

F/A-18E
Super Hornet

F/A-18 Hornet

C-2A (COD)

S-3B Viking

SH-60 Seahawk

Home Base

Whidbey Island, Wash.

Point Mugu, Calif.

Oceana, Va.

Lemoore, Calif.

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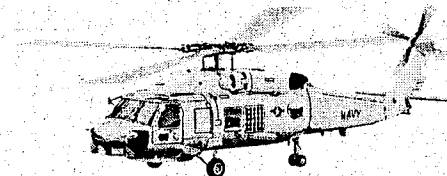
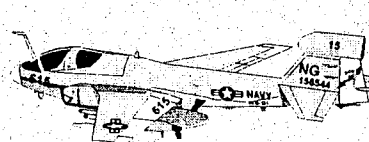
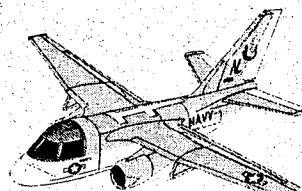
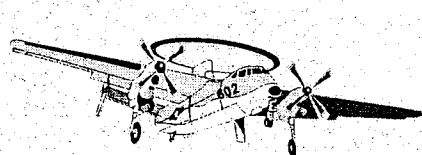
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Squadron call letter key:

V = Fixed wing aircraft; F = Fighter; A = Attack; Q = Electronic Warfare; C = Cargo; S = Anti-submarine; H = Rotary wing aircraft



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS TO CREW

Thursday, May 1, 2003
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *PDT*
USS *Abraham Lincoln*
Dan Bartlett / Joe Hagin

I. PURPOSE

To deliver remarks to the Nation on Iraq.

II. BACKGROUND

This address will provide you an opportunity to explain to the public that the military battle in Iraq has officially ended.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Andrew Card, Chief of Staff
Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor
Mike Gerson, Director of Speechwriting
Ari Fleischer, Press Secretary
Scott Sforza, Deputy Director of Communications for Production

IV. PRESS PLAN

Network Pool

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will be introduced off-stage and walk up to the podium on the deck of the USS *Abraham Lincoln*.
- You deliver remarks on a Tele Prompter. Sailors will be in the audience.
- You conclude remarks.
- You depart stage.
- You work the ropeline.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Remarks

Remarks from the USS Abraham Lincoln
May 1, 2003
Draft #11

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Sailors of the USS Abraham Lincoln, and my fellow Americans:
Major combat operations in Iraq have ended. Our coalition is now engaged in securing and reconstructing that country. In the Battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed.

In this battle, we have fought for the cause of liberty, and for the peace of the world. Our Nation and our coalition are proud of this accomplishment – yet it is you, the members of the United States military, who achieved it. Your courage – facing danger for your country and for each other – made this day possible. Because of you, our Nation is more secure. Because of you, the tyrant has fallen, and Iraq is free.

Operation Iraqi Freedom was carried out with a combination of precision, speed, and boldness the enemy did not expect, and the world had not seen before. From distant bases or ships at sea, we sent planes and missiles that could destroy an enemy division, or strike a single bunker. Marines and soldiers charged to Baghdad across 350 miles of hostile ground, in one of the swiftest mass advances of heavy arms in history. You have shown the world the skill and might of the American Armed Forces.

This Nation thanks all the members of our coalition who joined in a noble cause. We thank the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, Australia, and Poland, who shared in the hardships of war. We thank all the citizens of Iraq who welcomed our troops and joined in the liberation of their own country. And tonight, I have a special word for Secretary Rumsfeld, for General Franks, and for all the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States: America is grateful for a job well done.

The character of our military through history – the daring of Normandy, the fierce courage of Iwo Jima, the decency and idealism that turned enemies into allies – is fully present in this generation. When Iraqi civilians looked into the faces of our servicemen and women, they saw strength, and kindness, and good will. When I look at the members of the United States military, I see the best of our country, and I am honored to be your Commander in Chief.

allies believed they could destroy this Nation's resolve, and force our retreat from the world. They have failed.

In the Battle of Afghanistan, we destroyed the Taliban, the terrorists, and the camps where terrorists trained. We continue to help the Afghan people lay roads, restore hospitals, and educate all of their children. Yet we also have dangerous work to complete. And as I speak, a special operations task force, led by the 82nd Airborne, is on the trail of terrorists, and those who seek to undermine the free government of Afghanistan.

From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaida killers. Nineteen months ago, I pledged that the terrorists would not escape the patient justice of the United States. As of tonight, nearly one-half of al-Qaida's senior operatives have been captured or killed.

The liberation of Iraq is a crucial advance in the campaign against terror. We have removed an ally of al-Qaida, and cut off a source of terrorist funding. And this much is certain: No terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from the Iraqi regime, because that regime is no more.

In these 19 months that changed the world, our actions have been focused, and deliberate, and proportionate to the offense. We have not forgotten the victims of September 11th – the last phone calls, the cold murder of children, the searches in the rubble. With those attacks, the terrorists and their supporters declared war on the United States. And war is what they got.

Our war against terror is proceeding according to principles that I have made clear to all:

Any person involved in committing or planning terrorist attacks against the American people becomes an enemy of this country, and a target of American justice.

Any person, organization, or government that supports, protects, or harbors terrorists is complicit in the murder of the innocent, and equally guilty of terrorist crimes.

and Iraqi theatres of war – after 100 thousand miles, on the longest carrier deployment in recent history – you are homeward bound. Some of you will see new family members for the first time – 150 babies were born while their fathers were on the Lincoln. Your families are proud of you, and your Nation will welcome you.

We are mindful as well that some good men and women are not making the journey home. One of those who fell, Corporal Jason Mileo [mah-lee-OH], spoke to his parents five days before his death. Jason's father said, "He called us from the center of Baghdad, not to brag, but to tell us he loved us. Our son was a soldier." Every name, every life, is a loss to our military, to our Nation, and to loved ones who grieve. There is no homecoming for these families. Yet we pray, in God's time, their reunion will come.

Those we lost were last seen on duty. Their final act on this earth was to fight a great evil, and bring liberty to others. All of you – all in this generation of our military – have taken up the highest calling of history. You are defending your country, and protecting the innocent from harm. And wherever you go, you carry a message of hope – a message that is ancient, and ever new. In the words of the prophet Isaiah: "To the captives, 'Come out,' ... and to those in darkness, 'Be free.'"

Thank you for serving our country and our cause. God bless you all, and may God bless America.

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IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Prior to your arrival

- Guests attend a reception on the State Floor.
- Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls performs "My Shepherd Will Supply" and "Father in Thy Gracious" during the pre-program.

Program

- You arrive at the Blue Room to greet program speakers and Kurt and Brenda Warner.
Note: You hold while program speakers and the Warners are escorted into the East Room.
- You are announced into East Room and seated in the front row.
Note: Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls will be pre-positioned on choral risers.
- Washington National Cathedral soloist Julie Keim performs "Swing Low."
- Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls performs "All Things Bright and Beautiful."
- Shirley Dobson delivers remarks.
- Dr. Luis Palau reads the 2003 Official National Day of Prayer "Prayer for the Nation."
- Brigadier General David Hicks reads Psalm 33 and introduces you.
- You deliver remarks.
- Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls performs "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."
- Father Joe Wallroth delivers closing prayer.
- Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls performs "America the Beautiful."
- Event concludes and you depart.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Remarks

Background on: Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls
Father Joseph Wallroth
Dr. Luis Palau
Shirley Dobson
2003 Official National Day of Prayer, Prayer for the Nation

National Day of Prayer
May 1, 2003
Draft #5

Thank you, and welcome to the White House. I thank Laura for the introduction. We are both so pleased to have you with us.

I also thank each one of you for participating in this National Day of Prayer. Today we recognize the many ways our country has been blessed, and we acknowledge the source of those blessings. Millions of Americans seek guidance every day in prayer to Almighty God. I am one of them. I also know that many Americans remember me in their prayers, and I am grateful to them all.

Acknowledgments

- Brigadier General David Hicks, Chaplain of the Army (will introduce the President)
- Mrs. Shirley Dobson, Chairwoman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, and her husband, Dr. Jim Dobson
- Dr. Luis Palau, President, Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, wrote this year's official "Prayer for the Nation"
- Father Joe Wallroth, Wing Chaplain, Andrews Air Force Base (will be speaking after the President)
- The Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls
- Julie Keim, Washington National Cathedral Soloist
- Military Chaplains, who are tending to the spiritual needs of our servicemen, women, and their families

So many great events in our Nation's history were shaped by men and women who found strength and direction in prayer. The first President to live in this house composed a prayer on his second evening here for all who would follow him in office. Our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, knew that his burdens were too great for any man, so he carried them to God in prayer. And over the radio on D-Day in 1944, Franklin Roosevelt prayed for God's blessing on our mission to "set free a suffering humanity."

The past month has been another time of testing for America, and another time of intense prayer. Americans have been praying for the safety of our troops, and for the protection of innocent Iraqi citizens. Americans

prayed that war would not be necessary, and now pray that the peace will be just, and lasting. We continue to pray for the recovery of the wounded, and for the comfort of all who have lost a loved one.

The scriptures say: "The Lord is near to all who call on him." Calling on God in prayer also brings us nearer to each other. After his son was rescued from northern Iraq, the father of Sergeant James Riley of New Jersey said, "We have been flooded with people's prayers. Everyone is praying for us, and we are so grateful."

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, many Americans have registered online to adopt a service man or woman in prayer. Others wear prayer bracelets to remind themselves to intercede for our troops. In Fountain City, Wisconsin, Lynn Cox has collected at least 80 Bibles to send to those serving in Iraq. And in Green, Ohio, a group of parishioners at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church has made 2,000 rosaries for our troops. Margaret Brown, who helped start the group, said, "We want them to know that someone back here is holding them up in prayer, and that God is so powerful, He can supply all their needs."

To pray for someone else is an act of generosity. We set our own cares aside, and look to the good of another. Prayer teaches humility: We find that the plan of the Creator is sometimes very different from our own. Yet we learn to depend on His loving will, bowing to purposes we do not always understand. Prayer can lead to a grateful heart – turning our minds to all the gifts of this life, and to the great works of God.

Prayer can also contribute to the life of our Nation. America is a strong Nation – in part, because we know the limits of human strength. All strength must be guided by wisdom, and justice, and humility. We pray that God will grant us that wisdom, and sense of justice, and humility in our current challenges – and in all the years ahead.

I thank you all for helping to keep prayer a part of our national life. May God bless each one of you, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

*Drafted by Colleen Carroll, Office of Speechwriting
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BACKGROUND ON THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN AND GIRLS

The Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls was instituted in the fall of 1997. The 22 to 24 choristers attend the Cathedral School on scholarship and are drawn from the seventh through twelfth grades.

Along with the Choir of Men and Boys, the Men and Girls sing for Washington National Cathedral services, radio and television broadcasts, and concerts. Each year, the choir participates in special services of National and ecumenical importance, such as the Celebration of Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service, and the National Prayer Service on September 14, 2001.

The Girl Choristers have appeared on *CBS This Morning*. Under the direction of James Litton, the Choir of Men and Girls performed for the prestigious 2002 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Philadelphia.

BACKGROUND ON DR. LUIS PALAU

Now in his fourth decade of mass evangelism, Dr. Palau has spoken in English and Spanish to hundreds of millions of people in 104 nations through radio and television broadcasts, and face-to-face to 15 million people in 69 nations. In the evangelist's hometown in Argentina, Palau drew crowds of 80,000 and 120,000 for Festival Córdoba in 2001. In September of 2001, New York publisher Doubleday released his newest book *It's a God Thing*. Dr. Palau has two other books published by Doubleday: *Where Is God When Bad Things Happen?*, and *God Is Relevant*.

Dr. Palau is president of the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association.

BACKGROUND ON FATHER JOSEPH WALLROTH

Chaplain, Colonel Joseph R. Wallroth is the Wing Chaplain 89th Air Base Wing, Andrews AFB, Maryland. Chaplain Wallroth was commissioned a chaplain with the rank of Captain in 1981 and has served as a Catholic Chaplain, Installation Staff Chaplain, Senior Catholic Chaplain, Senior Cadet Chaplain at the United States Air Force Academy, and Wing Chaplain. Prior to joining the Air Force, Chaplain Wallroth served as Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Tenafly, New Jersey, and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, New Jersey. He has served in his chaplain role at Air Force bases in New Jersey, California, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Alabama, and Germany.

BACKGROUND ON SHIRLEY DOBSON

Mrs. Shirley Dobson is nationally recognized for her leadership skills and contributions to women's affairs, Christian organizations, and the government. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Focus on the Family, and has served as chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force (NDP) since 1991. Mrs. Dobson also speaks on issues impacting families and culture, and is co-author of *Let's Make a Memory*, *Let's Hide the Word*, and *Night Light*. Her new book on prayer, *Certain Peace in Uncertain Times*, was released in April, 2002.

A graduate of Pasadena College, she has received honorary doctorate degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary (1989), Biola University (1995), and Huntington College (1997). In September, 1992, she was honored with the Christian Woman of the Year Award, and she was designated as Churchwoman of the Year in 1996 by Religious Heritage of America.

Mrs. Dobson and her husband, Dr. James C. Dobson, founder and president of Focus on the Family, reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and are the parents of two adult children.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

"Our Father and our God, We thank you for the many blessings You have poured out on America and we praise You for Your mercy.

"You have said: 'Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.' We confess, O Lord, our national and personal sins. We repent and ask forgiveness for all actions that dishonor You.

"O God, bless our President and other leaders. Provide them with wisdom and move them to honor You.

"Deliver this great nation from all our enemies as we recommit ourselves to trust, serve and obey Your commands.

"We pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

"Amen."

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USA FREEDOM CORPS SERVICE RECOGNITION

San Diego, California

1. Name: Bobby Russell Price
2. Activity: You will meet Bobby and pose for photos with him near Air Force One upon arrival.
3. Background: Born and raised in Florida, Bobby graduated from Robert Wood Johnson High School in Gainesville, Georgia, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in December 1976. In February 2001, he retired as a Lieutenant after serving 24½ years of service. His final sea tour was aboard the USS *Constellation* in 1998.

Since his retirement, Bobby has worked for Science Applications International Corporation as a defense contractor, supporting the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in San Diego, California.
4. Age: 44 years old
5. Service Record: Bobby is an active volunteer with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, specifically working with their Military Assistance Program. He estimates that he volunteers approximately 500 hours each year, helping to assist veterans and their families. He is currently serving as California's 1st District Senior Vice Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also serves as a commissioner of the City of Chula Vista Veterans Advisory Committee.

As part of his volunteer service, Bobby has worked to educate and enlist the support of 36 Veterans of Foreign Wars posts for the Adopt-A-Unit program and Operation Uplink. Bobby's own post, #2111, adopted the USS *John C. Stennis*, and presented the aircraft carrier's executive officer with a certificate and World Trade Center flag as part of a candlelight vigil on September 11, 2002, just after the ship returned from Operation Enduring Freedom.

Bobby's volunteer service has focused primarily on helping to provide support for veterans and military families. He has helped to organize workshops for veterans about how to access benefits and develop living trusts, organized social dinners for military families, and he regularly visits VA hospitals to bring support and cheer to veterans and their families.
6. Other: Bobby is married to Cynthia Price. They have five children.
7. Participation: Bobby will not join you for the message event.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VISIT TO THE USS *ABRAHAM LINCOLN* (CVN-72)

Thursday, May 1, 2003, to Friday, May 2, 2003

12:00 p.m., Thursday – 7:35 a.m., Friday *PDT*

NAS North Island, USS *Abraham Lincoln*

Joseph W. Hagin

I. PURPOSE

To welcome home and congratulate the crew of the *Lincoln* Battle Group upon its successful return from a lengthy deployment in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

II. BACKGROUND

USS *Abraham Lincoln* set the record for the longest naval deployment by a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in history, deploying for 290 consecutive days, and steaming over 100,000 miles. For a Carrier Battle Group, this is the longest deployment in the last 30 years. The *Lincoln* Battle Group was involved in combat in support of three major operations: Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) and embarked Carrier Air Wing Fourteen successfully launched and recovered aircraft 12,700 times, mishap free, during this deployment. Combat sorties included 597 sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, 975 sorties in support of Operation Southern Watch in Iraq, and 1,558 sorties as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Strike aircraft operating from the three Arabian Gulf carriers (*Abraham Lincoln*, *Constellation*, and *Kitty Hawk*) dropped over three million pounds of ordnance from March 19 through April 10, 2003, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The *Lincoln*'s Air Wing Fourteen dropped nearly 40 percent of this total, or nearly 1.2 million pounds. These air operations helped protect our troops on the ground, and win the war by destroying enemy air defense units; tanks and armored vehicles; artillery pieces; command, control, and communications sites; Baath Party/Brigade Headquarters buildings; military structures; leadership targets; fuel and ammunition stores; missiles – including Al Samoud and ASTROS II units; and other military vehicles.

The Cruiser-Destroyer Group staff aboard *Lincoln* also functioned as Tomahawk Launch Area Coordinator (LAC) for the Fifth Fleet, coordinating the launching of 755 Tomahawk cruise missiles from 32 destroyers, cruisers, and submarines operating in the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea.

The Air Wing will depart the *Lincoln* while off the coast of San Diego May 1. The ship will then pull into Naval Air Station North Island (San Diego) May 2 to offload the rest of the Air Wing equipment. *Lincoln* will return to her homeport of Everett, Washington, May 6.

Lincoln supported one of the largest media embed operations on any ship in naval history by embarking 31 media organizations that included CNN, MSNBC, the BBC, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *New York Times*.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Andrew Card, Chief of Staff
Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor
Rear Admiral John Kelly, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Three
Captain Kendall L. Card, Commanding Officer, USS *Abraham Lincoln*
Captain Kevin Albright, Commander, Carrier Air Wing Fourteen
Commander Ron Horton, Executive Officer, USS *Abraham Lincoln*
Lieutenant Commander Gregory Huffman, Naval Aide to the President

IV. PRESS PLAN

Tour:	Pool Coverage
Remarks:	Open
Dinner:	Closed
Breakfast:	Closed

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 1

- You will arrive at Naval Air Station North Island and walk to a briefing in the Air Operations Building immediately adjacent to *Air Force One*.
- You and Secretary Card will proceed to the DV lounge to change into your flight suits.
- Pilots will meet you at the briefing room and give you a flight brief and a familiarization with an S-3B ejection seat display.
- At the conclusion of the briefing, you will proceed to the S-3B.
- After launch, you will fly to the *Lincoln* for a carrier arrested landing.
- After landing, the S-3B will park and shut down. You will remove your helmet, deplane, and proceed to the ship's arrival area at the base of the carrier's tower. You will proceed through 8 sideboys, rendering a salute once the boatswain mate commences blowing his whistle. You will be met at the end of the sideboys by Rear Admiral Kelly, Captain Card, and Captain Albright.
- You will meet on deck with combat pilots from the F-18 squadrons that are preparing to depart the ship to return to their home bases. At the conclusion of greeting, you will proceed inside ship.

- Upon entering the ship, you will proceed to the Captain's Inport Cabin.
- After changing into casual clothes, you will be escorted to Ready Room One for a briefing on the Airwing's recently completed combat operations.
- You will then proceed to the tower for a light lunch and observe the launch of the Airwing F-18's with RADM Kelly.
- After lunch, you will proceed to the navigational bridge to meet Captain Card and the bridge team that drives the ship.
- From the bridge, you will proceed to Air Operations, where you will observe flight operations.
- You will then proceed to the flight deck to observe flight operations.
- After viewing flight operations, you will return to the Inport Cabin for private time/speech prep.
- You will address the Nation at 6 p.m.
- Following the address, you will enter the ship and join a group of enlisted crew for dinner.
- The rest of your evening is free.

Friday, May 2

- At 6:30 a.m., you will have breakfast with RADM Kelly and the ship's senior staff
- At 7:30 a.m. you will proceed to the flight deck for farewells with VADM Malone and RADM Kelly, and depart via helicopter for NAS North Island.

VI. REMARKS

None

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Bios of Naval Officers
Background on USS *Lincoln*



REAR ADMIRAL JOHN M. KELLY, USN

**Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE /
Commander, ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group**

Rear Admiral Kelly, a second-generation Naval Academy graduate, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering from Annapolis in 1973. Upon commissioning, he joined USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16) on deployment in the Western Pacific, serving as Main Propulsion Assistant and Navigator. He then attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master's Degree in Weapons Systems Technology.



In July 1979, RADM Kelly joined the commissioning crew of USS THORN (DD 988) as Combat Systems Officer, deploying to the Mediterranean in 1981 and conducting operations in support of the Lebanese Missile Crisis and Gulf of Sidra Freedom of Navigation Operations. He returned to the Western Pacific in January 1982, serving as Weapons Officer in USS LEAHY (CG 16), participating in three carrier battle group operations off the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Following his third sea tour, RADM Kelly reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in September 1984 as the Surface Navy's Gunnery Officer, with subsequent responsibilities for Harpoon and Tomahawk missile systems. In January 1986, RADM Kelly reported as Executive Officer in USS YORKTOWN (CG 48). During this tour, YORKTOWN operated in the Black Sea, the Mediterranean and extensively in the Gulf of Sidra, earning the coveted SIXTHFLT TOPHAND and Battle Efficiency Awards.

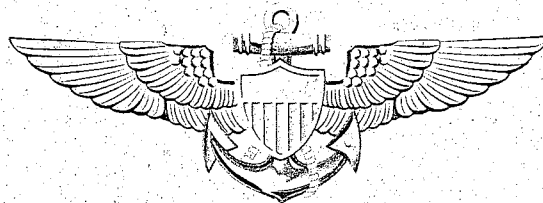
Following a tour on the staff of Commander, Surface Warfare Development Group as Director for Tactical Development, RADM Kelly reported to the Current Operations Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff (J3) as the conventional Tomahawk Officer and as Action Officer, European and Central Command branch from January 1989 to January 1991. During this period, he participated in the planning and execution of the Panama and Desert Shield Operations, while concurrently serving as briefer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense during these operations.

In October 1991, RADM Kelly reported as the commissioning Commanding Officer of USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53). After supervising construction, he prepared JOHN PAUL JONES for her initial deployment, while concurrently conducting shock trials the Arleigh-Burke class; the most successful on record.

RADM Kelly next joined the staff of the Director, Surface Warfare Division (N86) as Deputy Director, Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (N865). RADM Kelly then assumed command of USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) IN MAY 1996, and immediately deployed with the ENTERPRISE Battle Group to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf, including extensive Persian Gulf Operation SOUTHERN WATCH operations. RADM Kelly then served as Chief of Staff, Commander, Second Fleet and Commander, Striking Fleet Atlantic until September 1999, including conducting Strong Resolve 98, the largest NATO exercise since the end of the Cold War, while preparing five battlegroups for forward deployment.

RADM Kelly then assumed duties as N765 (Director, Theater Air Warfare), and subsequently Deputy Director, Surface Warfare (N76B), responsible for all Surface Warfare Programs.

RADM Kelly assumed command of Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE in July 2001.



KENDALL L. CARD CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY

Captain Kendall L. Card, a native of Fort Stockton, Texas, graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in December 1977. Subsequently, he was commissioned an Ensign, reported for flight training in February 1978, and was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1979.

Following FRS training in the SH-3H at HS-1, Captain Card reported to HS-3 in February 1980. While serving with the "Tridents," he completed three deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean embarked in USS FORRESTAL (CV 59).

From January to October 1983, Captain Card served in HS-1 as an instructor pilot. Following his selection to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, he reported to the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md. After graduation, he served as a project officer and test pilot in the Sea Control Branch of Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate and as an instructor pilot at Test Pilot School.

Captain Card served as the ASW Operations Officer and Safety Officer in Carrier Air Wing ONE from April 1987 to April 1989. He flew the SH-3H and S-3A aircraft and embarked in USS AMERICA (CV 66) for a deployment to the North Atlantic Ocean.

In July 1989, Captain Card reported to HS-9 where he served as the Administrative Officer and Maintenance Officer. During this tour, the "Sea Griffins," embarked in USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf and participated in Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, and PROVIDE COMFORT.

In August 1991, Captain Card transferred to the U.S. Naval War College, where he earned a master's degree in national security and strategic studies. Following graduation, he completed his joint education by attending Joint Professional Military Education, Phase II at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

Captain Card received transition training on the new SH-60F aircraft and reported aboard HS-15 as the Executive Officer in March 1993. He assumed command of the HS-15 "Red Lions" in September 1994, and served until September 1995. During this tour, HS-15 completed a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea embarked in USS SARATOGA (CV 60).

From September 1995 to January 1997, Captain Card served as the Helicopter Assignments Officer and Sea Assignment Coordinator for the Aviation Branch at the Bureau of Naval Personnel. While there, he was selected for CVN XO. He then attended Navy Nuclear Power School, and reported aboard as Executive Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), where he served until December 1999. During this tour, "ABE" completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

From February 2000 until August 2001, Captain Card served as Commanding Officer of USS RAINIER (AOE 7), which deployed to the Arabian Gulf as part of USS CONSTELLATION Battle Group. During this tour, RAINIER was awarded the Battle "E", the CNO Safety Award and the Golden Anchor for retention excellence.

Captain Card has accumulated more than 3,900 flight hours. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various service and campaign awards.



Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN
Captain Kevin C. Albright
United States Navy



Captain K. C. Albright is a native of Timonium, Maryland and a 1979 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He received his wings from VT-22 in Kingsville, Texas in May of 1981. Following A-7E Fleet Replacement Training in VA-174, Captain Albright reported to VA-12 and completed three Mediterranean deployments aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

In April 1985 he reported to VA-174 NAS Cecil Field, Florida for duty as an A-7E Instructor Pilot and Landing Signal Officer. Following this tour Captain Albright was assigned to Carrier Air Wing THIRTEEN and participated in the final deployment of USS CORAL SEA (CV-43).

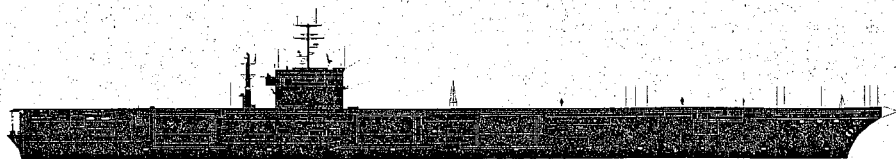
Captain Albright's next assignment was VFA-137 where he completed a Department Head tour with the KESTRELS. While assigned to VFA-137 he deployed with Carrier Air Wing SIX aboard USS FORRESTAL (CV-59) and participated in Operation PROVIDE COMFORT in Northern Iraq. In October 1992 he reported to the Naval War College in Newport Rhode Island and received a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Following a year in Newport, Captain Albright reported to a Joint Duty Assignment in Colorado Springs, Colorado at US SPACE COMMAND. In March of 1996 Captain Albright reported as the Executive Officer of VFA-81 and assumed command of the SUNLINERS in November 1996.

Captain Albright completed his command tour in 1998 and reported to the OPNAV staff as the Joint Strike Fighter Requirements Officer. He was subsequently selected for major command and reported to CVW-14 in April of 2001 as the Deputy Air Wing Commander and assumed command of the Air Wing in December 2001.

Captain Albright has accumulated 3500 flight hours and 1000 carrier landings. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike Flight Medal, Navy Commendation and Achievement Medals.

He is married to the former Suzanne Miller of Gastonia, North Carolina and has a son Drew and daughter Jordan. The Albrights reside in Lemoore, California.



Commander Ronald Horton, USN

Executive Officer

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(CVN 72)

Commander Ron Horton was born in West Germany and raised in New Suffolk, NY. He graduated from Southold High School in 1978 and received a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982.

Upon graduation from the Academy, he remained there and served as a seamanship and navigation instructor. Cmdr. Horton began flight training in October 1982 and was designated a naval aviator in September 1984. In March 1985, Cmdr. Horton reported to VA-128 and received replacement training in the A-6E Intruder.

In November 1985, he reported to the "Eagles" of VA-115 aboard USS Midway (CV 41), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. During his Far East tour, he completed two deployments including a deployment to the Indian Ocean where he participated in Operation EARNEST WILL, escorting Kuwaiti flagged tankers through the Strait of Hormuz. During his tour he served as landing signal officer (LSO), avionics and line division officer, weapons training officer, personnel officer, and NATOPS officer.

In 1988, Cmdr. Horton was selected as VA-115 Pilot of the Year. In May 1989, Cmdr. Horton returned to Whidbey Island, Wash., and VA-128 as an instructor pilot and LSO. During his tour he served as the Carrier Qualification Phasehead.

In 1990, he was selected as the Commander, Medium Attack Electronic Wing, Pacific Instructor Pilot of the Year. In October 1991, Cmdr. Horton moved to San Diego, Calif., and reported to the staff of Commander, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN attached to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and served as staff LSO, safety officer and assistant operations officer.

In April 1993, he was selected to transition to the F/A-18 Hornet. In February 1994, Cmdr. Horton completed initial training in the Hornet at VFA-125 in Lemoore, Calif., and reported to the "Blue Diamonds" of VFA-146 for his department head tour. During this tour he served as operations officer, maintenance officer, and administrative officer. While serving with VFA-146, he completed a deployment on board USS Nimitz (CVN 68) to the Arabian Gulf and participated in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH as well as contingency operations off the coast of Taiwan in support of Taiwan's first democratic elections.

In August 1996, Cmdr. Horton received orders to U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he served as the aide-de-camp to the commander of the U.S. Space Command/NORAD/Air Force Space Command until July 1998.

In December 1998, Cmdr. Horton returned to the Far East and reported to the "World Famous Golden Dragons" of VFA-192 as its executive officer. Cmdr. Horton took command of the "World Famous Golden Dragons" in December 1999 and commanded the squadron until February 2001. During his command tour, VFA-192 was awarded the 2000 Michael J. Estocin Award, 2000 COMNAVAIRPAC Battle "E" and Safety "S," and the COMPACFLT "Retention Excellence" Award. In September 2000, Cmdr. Horton was selected for major command at sea via the nuclear power pipeline and began training in May 2001. He completed nuclear power training in December 2002 and reported to USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as its executive officer in January 2003.

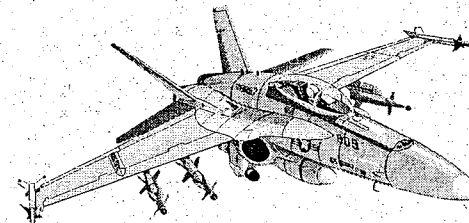
Cmdr. Horton has accumulated more than 3,700 flight hours including more than 3,400 in tactical jet aircraft and more than 750 carrier arrested landings. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, two Strike/Flight Air Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and various unit and service awards.





CARRIER AIR WING FOURTEEN

"Fortune Favors The Brave"



Squadron

Electronic Attack Squadron 139 "Cougars"
VAQ-139

Primary Mission

Electronic Warfare

Type

EA-6B Prowler

Home Base

Whidbey Island, Wash.

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 113 "Black Eagles"
VAW-113

Electronic Radar Support

E-2C Hawkeye

Point Mugu, Calif.

Fighter Squadron 31 "Tomcatters"
VF-31

Fighter

F-14 Tomcat

Oceana, Va.

Fighter-Attack Squadron 113 "Stingers"
VFA-113

Fighter / Attack

F/A-18 Hornet

Lemoore, Calif.

Fighter-Attack Squadron 115 "Eagles"
VFA-115

Fighter / Attack

F/A-18E
Super Hornet

Lemoore, Calif.

Fighter-Attack Squadron 25 "Fist of the Fleet"
VFA-25

Fighter / Attack

F/A-18 Hornet

Lemoore, Calif.

Fleet Logistic Support Squadron THIRTY "Password"
VRC-30

Carrier Delivery

C-2A (COD)

North Island, Calif.

Sea Control Squadron 35 "Blue Wolves"
VS-35

Anti-sub / Refueler

S-3B Viking

North Island, Calif.

Helicopter Squadron 4 "Black Knights"
HS-4

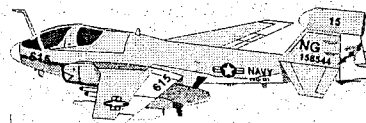
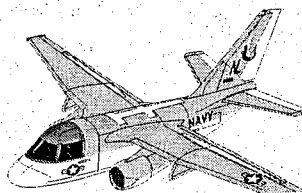
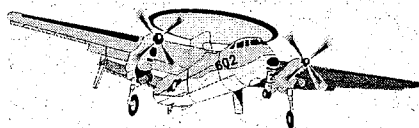
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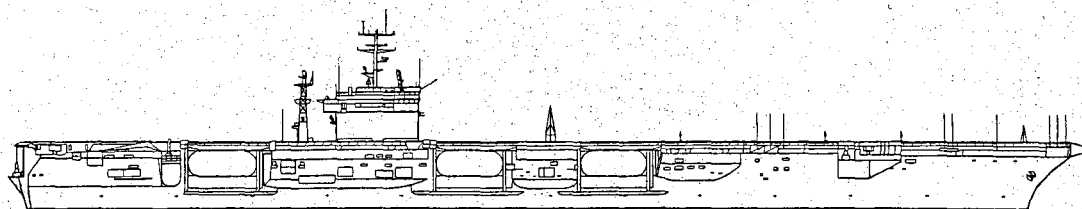
SH-60 Seahawk

North Island, Calif.

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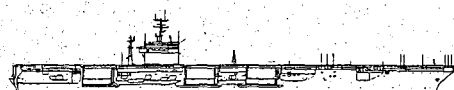
V = Fixed wing aircraft; F = Fighter; A = Attack; Q = Electronic Warfare; C = Cargo; S = Anti-submarine; H = Rotary wing aircraft





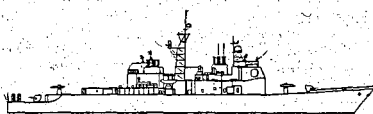
THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BATTLE GROUP

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)



Home ported in Everett, Wash.

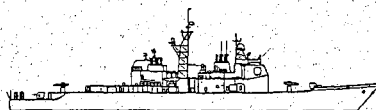
USS SHILOH (CG 67)



Guided missile cruiser out of San Diego, Calif.

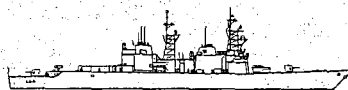
USS SHILOH's primary mission is providing Air Defense for the Battle Group, primarily for USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. SHILOH accomplishes this mission utilizing the AEGIS Weapon system and Mk 41 Vertical Launch System, which can launch SM-2 Standard Missiles to intercept air threats. The SPY-1B radar is the primary sensor of the AEGIS system, which can provide searching and tracking functions simultaneously.

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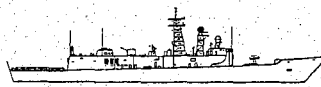
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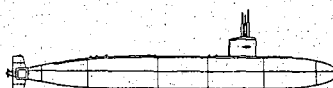
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USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57)



Guided missile frigate out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

USS HONOLULU (SSN 718)



Nuclear-powered attack submarine out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

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WASHINGTON

ADDRESS TO CREW

Thursday, May 1, 2003
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. *PDT*
USS Abraham Lincoln
Dan Bartlett / Joe Hagin

I. PURPOSE

To deliver remarks to the Nation on Iraq.

II. BACKGROUND

This address will provide you an opportunity to explain to the public that the military battle in Iraq has officially ended.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Andrew Card, Chief of Staff
Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor
Mike Gerson, Director of Speechwriting
Ari Fleischer, Press Secretary
Scott Sforza, Deputy Director of Communications for Production

IV. PRESS PLAN

Network Pool.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will be introduced off-stage and walk up to the podium on the deck of the *USS Abraham Lincoln*.
- You deliver remarks on a Tele Prompter. Sailors will be in the audience.
- You conclude remarks.
- You depart stage.
- You work the ropeline.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Remarks

Remarks from the USS Abraham Lincoln
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Sailors of the USS Abraham Lincoln, and my fellow Americans:
Major combat operations in Iraq have ended. Our coalition is now engaged in securing and reconstructing that country. In the Battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed.

In this battle, we have fought for the cause of liberty, and for the peace of the world. Our Nation and our coalition are proud of this accomplishment – yet it is you, the members of the United States military, who achieved it. Your courage – facing danger for your country and for each other – made this day possible. Because of you, our Nation is more secure. Because of you, the tyrant has fallen, and Iraq is free.

Operation Iraqi Freedom was carried out with a combination of precision, speed, and boldness the enemy did not expect, and the world had not seen before. From distant bases or ships at sea, we sent planes and missiles that could destroy an enemy division, or strike a single bunker. Marines and soldiers charged to Baghdad across 350 miles of hostile ground, in one of the swiftest mass advances of heavy arms in history. You have shown the world the skill and might of the American Armed Forces.

This Nation thanks all the members of our coalition who joined in a noble cause. We thank the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, Australia, and Poland, who shared in the hardships of war. We thank all the citizens of Iraq who welcomed our troops and joined in the liberation of their own country. And tonight, I have a special word for Secretary Rumsfeld, for General Franks, and for all the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States: America is grateful for a job well done.

The character of our military through history – the daring of Normandy, the fierce courage of Iwo Jima, the decency and idealism that turned enemies into allies – is fully present in this generation. When Iraqi civilians looked into the faces of our servicemen and women, they saw strength, and kindness, and good will. When I look at the members of the United States military, I see the best of our country, and I am honored to be your Commander in Chief.

In the images of falling statues, we have witnessed the arrival of a new era. For a hundred years of war, culminating in the nuclear age, military technology was designed and deployed to inflict casualties on an ever-growing scale. In defeating Nazi Germany and imperial Japan, Allied Forces destroyed entire cities, while enemy leaders who started the conflict were safe until the final days. Military power was used to end a regime by breaking a nation. Today, we have the greater power to free a nation by breaking a dangerous and aggressive regime. With new tactics and precision weapons, we can achieve military objectives without directing violence against civilians. No device of man can remove the tragedy from war. Yet it is a great moral advance when the guilty have far more to fear from war than the innocent.

In the images of celebrating Iraqis, we have also seen the ageless appeal of human freedom. Decades of lies and intimidation could not make the Iraqi people love their oppressors or desire their own enslavement. Men and women in every culture need liberty like they need food, and water, and air. Everywhere that freedom arrives, humanity rejoices. And everywhere that freedom stirs, let tyrants fear.

We have difficult work to do in Iraq. We are bringing order to parts of that country that remain dangerous. We are pursuing and finding leaders of the old regime, who will be held to account for their crimes. We have begun the search for hidden chemical and biological weapons, and already know of hundreds of sites that must be investigated. We are helping to rebuild Iraq, where the dictator built palaces for himself, instead of hospitals and schools for the people. And we will stand with the new leaders of Iraq as they establish a government of, by, and for the Iraqi people. The transition from dictatorship to democracy will take time, but it is worth every effort. Our coalition will stay until our work is done. Then we will leave – and we will leave behind a free Iraq.

The Battle of Iraq is one victory in a war on terror that began on September 11th, 2001, and still goes on. That terrible morning, 19 evil men – the shock troops of a hateful ideology – gave America and the civilized world a glimpse of their ambitions. They imagined, in the words of one terrorist, that September 11th would be the “beginning of the end of America.” By seeking to turn our cities into killing fields, terrorists and their

allies believed they could destroy this Nation's resolve, and force our retreat from the world. They have failed.

In the Battle of Afghanistan, we destroyed the Taliban, the terrorists, and the camps where terrorists trained. We continue to help the Afghan people lay roads, restore hospitals, and educate all of their children. Yet we also have dangerous work to complete. And as I speak, a special operations task force, led by the 82nd Airborne, is on the trail of terrorists, and those who seek to undermine the free government of Afghanistan.

From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaida killers. Nineteen months ago, I pledged that the terrorists would not escape the patient justice of the United States. As of tonight, nearly one-half of al-Qaida's senior operatives have been captured or killed.

The liberation of Iraq is a crucial advance in the campaign against terror. We have removed an ally of al-Qaida, and cut off a source of terrorist funding. And this much is certain: No terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from the Iraqi regime, because that regime is no more.

In these 19 months that changed the world, our actions have been focused, and deliberate, and proportionate to the offense. We have not forgotten the victims of September 11th – the last phone calls, the cold murder of children, the searches in the rubble. With those attacks, the terrorists and their supporters declared war on the United States. And war is what they got.

Our war against terror is proceeding according to principles that I have made clear to all:

Any person involved in committing or planning terrorist attacks against the American people becomes an enemy of this country, and a target of American justice.

Any person, organization, or government that supports, protects, or harbors terrorists is complicit in the murder of the innocent, and equally guilty of terrorist crimes.

Any outlaw regime that has ties to terrorist groups, and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction, is a grave danger to the civilized world, and will be confronted.

And anyone in the world, including the Arab world, who works and sacrifices for freedom has a loyal friend in the United States.

Our commitment to liberty is America's tradition – declared at our founding ... affirmed in Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms ... asserted in the Truman Doctrine, and in Ronald Reagan's challenge to an evil empire. We are committed to freedom in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and in a peaceful Palestine. The advance of freedom is the surest strategy to undermine the appeal of terror in the world. Where freedom takes hold, hatred gives way to hope. American values, and American interests, lead in the same direction: We stand for human liberty.

The United States upholds these principles of security and freedom in many ways – with all the tools of diplomacy, law enforcement, intelligence, and finance. We are working with a broad coalition of nations that understand the threat, and our shared responsibility to meet it. The use of force has been, and remains, our last resort. Yet all can know, friend and foe alike, that our Nation has a mission: We will answer threats to our security, and we will defend the peace.

This mission continues. Al-Qaida is wounded, not destroyed. The scattered cells of the terrorist network still operate in many nations, and we know from daily intelligence that they continue to plot against free people. The proliferation of deadly weapons remains a serious danger. The enemies of freedom are not idle, and neither are we. Our government has taken unprecedented measures to defend the homeland – and we will continue to hunt down the enemy before he can strike.

The war on terror is not over, yet it is not endless. We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide. No act of the terrorists will change our purpose, or weaken our resolve, or alter their fate. Their cause is lost. Free nations will press on to victory.

Other nations in history have fought in foreign lands and remained to occupy and exploit. Americans, following a battle, want nothing more than to return home. That is your direction tonight. After service in the Afghan

and Iraqi theatres of war – after 100 thousand miles, on the longest carrier deployment in recent history – you are homeward bound. Some of you will see new family members for the first time – 150 babies were born while their fathers were on the Lincoln. Your families are proud of you, and your Nation will welcome you.

We are mindful as well that some good men and women are not making the journey home. One of those who fell, Corporal Jason Mileo [mah-lee-OH], spoke to his parents five days before his death. Jason's father said, "He called us from the center of Baghdad, not to brag, but to tell us he loved us. Our son was a soldier." Every name, every life, is a loss to our military, to our Nation, and to loved ones who grieve. There is no homecoming for these families. Yet we pray, in God's time, their reunion will come.

Those we lost were last seen on duty. Their final act on this earth was to fight a great evil, and bring liberty to others. All of you – all in this generation of our military – have taken up the highest calling of history. You are defending your country, and protecting the innocent from harm. And wherever you go, you carry a message of hope – a message that is ancient, and ever new. In the words of the prophet Isaiah: "To the captives, 'Come out,' ... and to those in darkness, 'Be free.'"

Thank you for serving our country and our cause. God bless you all, and may God bless America.

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