



MRS. LAURA BUSH

welcomes you to

THE WHITE HOUSE

for a luncheon in honor of

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY



Wednesday, November 19, 2008

PROGRAM

Remarks by

Mrs. Laura Bush

G. Wayne Clough

*Secretary,
Smithsonian Institute*

John Rogers

*Chairman,
National Museum of American History*

Selections by

Air Force Singing Sergeants



Luncheon



Nine Herb Ravioli
Sweet Garlic Coulis
Wild Mushroom and Herb Oil

Crispy Black Sea Bass
Fennel Fondue
Braised Kale with Sweet Onions

Apple Pie
Red Currant, Blueberry & Vanilla Sauce

Chappellet Chardonnay "Napa" 2007

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

The National Museum of American History is celebrating its reopening after a two-year revitalization. Originally opened in 1964 as the National Museum of History and Technology, its name was changed in 1980 to more accurately reflect its scope of interests and responsibilities.

The museum preserves more than 3 million objects representing the nation's heritage in science, technology, sociology and culture. Collections include first ladies gowns, a Samuel Morse telegraph, locomotives, tools, an Alexander Graham Bell telephone, flags, American-made quilts, Muhammad Ali's boxing gloves, Duke Ellington's sheet music and Presidential campaign materials.

The new gallery at the heart of the museum features the recently conserved 30-foot by 34-foot Star-Spangled Banner. The flag flew defiantly above Fort McHenry after the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812, inspiring Francis Scott Key to write the words that would become the National Anthem.

THE SINGING SERGEANTS

The Singing Sergeants is the official chorus of the United States Air Force. It is one of the world's most versatile and traveled choral organizations. The Singing Sergeants is also one of a select few singing groups internationally recognized for its commitment to excellence in vocal performance. Originally formed in 1945 from within the ranks of The United States Air Force Concert Band, the chorus is now comprised entirely of professional vocalists. The Singing Sergeants have performed in all 50 states and 49 countries. They have appeared before every chief executive of the United States since President Truman. Presenting the music of America to the people of the world, the chorus has performed for millions in live performances as well as on radio and television. For more than 60 years, the Singing Sergeants have been goodwill ambassadors at the command of the American people.