

## MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: Lee Ann  
John

RE: 9/11 ceremony

CC: Renick, Phillip, Richard, Boyd, Wesley

This is the latest information regarding the observance of 9/11. First, a proclamation should be issued asap asking all Mississippians to fly their flags on 9/11, and to observe a moment of silence at 7:46am (the moment of impact of the first plane in NYC). Also, President Bush has ordered all federal buildings to fly flags at half-staff on 9/11; the same order should be given for all state buildings.

The ceremony in front of the Woolfolk building will begin at 1:30pm. Invited guests will include all statewide elected officials, all members of the Legislature, all agency heads, area mayors, Brenda Scott, and the families from Durant. These individuals will be invited to attend only, not to speak.

The only speakers would be Robert Latham, who in his capacity as director of homeland security would serve as master of ceremonies, Lt. Governor Tuck, General Lipscomb, and yourself. We also plan to invite three religious leaders (one Christian, one Jew, one Muslim), to speak during the ceremony.

At the suggestion of the National Guard, we are working to put together a color guard with representatives from the Mississippi Highway Patrol, the Jackson Police Department and the Jackson Fire Department. A civilian will carry the American flag.

The proposed outline for the ceremony is as follows:

- 41<sup>st</sup> Army Band plays patriotic selections
- Welcome by Robert Latham
- Invocation by local pastor (suggest pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson)
- Recognition of the branches of the armed services (41<sup>st</sup> Army Band plays service songs)
- Posting of the colors, followed by fly-over of 4 UH-60 helicopters
- Moment of silence, followed by playing of taps
- Singing of national anthem (suggest local talent – Lester Senter Wilson, Anna McDonald)

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Ceremony agenda (continued):

- Comments by Muslim cleric
- Latham introduce Lt. Gov. Tuck
- Tuck speaks
- Latham introduce Gen. Lipscomb
- Gen. Lipscomb speaks, introduces Governor
- Governor speaks
- Governor lays wreath
- Latham invites audience to join in singing of “God Bless America”
- Closing reflection by rabbi
- 41<sup>st</sup> Army Band plays patriotic selection.