

Battle of the Bulge Monument Dedication  
Mississippi Chapter Veterans, Battle of the Bulge  
Saturday, March 17, 2001  
2:00 p.m.  
New Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby

### **Talking Points**

- For everyone who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States, we are eternally grateful.
- Today we are here to honor Mississippi veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, during WWII.
- U.S. soldiers at the Battle of the Bulge fought in some of the worst close combat (hand-to-hand) during WWII.
- The Battle of the Bulge was the largest land battle of WWII in which the US participated.
- Out of 81,000 U.S. troops, over 19,000 American men and women died during this battle, and this monument will forever remind us of their valiant fight to preserve the freedoms we enjoy.

- The Battle of the Bulge was the last major offensive by the German army.
- We celebrate the soldiers who have fought for our freedoms and returned home in honor.
- We honor and remember the soldiers who gave their lives in battle for our freedom.
- This monument reflects the memories of those soldiers, our family members and our friends, who unquestionably served their country.
- Their dedication, their bravery and their commitment to the United States will forever be remembered and honored.
- We cannot forget the men and women who founded this country and fought to keep it a democracy.
- Mississippians are proud of our veterans, I am proud of our veterans – they deserve our respect and honor for their service to our country and to our state.