

MS Humanities Council
Press Conference
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Governor's Office
State Capitol

Talking Points

On behalf of the people of the State of Mississippi, I would like to welcome everyone here today.

I extend a special welcome to Ms. Anna Cohn, who is representing the Smithsonian, and is a visitor to our state. I would also like to welcome the many veterans who are with us today. We thank you for the personal sacrifices that you made while you were protecting our state and our nation.

Mississippi is one of three states in the United States that was selected to display the "Produce For Victory" exhibit. This exhibit exemplifies the contributions that were made to this nation by World War II veterans and their families on the home front.

We owe our thanks to the Mississippi Humanities Council for providing funds that will allow six local communities in Mississippi to add memorabilia to the exhibit.

Their personal additions will personalize the exhibit for every Mississippian who visits the display as it tours our state.

Last year the state provided funding necessary to collect oral histories from Mississippi World War II veterans. These oral histories, collected by the MS Humanities Council will also be used in the exhibit so that while visitors are viewing the display, they will also hear the voices of our World War II veterans telling the stories of their war experiences.

I am looking forward to seeing the exhibit and am proud that Mississippi was selected to receive and tour the display.