## Remarks for the Raymond 210<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup> Homecoming September 5, 2003

- Recognize General Lipscomb, members of the 210<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup>, and their families and friends
- Glad to be here today to celebrate the homecoming of the 210<sup>th</sup> and the 230<sup>th</sup>
- Elmer Davis once said, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."
- And, we are here in the middle of the home of the brave-right here in Mississippi

- Our men and women and their families
  sacrifice a great deal in order to protect us
  Journey to foreign lands/risk death and
  injury/ absence from family and friends
- Because of their decision to don the uniforms of our armed services, we are all able to be here today as a free people in a free land
- You soldiers have answered the call that demands the ultimate test of will, strength and endurance

- You all are our heroes, we are proud of you and we are happy you all made it back home safely.
- God bless you and your families. God bless the United States of America. And, God bless Mississippi.