

MEMORANDUM

September 3, 2003

TO: Governor

FROM: Shannon

RE: 9/11

CC: Lee Ann, Phillip, Armerita, Bentley, Bill, Boyd, Kelly, Kim, Felicia, Peyton, Fred, Rusty

September 5 – issue press release about proclamation and state event. The proclamation will include lowering the flag at half-staff (President Bush announced he will direct the nation's governors to lower all flags on September 11), moment of silence at 7:46 am, and encouraging to give blood. President Bush has also announce he will declare September 11, as Patriot Day. Do we need to declare that as well?

September 10 – GRM gives blood at 3:45 pm

Schedule for September 11:

- 7:30-8am - Visit to Durant and memorial gardens established in memory of victims from Durant. If mayor and family not interested, possible substitution of West Point, lots of call-ups for that area, recommended by national guard (if we go to West Point, invite Starkville reserves)
- 9-9:30am – Tupelo Armory (@ airport)
 - Six pilots from the Air Guard unit are suppose to return to MS, including the pilots who fired on the house where Hussein's sons were killed.
 - Also meet with members of the 1st Calvary Division, Rear Operations Center that are home and with family members of Company D, 159 Aviation Center from Tupelo that are deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom at the Armory.
 - Also invite Tupelo reserves
- 10:30-11am - Meridian Armory (@ airport):
 - Visit with the 186th and family members of the 248th Air Traffic Control Squadron and Newton's 1st Battalion, 204 Air Defense Artillery.
 - Also invite Meridian reserves
- 12:00-1:00 pm – Gulfport Armory (the AVCRAD at the airport):
 - Visit and eat lunch with family members of soldiers of the 1108th AVCRAD and 890th Engineer Battalion (both deployed in

Operation Enduring Freedom) at the AVCRAD (there is a cafeteria and it will be arranged so we can eat lunch with troops and families)

- Invite Pascagoula reserves
- 2:00-2:30 pm – Hattiesburg (Fire Station #1, 810 Main Street)
 - First Responder event. Will have Hattiesburg Regional Response Team, EMT's firefighters, police officers, Red Cross, local officials, etc... Amy Carruth and Robert Latham are working on this event.
 - Invite Camp Shelby and Laurel reserves
- 5:30-6:30 pm – Jackson, War Memorial Building, State Street (national guard has suggested moving it to 4pm, but from previous experience, we have had problems having people being able to leave work to come. Need to make a decision, we recommend to keep as is)
 - Have WLBT and MISS 103 sponsor the event to get the word out and to ensure media coverage. Invite all statewide elected officials, local mayors, supervisors, agency heads, firefighters, EMT's, police officers, Red Cross, students from local colleges, regional response team, state response team, capitol complex response team, Jackson reserves, etc... RM will be the only person speaking besides the ministers at the prayer service.
 - 5:30 live music with National Guard band
 - 6:00 – start prayer service. Will have four ministers and the statewide officials on stage
 - 6:30 – thank everyone for coming, end service

Those traveling with the Governor:

Armerita Tell, Shannon McMullan, General Lipscomb, Capt. Rodney Harris, Sgt. Major Bill Jones and two security.