

## MEMORANDUM

September 9, 2003

TO: All state PIO's

FROM: Shannon McMullan, Office of the Governor

RE: September 11, 2003

As you are all aware, the second anniversary of September 11, is this Thursday. The Governor will be flying around the state that day to honor Mississippi's heroes, our troops, law enforcement personnel and first responders, who put their lives on the line for us every day.

Governor Musgrove issued a proclamation on September 5, 2003, to lower the US flag and the State of Mississippi flag to half-staff. This will begin at sunrise and end at sunset on September 11. The proclamation also requested the following:

- A moment of silence at precisely 7:46 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2003 to honor the victims of the terrorist attacks; and
- Encouraged all Mississippians to give blood to honor those who died and those who continue to serve in the line of duty (the Governor will be giving blood on Wednesday, September 10, 2003; the MS Blood Services Donor Coach will be outside the Woolfolk Building on Wednesday, September 10); and
- To observe Patriot Day as proclaimed by President George W. Bush in honor of the victims of the terrorists attacks.

Governor Musgrove will be traveling to the following towns on September 11. Everyone, including your friends and family, is invited to attend the state prayer service at the War Memorial Building in Jackson. The War Memorial is located at 120 N. State Street (next to the Old Capital Building).

Schedule for September 11:

- 6:30 am - MS Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy
  - 6:30 am – breakfast with the Basic Police Class
  - 6:45 – breakfast with the Highway Patrol School Class
- 9-9:30am – Tupelo Armory (@ airport)
  - 4 of the 22 Kiowa pilots from the Air Guard deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom will attend.
  - Will hand out awards to the pilots
  - Also meet with members of the
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division, Rear Operations Center

- family members of Company D, 159 Aviation Center from Tupelo that are deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom at the Armory.
    - Tupelo reserves
  - 10:30-11am - Meridian Key Field Airbase (@ airport):
    - Visit with the 186<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing
    - family members of the 248<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron
    - Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 204 Air Defense Artillery.
    - Meridian reserves
  - 12:00-1:00 pm – Gulfport (Combat Readiness Training Center @ airport):
    - Visit and eat lunch with family members of soldiers of the
      - 1108<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD
      - 890<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (both deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom)
    - 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...
    - Laurel reserves
  - 5:30-6:30 pm – Jackson, War Memorial Building, State Street
    - Invited all statewide elected officials, local mayors, supervisors, agency heads, firefighters, EMT's, police officers, Red Cross, regional response team, state response team, capitol complex response team, and National Guard and Jackson reserves. Governor Musgrove, General Lipscomb and the ministers will be speaking at the prayer service.
    - 5:30 live music with National Guard band
    - 6:00 – start prayer service. Will have three ministers, the statewide officials, and General Lipscomb on stage
    - 6:30 – end service