

MEMORANDUM

October 17, 2003

TO: Governor Musgrove
FROM: Shannon
RE: Salute to the Military

If you drop by the Salute to the Military on Oct. 20, after the debate, you are not supposed to give remarks. You are to only present the proclamation. The proclamation should be at the event.

If you are called on to give remarks, here are some talking points:

- Today many of our nations soldiers remain on the battlefield defending the freedom of those of us here at home.
 - 255th Air Guard Unit
 - 1108th AVCRAD
 - 890th Engineer Battalion (5 members were injured recently)
- Many Mississippians remain on the frontline today participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.
- nation and our state owes a deep gratitude to these men and women for their dedication and determination in the defense of the greatest nation
- America is the greatest nation in the history of mankind, and nothing will change that, military veterans and those currently serving have made sure.
- America is not just a country, it is an ideal, a principle.