

## MEMORANDUM

September 3, 2003

TO: Governor

FROM: Shannon

RE: 9/11

CC: Lee Ann, Phillip, Armerita, Bentley, Bill, Boyd, Kelly

- September 3 – PR goes out about GRM giving blood and the proclamation asking Mississippians for a moment of silence and encouraging them to give blood. (Voice message from GRM to state employees urging them to give blood?)
- September 10 – GRM gives blood at 3:30 pm

### Schedule for September 11:

- 7:30-8am - Visit to Durant and memorial gardens established in memory of victims from Durant. Brief service at the gardens with the family members of the two Mississippians killed as well as the mayor and local officials (Bentley)
- 9-9:30am – Tupelo Armory (National Guard):
  - Six pilots from the Air Guard unit there are returning in the next few days from Iraq, including the pilots who fired on the house where Hussein's sons were killed.
  - Also meet with members of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 10:30-11am - Meridian Armory (National Guard):
  - Visit with the 186<sup>th</sup> and family members of the 248<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron and Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 204 Air Defense Artillery.
- 12:00-1:00 pm – Gulfport Armory (National Guard):
  - Visit and eat lunch with family members of soldiers of the 1108<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD and 890<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (both deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom) at the Armory.
- 2:00-2:30 pm - Hattiesburg:
  - First Responder event at a local fire station (Boyd and Robert Latham)

- 5:30-6:30 pm – Jackson, War Memorial Building, State Street
  - 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, etc... RM will be the only person speaking besides the ministers at the prayer service.
  - 5:30 live music with National Guard band (if possible, if not speak to MISS 103)
  - 6:00 – start prayer service. Will have four ministers and the statewide officials on stage
  - 6:30 – thank everyone for coming, end service

#### Times for 9/11

6:40 am wheels up Jackson

7:10 am wheels down Kosciusko

7:30-8:00 am visit memorial gardens in Durant

8:25 am wheels up Kosciusko

8:55 am wheels down Tupelo

9-9:30 am Tupelo Armory (@ airport)

9:40 am wheels up Tupelo

10:20 am wheels down Meridian

10:30-11 am Meridian Armory (@ airport)

11:10 am wheels up Meridian

11:50 am wheels down Gulfport

12:00-1:00 pm eat lunch at Armory with troops and families

1:15 pm wheels up Gulfport

1:40 pm wheels down H'burg

2:-2:30 pm First Responder event (with National Guard troops/families included?)

2:45 pm wheels up H'burg

3:15 pm wheels down Jackson

