

MEMORANDUM

October 2, 2003

TO: Governor Musgrove

FROM: Shannon

RE: National Guard press conference

Attached are your remarks for the National Guard press conference at the 2nd floor rotunda in the Capitol tomorrow. The press conference will begin at 12:15. The topic is the strength of the guard in terms of numbers. The 10,000 mark has been passed.

You and General Lipscomb will be the only speakers. You begin the press conference by welcoming everyone, give your speech, introduce Gen. Lipscomb and when he is finished speaking, come back to the podium and open for questions.

If you are asked questions about specific numbers let General Lipscomb answer the questions.

The recruiters will be on the stairs behind you along with Generals Lipscomb, Cross, Berry, Jernigan, Waller Holliday and Shields. Colonels Hearon, Spraggin and White from the Air Guard will also be in attendance.

Also attached is the LA Times article that is referenced in the remarks. It shows that recruiting is down across the nation and how many members of the national guard nationwide are serving right now.

Thanks!