

## MEMORANDUM

August 28, 2003

TO: Governor

FROM: Shannon

RE: 9/11

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

- September 8 – 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 (if not possible, then earlier in the week)

### Schedule for September 11:

- 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.
- Visit the armory in Tupelo at the airport:
  - 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.
- Meridian Armory:
  - The 186<sup>th</sup> and praise their good service record and show your support for them, while also demonstrating your focus on a thorough investigation of all allegations that occurred under the previous administration and visit family members of the 248<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron and Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 204 Air Defense Artillery.
- the Coast:
  - 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.

- Hattiesburg:
  - First Responder event
- Jackson, there are two options:
  - Invite families of local service men and women who are serving or have served in Operation Enduring Freedom to the mansion for an informal gathering. (General Lipscomb and the commanders would pick the attendees) Have a short press availability with you and the members.
  - Visit the local armories in Jackson.
  - There are 8 units in Jackson, one in Brandon, one in Clinton and one in Vicksburg that have been deployed. The 220<sup>th</sup> Finance from Jackson is already back and the 210<sup>th</sup> and the 230<sup>th</sup> should be back around September 6<sup>th</sup> (that date is fluid though). Also, the 113<sup>th</sup> from Brandon is back. There could be a combination of family members from units that are not back and soldiers that are back with their families at the mansion and at the armories.

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

12:15-1:15 pm eat lunch at Armory with troops and families

1:40 pm wheels up Gulfport

2:00 pm wheels down H'burg

2:15-2:45 pm First Responder event (with National Guard troops/families included?)

3:00 pm wheels up H' Burg

3:30 pm wheels down Jackson

4-4:30 pm Raymond Armory

6-7:00 pm Reception at Mansion