

The American Legion Department of MS State Convention
Friday, July 7, 2000
Crowne Plaza Hotel

They have asked you to give the **welcome/opening remarks**. Keep it short.

Opening

1. Good Afternoon
2. Have the opportunity to visit with you several times, and it is a pleasure to be here today.
3. Story – going with the family to see The Patriot (movie)

Patriotism

1. Fourth of July holiday –
 - a. Celebrate our freedom
 - b. Recognize and thank those who made sacrifices for us
 - i. Men and women of our military who fought in Revolutionary War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Storm etc...
 - ii. Men and women who sacrifice today

Visit to Camp Shelby

1. 155th Armored Brigade
 - a. Training in very harsh conditions
 - i. Never complained
 - ii. Proud to be there doing their job
2. Proud Americans - Soldiers
 - a. Time away from family
 - b. Time away from jobs

Adjutant General

1. (Name)
 - a. Leader -
 - b. Vision
 - c. Part of the Guard Family

Closing

1. MS National Guard has a strong reputation across the nation.
2. Focus on continuing to increase the strength of the MS National Guard
3. Preparing to protect the people of our state and nation
4. Moving us in a positive direction