

Celebrate America!

Protocol/Program Committee—Michael Boyd (Governor's Office), Chair

Tasks:

- Initial Invitation to President Bush from Governor Musgrove and David Waide
- Provide Draft Outline for Commemorative Program and Speaking Positions
  - Biographies
  - Invitations to Speakers
  - Agenda (as discussed on 5/7/03):
    - Pre-Ceremony Music (Mississippi Mass Choir &/or 41<sup>st</sup> Army Band)
    - Stage Seating (Stage Participants to walk in together)
    - Posting of Colors (MSNG)
    - Call to Order (Mr. Paul Ott, Emcee)
    - National Anthem (Leader with Crowd)
    - Invocation (Dr. Jim Futral)
    - Introduction of Governor Musgrove (Mr. Paul Ott)
      - Few Words
      - Recognize Public Officials
      - Special Recognition of Gold Star Mothers and KIAs w/ MG Lipscomb
      - Recognize POWs, Veterans of All Wars and Conflicts w/ MG Lipscomb
      - Special Recognition of Medal of Honor Winners w/ MG Lipscomb
    - Introduction of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran (Mr. Paul Ott)
    - Introduction of President Bush (U.S. Senator Thad Cochran)
    - Keynote Address (President George W. Bush)
    - Benediction (Dr. Jerry Young)
    - Conclusion Ceremony w/ Music and Flyover
  - Overview of Mississippi's Involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom
    - Unit Deployments
    - Names of Service Personnel Assigned to Operation Iraqi Freedom
  - "Special Thanks to" Section
    - Donors
    - Volunteers
    - Committee Members
- Provide List of Dignitaries for Engraved Invitations
  - Parents of KIAs
  - POWs
  - Medal of Honor Winners
  - Gold Star Mothers
  - Statewide Elected Officials (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, Secretary of State, Auditor)
  - Federal Elected Officials (Congressmen and Senators)
- Designate Seating Charts for Stage and Recognized Groups

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Estimated Budget for Printing: \$3,500

10,000 Commemorative Programs

100 Engraved Invitations