

MEMORANDUM

November 12, 2003

TO: Governor Musgrove
FROM: Shannon
RE: C-17 Aircrew Training System

Attached are your remarks for the ribbon cutting of the C-17 Aircrew Training System at Thompson Field (the simulator you flew earlier this year).

The ribbon cutting will be held outside of the building (weather permitting). If not, it will be moved inside to the bay where the simulator is located.

Chuck Schubert with Boeing will be the mc. You are the first speaker followed by Rep. Rickering, then General Lipscomb and remarks by Boeing officials. After the ribbon cutting there will be tours of the facility and refreshments available.

The C-17 training system is the only one made available to a national guard unit in the nation. Having the system here will save money in sending our guardsmen to another site to train. Also allows them to remain at home to be with their families.

There should also be in attendance active military personnel, retired military, guard and reserve units, along with civilian groups that include the airport authority.

Thanks!