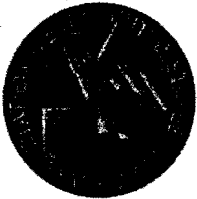


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ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
COLUMBUS - PHENIX CITY - FORT BENNING CHAPTER

3 DEC 1974

THRU: Honorable Howard H. Callaway  
Secretary of the Army  
Washington, D. C. 20301

TO: The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

*M*  
*T. W. Woodruff, Jr.*

Dear Mr. President:

The citizens of our area will enter the bicentennial era on 14 June 1975 with a significant tribute to the U. S. Army and to the American Infantryman on their 200th year of service to our nation. We feel the natural site for such a program should be Fort Benning, Georgia, for it is not only the "Home of the Infantry," but offers many strong additional considerations as shown in the enclosed fact sheet.

Major General Thomas Tarpley, the Fort Benning Commander, has assured us of his full support.

We would be honored by your presence as Commander-in-Chief and cordially invite you to address an audience drawn from our community of over 250,000 people. The program outlined in the enclosure can be altered to your schedule.

We are proud to be Americans, and we welcome this unique opportunity to demonstrate our patriotism and respect for our Army. We hope you will participate and express the thoughts and feelings of the American people.

Respectfully yours,

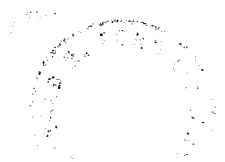
*Charles S. Daley*  
CHARLES S. DALEY  
Event Chairman

*Joe Windsor*  
JOE WINDSOR  
President

*J. W. Woodruff, Jr.*  
J. W. WOODRUFF, JR.  
Chapter Member and  
President, National AUSA

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Fort Benning

January 12, 1976

197th Infantry Brigade (Separate)  
Fort Benning  
Georgia

I am pleased to enclose an autographed photo which President Ford has asked me to send to your unit.

The President has fond memories of his visit to Fort Benning, and has asked me to express his deep appreciation to each of you for your work and sacrifices in behalf of this nation. He was deeply honored to participate in the Bicentennial ceremonies marking the founding of the United States Army.

With warmest personal regards to all, I remain,

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President

JOM:RAR:cb



*Ft. Benning*

January 13, 1976

36th Engineer Group (Combat)  
Fort Benning  
Georgia

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January 13, 1976

Women's Army Corps Company  
(Composite) (Provisional)  
Headquarters Command  
U. S. Army Infantry Center  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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January 13, 1976

1st Battalion (Ranger)  
75th Infantry  
Fort Stewart, Georgia

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January 12, 1976

1st Battalion (Mechanized)  
58th Infantry  
197th Infantry Brigade  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Counselor to the President

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January 12, 1976

Battery A  
2nd Battalion (105mm Towed)  
10th Field Artillery  
197th Infantry Brigade  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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January 12, 1976

Command Aviation Section  
197th Infantry Brigade (Separate)  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Counsellor to the President

JOM:RAR:cb



January 12, 1976

3rd Battalion  
7th Infantry  
197th Infantry Brigade  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Counsellor to the President

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January 12, 1976

Company "C" (Airborne Ranger)  
1st Battalion  
29th Infantry  
School Brigade  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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January 12, 1976

283rd Army Band  
Fort Benning  
Georgia

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January 12, 1976

478th Aviation Company (Heavy Helo)  
Fort Benning  
Georgia

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JOM:RAR:cb





January 12, 1976

Military Dog Detachment  
The School Brigade  
U. S. Army Infantry School  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Counsellor to the President

RAR:cb





January 12, 1976

121st Aviation Company  
(Assault Helo)  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Sincerely,

John G. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President

JOM:RAR:cb



January 13, 1976

1st Battalion (Airborne)  
505th Infantry  
82nd Airborne Division  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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Counsellor to the President

JOM:RAR:ch



January 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: ANNE KAMSTRA

FROM: JACK MARSH

Please change the spelling on the attached photograph to read  
"Battallon".

Many thanks.

cb



July 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: ANNE KAMSTRA

FROM: JACK MARSH

Anne, I would appreciate your having photographs auto-penned for those names appearing on the attached lists. These people assisted the President during the Fort Benning trip.

Many thanks.

cb





OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

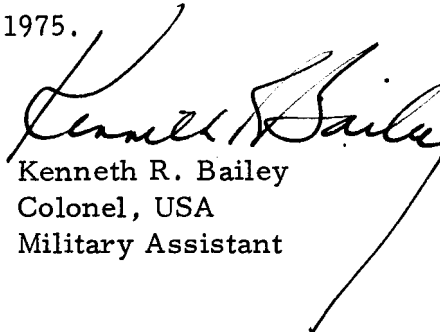
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MEMORANDUM FOR Ms. Connie Banford  
Office of the Counsellor  
to the President  
The White House

THRU: Mr. Warren L. Culley  
Executive Assistant  
Office of the Military Assistant  
to the President

Pursuant to your telephonic request, the attached lists the school activities  
visited by President Ford on 14 June 1975.

  
Kenneth R. Bailey  
Colonel, USA  
Military Assistant

Attachment





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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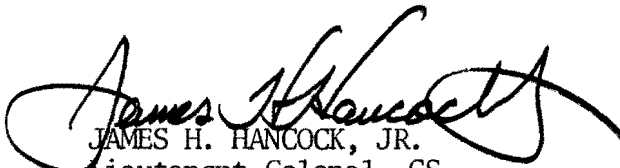
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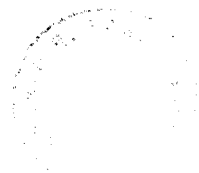
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MEMORANDUM FOR: COLONEL KENNETH BAILEY, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL  
ASSISTANT TO THE SECDEF & DEPSECDEF

SUBJECT: Schools Visited by President Ford on 14 June 1975

1. In response to your question concerning the four schools visited by the President at Fort Benning on 14 June, the following information was verified in contact with LTC Rushing, Deputy Director of Plans and Training, USAIC.
2. The President visited activities presented by elements of the US Army Infantry School, namely:
  - a. Ranger Department, USAIS - Director, Col James M. Bowers.
  - b. Airborne - Airmobility Department, USAIS - Director, Col Jack G. Whitted.
3. No other schools, or departments, of the USAIS were involved.

  
JAMES H. HANCOCK, JR.  
Lieutenant Colonel, GS  
Assistant to the Director  
of the Army Staff





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1975

JACK,

You will recall the initial suggestion that was made with regard to the presentation of an autographed photograph of the President to a specific unit at Fort Benning. As an alternative suggestion, it was decided to request of the Army a listing of those units to which, in their view, the President might send an autographed photo following his visit.

The attached memo contains a rather extensive listing. We now have two options:

- 1) Scrap the whole idea
- 2) Forward the list to the appropriate White House office for the preparation of individualized scripting and Presidential signatures.

Please advise.

*U* might want to:

*R*  
RUSS

*R* - Check w/ Cheney. Missing:

- A. Ranger School
- B. Airborne Dept.
- C. Inf School
- D. C/G Ft. Ben

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

JUN 20 1975

19 June 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR Ms. Connie Banford  
West Wing  
The White House

THRU: Captain Leland S. Kollmorgen, USN *K*  
Military Assistant to the President

Pursuant to your request, attached is a list of the units that participated in the military review President Ford attended at Fort Benning on 14 June 1975.

*Kenneth R. Bailey*  
Kenneth R. Bailey  
Colonel, USA  
Military Assistant

Attachment



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE

FROM:

JACK MARSH

*Jack*

Since the visit to Fort Benning was in connection with the Bicentennial, I think it would be good to mention it in my letter by adding a sentence to the second paragraph:

"He was deeply honored to participate in the Bicentennial ceremonies marking the founding of the United States Army."

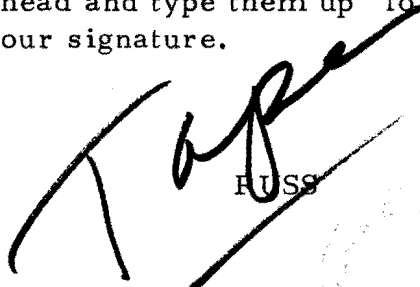


THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1976

JACK,

There are several of the  
attached letters that have to  
be sent. If you have no changes  
to make, I'll have Connie go  
ahead and type them up for  
your signature.

  
RUSS

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1976

1st Battalion (Mechanized)  
58th Infantry  
197th Infantry Brigade  
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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