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Special Unveiling of
Granite Panels
On the Guthrie Bell Tower

August 18, 2005
Western Kentucky University

(Stage Guests - President Ransdell, Senator McConnell, SGA VP
Mason Stevenson, State Sen. Brett Guthrie)

Presentation of the Colors
WKU ROTC

Welcome

President Gary A. Ransdell

this
(He needs to point out the wreath in front of the Robert Guthrie
Statue) *will be placed in front*

"The wreath in front of Robert Guthrie's statue was placed there
this morning by the Student Government Association representing
the entire student body in honor and in memory of all those who
have served and who are serving our country."

This entire ceremony is being taped and will be played for those
currently serving in Iraq.

Mr. Williams
(President Ransdell will introduce *Mr. Lawrence*
Minister from Lowell Guthrie's home church in Florence,
Alabama.)

Invocation

Lawrence Williams
Minister, Stoney Point Church of Christ
Florence, Alabama

Introduction of Honored Guests – (Before introducing the plaque honorees', Ransdell will introduce VIPs in the audience and stage

Introduce : United States Senator Mitch McConnell
State Senator Brett Guthrie
State Rep. Jim DeCesare
Judge Executive Mike Buchanan
Bowling Green Mayor Elaine Walker
City Commissioner DeLane Simpson
Representing US Rep. Ron Lewis is Ms. Phyllis Causey
from his Bowling Green Field Office

Board of Regent Members: Judi Hughes

Please join me in thanking these men and women for their leadership and for being here today

Reading of the Honorees' Names

These distinguished people will be called with their military rank
while serving our country.

(Ransdell will ask each one to stand as their name is called and
then be seated)

Major General Jerry Humble – United States Marine Corps – has served for 34 years. He was the commander of Special Landing Forces during the Vietnam War and Director of Operations for the 1st Marine Division during Desert Storm.

General Russell Dougherty – IS NOT HERE TODAY – United States Air Force - at the time of his retirement, he was Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command and the Director of U.S. Strategic Target Planning. He also served as the Chief of Staff of NATO's Allied Command in Europe

General John Keane – IS NOT HERE TODAY - United States Army - has served for 37 years and prior to his retirement, he was the Vice Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer for the Army.

Brig. General Daniel Cherry – United States Air Force - Served 2 combat tours in Southeast Asia flying 295 combat missions. His final duty was serving as the commander and leader of the Air Force Thunderbirds.

Brig. General Kenneth Fleenor – NOT HERE TODAY – his sister, Patty Flenor Day, is here to represent him. In addition to his 28 year of service to the United States Air Force, his fighter was shot down during a mission in Vietnam and he was held prisoner in Hanoi for more than five years. His decorations include the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Brig. General Herb Wassom - United States Army - was killed in 1988 when the plane carrying the president of Pakistan, the US ambassador and Brig. General Wassom crashed in Pakistan. His command assignments included Chief of Staff for the 101st Airborne Division.

Colonel Sidney Carpenter – United States Army - served for 33 years including service as the Senior Advisor to the 2nd Korean Division during the Korean War.

Colonel Ed Stansbury – IS NOT HERE TODAY – United States Air Force – During World War II he served in Europe, the Pacific and in the Pentagon.

Colonel Elliott 'Buddy' Sydnor, Jr. – United States Army - served for 32 years. A Vietnam combat veteran, his most dangerous mission was invading Son Tay Prison to rescue American POWs.

Colonel Terry Wilcutt – U. S. Marine Corps – While in service, he made two overseas deployments to Japan, Korea and the Philippines. A veteran of four ~~space flights~~, he has logged over 1,007 hours in space. He currently serves as Manager, Safety and Mission Assurance for the Space Shuttle Program.

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NASA Shuttle Missions to the International Space Station

for

Also joining us today are:

Representing the United States Army

Sergeant Robert Cody Butler

Sergeant Addison Mitchell McConnell (**Deceased**) – representing his late father is U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell

Specialist Adam Ritter – Adam is currently serving in Iraq and his father, Larkin Ritter, is here today representing him.

Sergeant Lee Robertson

Specialist Tonya Shur – Tonya is currently serving in Iraq and her parents, Mary and Rick Shur, are representing her today.

Sergeant Joe Strobe – (**Deceased**) representing her late husband is Mrs. June Strobe

Specialist 5th Class John Strobe

Specialist 4th Class Wendell Strobe

Private 1st Class William Strobe

Representing the U.S. Navy

Chief Petty Officer Michael Bardin

Lieutenant Frank Blackburn

Lieutenant Chris Guthrie

Lieutenant Junior Grade Leon Page

Lieutenant Commander Charles Ruter

Boatswain Mate 2/C Jesse Montgomery

2nd Class Gunner's Mate Frank Strode

Commissary 3rd Class Randall Strode

Representing the U. S. Marine Corps

Sergeant Jack Eversole

Major Howell Thomas Heflin, Sr. – (**Deceased**) – the late United States Senator from Alabama is represented here today by his wife, Mrs. Heflin and his son, Tom Heflin.

Gunnery Sergeant Greg Hudson

Sergeant Jackie Strode

Corporal Wayne Strode

~~(Lowell Guthrie wants GAB to call attention to the Strode Family – eight males in one family served in the armed forces.)~~

~~(Ransdell will introduce Brett Guthrie who will make remarks from the Guthrie family AND introduce US Senator Mitch McConnell)~~

Ky. State Senator to
our quest of honor. then set -

Remarks from the Guthrie Family

The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Kentucky Senator

Guest Speaker

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, United States Senator

Unveiling of the Granite Panels

Senator McConnell and President Ransdell

(three posters of the panels will be on easels and covered w/ cloth
– in front of the stage for McConnell and Ransdell to unveil)

(Ransdell will introduce Mason Stevenson, Executive Vice
President of the Student Government Association)

WKU Students' Reflections of the Guthrie Bell Tower

Mason Stevenson, Executive Vice President, Student
Government Association

Mason will remind everyone about the reception afterwards in
Mass Media & Technology Hall before he begins his remarks)

(At the close of Mason's remarks, he will ask Sergeant Cody
Butler (youngest) to join Colonel Sidney Carpenter (oldest) to ring
the bells in celebration of the new granite panels.

Ringling of the Bells