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AGENDA & SCRIPT
DEDICATION OF THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER
MAY 6, 2002

THE 113TH ARMY BAND AT FORT KNOX

1) WELCOME-- PRESIDENT GARY A. RANSDELL

I am Gary Ransdell, President, WKU.

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY TO WHAT WILL BE A MEMORABLE AND HISTORIC DAY FOR BOTH WESTERN AND THE GUTHRIE FAMILY. PLAYING THE MUSIC WE HAVE ENJOYED SO FAR THIS MORNING IS THE 113TH ARMY BAND FROM FORT KNOX, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT THEY COULD COME AND SPEND THE MORNING WITH US. AT THIS TIME, I ASK THE REV. BILL BRUMMITT OF GREENWOOD PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST TO COME FORWARD TO GIVE THE OPENING INVOCATION. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AFTER THE PRAYER FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS BY THE WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ROTC, AND OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM, PERFORMED BY THE WKU CHAMBER SINGERS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RONNIE OLIVER JR.
2) **INVOCATION -- BRO. BILL BRUMMITT, GREENWOOD PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

3) **PRESENTATION OF COLORS-- WKU ROTC**

4) **"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"-- WKU CHAMBER SINGERS**

5) **REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS—DR. RANSDELL**

ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS, I OFFER MY SINCEREST APPRECIATION TO LOWELL AND CAROLYN GUTHRIE, THE GUTHRIE FAMILY, AND THE TRACE DIE CAST FAMILY FOR THEIR UNENDING GENEROSITY TO WESTERN. FEW PEOPLE CAN WALK THE SIDEWALKS OF THIS CAMPUS AND NOT BE STRUCK BY THE BEAUTY ALL AROUND THEM. THE COLONNADES, THE CUPOLA OF CHERRY HALL, AND THE COLUMNS THAT ADORN VAN METER ARE ALL SYMBOLS OF WESTERN. THEY ARE SYMBOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND THEY ARE SYMBOLS OF TRADITION. WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TODAY TO DEDICATE THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER, AND IN SO DOING, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT TOO, WILL SOMEDAY TAKE ITS PLACE AS A SYMBOL OF WESTERN.
IT WILL STAND AS A LASTING SYMBOL OF THE BENEFICENCE OF THE GUTHRIE FAMILY AND OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO WESTERN. THIS GIFT, MORE THAN ANYTHING, EXEMPLIFIES THE WESTERN SPIRIT.

THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER WILL SERVE TO REMIND STUDENTS AND ALL WHO PASS THIS WAY OF ANOTHER GIFT THAT WE ENJOY. THAT IS THE GIFT OF FREEDOM. THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER IS A MEMORIAL TO LOWELL GUTHRIE'S BROTHER, SGT. 1ST CLASS ROBERT GUTHRIE, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM DURING THE KOREAN WAR, AND TO ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH WESTERN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY. THE GIFT OF FREEDOM IS GUARANTEED ONLY AS LONG AS PEOPLE LIKE ROBERT GUTHRIE ARE WILLING TO DEFEND IT.
AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE ACTIVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES. WOULD THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY PLEASE STAND? (LEAD APPLAUSE)

THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORP. (LEAD APPLAUSE)

THE UNITED STATES NAVY (LEAD APPLAUSE)

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (LEAD APPLAUSE)

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. (LEAD APPLAUSE)

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN DEFENSE OF OUR FREEDOM AND IN PROTECTION OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO ALL MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AS A SHOW OF OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE.

TO GIVE STUDENTS OF THIS UNIVERSITY A BEAUTIFUL BELL TOWER, Whose CHIMES WILL BE HEARD ALL OVER THIS COMMUNITY, AND A COURTYARD WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE COMING MONTHS, IS A WONDERFUL GIFT IN ITSELF.
BUT TO GIVE THEM ALSO A DAILY REMINDER OF THE FREEDOM THEY ENJOY AND A CHANCE TO REFLECT ON THE COST PAID FOR THAT FREEDOM IS A TRULY EXTRAORDINARY GIFT. AGAIN, TO LOWELL AND CAROLYN GUTHRIE, THE GUTHRIE SONS AND THE TRACE DIE CAST FAMILY, WE OFFER YOU OUR THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR WESTERN.

SERVICE IS FOUND IN MANY FORMS, AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE A FEW MORE INDIVIDUALS JOINING US TODAY WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN FRANKFORT. WITH US IS SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM DICK ROEDING, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JODY RICHARDS, SENATOR RICHIE SANDERS, REPRESENTATIVE ROGER THOMAS. YOU REPRESENT THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FAITHFULLY AND LOYALLY, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE.
IN ADDITION TO THE GUTHRIE FAMILY, MANY PEOPLE WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO COMPLETION.

THANK YOU TO RICK SEADLER FROM NATIONAL CITY AND DONNA HARMON FROM FIRSTAR FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GUTHRIE FAMILY, THE WKU FOUNDATION, AND THE COLLEGE HEIGHTS FOUNDATION TO HELP FINANCE THIS PROJECT.

WE APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION, OVERSIGHT, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE KENTUCKY FINANCE CABINET, LED BY SECRETARY KEVIN FLANNERY, AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT IN FRANKFORT. THEIR SUPPORT WAS INVALUABLE TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT.

I WANT TO THANK ARCHITECTS JOHN CHOVAN AND JOHN STRATTON OF ARRASMITH, JUDD, AND RAPP FOR THEIR SKILL AND CREATIVITY IN BLENDING THE BEAUTY AND TRADITION OF WESTERN WITH A MODERN DESIGN.
I extend my appreciation also to Starr Construction, specifically Jake Reddick, Tim Sugg, and Junior Young for their dedication and assistance.

We appreciate the hard work of Ed West, Director of Capital Construction for Western, and Danny Simpson, WKU's Project Manager for the Guthrie Bell Tower and the New Media and Technology Hall, which is still under construction beyond the tower. Western's recent enrollment growth has made Ed a very busy man of late as he oversees much of our construction, and we are grateful for his expertise and dedication. Danny has worked countless hours -- days, nights, and weekends -- facilitating this project, and I thank him for his tireless efforts. He has spent hundreds of hours working with the Guthrie family, the architects, and contractors to ensure the success of this project.
HE HAS KEPT THE PROJECT MOVING DESPITE DELAYS, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY—THE WEATHER. YET HE ALWAYS HAS A SMILE AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. HIS ANSWER IS ALWAYS “YES, IT'LL BE DONE.” HE HAS REMAINED DEDICATED TO SEEING THAT EVERY ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT MET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE GUTHRIE FAMILY AND THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION. THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF ED, DANNY, AND THE MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED, THIS PROJECT IS AN UNDENIABLE SUCCESS.

AT THE BASE OF THE TOWER ARE 8 PANELS OF ETCHINGS, WHICH WERE PRODUCED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BELONGING TO THE GUTHRIE FAMILY. THEY ARE DEPICTIONS OF ROBERT GUTHRIE AND OTHERS WHO SERVED WITH HIM, AS WELL AS AREA RESIDENTS AND SOME WESTERN ALUMNI WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES. THE ARTIST, JEFF JENSEN, A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN FACULTY, WORKED WITH THE GUTHRIE FAMILY ON THE PROJECT AND HELPED TO CHOOSE AND ARRANGE THE PHOTOGRAPHS.
THANK YOU TO JEFF FOR USING HIS IMMENSE TALENT TO MEMORIALIZE LOCAL HEROES.


WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE MANY FRIENDS WHO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF EDUCATION TO STUDENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND WHO SUPPORT WESTERN IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A QUALITY EDUCATION TO ALL WHO SEEK IT.
TWO OF THOSE FRIENDS COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY BUT THEY HAVE SENT LETTERS, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU NOW. (READ LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND KENTUCKY GOVERNOR PAUL PATTON). AND WE WELCOME THOSE FRIENDS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY: UNITED STATES SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL, SENATOR JIM BUNNING, CONGRESSMAN RON LEWIS, AND KENTUCKY SENATOR BRETT GUTHRIE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD MAKING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR SUCH A PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL ONE FOR WESTERN.

CONGRESSMAN RON LEWIS HAS REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY'S 2ND DISTRICT IN CONGRESS SINCE 1994, FOLLOWING HIS VICTORY IN A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE SEAT HELD BY THE LATE WILLIAM NATCHER OF BOWLING GREEN. CONGRESSMAN LEWIS HAS EARNED A SEAT ON THE PRESTIGIOUS WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AND ALSO SERVES ON THE GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY.
I am pleased to send greetings to all those attending the dedication of the Guthrie Clock and Bell Tower at Western Kentucky University in memory of Sergeant First Class Robert Guthrie.

Americans owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans that we can never fully repay. From war-torn battlefields and jungle skirmishes to treacherous sea battles and air attacks, you helped defeat tyranny and protected the democratic ideals that make our Nation strong and make this world a better place. I salute all our Nation's veterans for responding to our country's call to duty with strength, resolve, and courage. During these extraordinary times, when our Nation's security is once again challenged, we continue to rely on our brave and steadfast service men and women to defend our freedom.

I join the people of Kentucky and a grateful Nation in expressing sincere appreciation for the sacrifice and service of Sergeant First Class Robert Guthrie. Best wishes for a memorable occasion.
May 3, 2002

Dear Friends:

It is most appropriate that one of Kentucky's great centers of learning, Western Kentucky University, should be the home of a bell tower that honors the greatness of our nation's freedoms and the brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of liberty. The Guthrie Bell Tower stands as a monument to Sgt. 1st Class Robert Guthrie who died in the Korean War and it memorializes all those who made the supreme sacrifice.

About 54,000 members of the United States Armed Forces died in the Korean War. Sadly, my family also was touched by the death of a loved one, my uncle, who fell victim to the rages of war. Therefore, I greatly respect the purpose of this structure. Its magnificent bells will always remind us of liberty, devotion to country, bravery and the profound loss that war brings.

I applaud the Lowell Guthrie family for the value it places on both family ties and love of country. And I am especially pleased to know that Senator Brett Guthrie, a well-known public servant for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is among those family members who have worked diligently for the completion of this important project.

Kentuckians are patriotic, loving and devoted people. I am confident the citizens of our state will honor this bell tower and place upon it the great respect it deserved.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Patton

Paul E. Patton
HE IS NO STRANGER TO HIGHER EDUCATION. HE HOLDS A
MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN HIGHER EDUCATION FROM
MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY AND TAUGHT FOR FIVE YEARS
AT WATTERSON COLLEGE. HE HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A
FRIEND TO US AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, AND HAS
BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
WESTERN'S BUSINESS PROGRAMS AND ALSO FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO LOST RIVER CAVE.

WITH HIS HOME NEAR FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY,
CONGRESSMAN LEWIS ADVOCATES A STRONG, QUALITY
NATIONAL DEFENSE AND HAS WORKED IN CONGRESS TO
ENHANCE FORT KNOX'S POSITION AS A PREMIER TRAINING
SITE FOR ARMORED TROOPS. IT IS VERY FITTING THAT HE
WOULD JOIN US TODAY AS WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE
OUR COUNTRY AND HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES SO THAT
WE MAY HAVE FREEDOM. CONGRESSMAN LEWIS IS A CLOSE,
PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE GUTHRIE FAMILY.
RON, YOU WERE HERE WHEN WE HELD THE FIRST CEREMONY TO RECOGNIZE LOWELL AND CAROLYN GUTHRIE AND THEIR FAMILY FOR THE GIFT THAT HAS MADE THIS BELL TOWER A REALITY, AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT YOU ARE HERE TODAY TO HELP US DEDICATE THIS MEMORIAL TO SGT. FIRST CLASS ROBERT GUTHRIE AND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH WESTERN WHO HAVE DIED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

PLEASE WELCOME CONGRESSMAN RON LEWIS.

6) CONGRESSMAN LEWIS'S REMARKS

7) PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO RON LEWIS—DR. RANSDELL

CONGRESSMAN LEWIS, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS GIFT, WHICH IS A PIECE OF THE GRANITE THAT SURROUNDS THE BASE OF THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER. ENGRAVED ON THE PLAQUE ARE THE WORDS THAT OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF HAVE MEMORIALIZED ON ONE OF THE BELLS IN THE TOWER:
“MAY THE SOUND FROM THESE BELLS PROCLAIM WESTERN AS A UNIVERSITY FOR THE AGES.”

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR JOINING US FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY.

8) INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR JIM BUNNING-- DR. RANSDELL

UNITED STATES SENATOR JIM BUNNING IS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS SUCCESS IN TWO VERY DISTINCT CAREERS -- BASEBALL AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

As the father of two baseball players, I'm particularly drawn to his success on the mound!

AS A MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHER FOR THE DETROIT TIGERS AND THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES, JIM BUNNING ACCUMULATED A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT THAT EVENTUALLY WON HIM A SEAT IN THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME. HE WAS THE SECOND PITCHER IN HISTORY (CY YOUNG WAS THE FIRST) TO RECORD 1,000 STRIKEOUTS AND 100 WINS IN BOTH THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES.
WHEN HE RETIRED IN 1971, HE WAS NUMBER 2 ON THE ALL TIME STRIKEOUT LIST -- SECOND ONLY TO WALTER JOHNSON.

(GARY TO AD-LIB HERE ABOUT HIS BASEBALL CONNECTION -- REFERENCE "HALL OF FAMER")

HIS SECOND CAREER, AND WHAT HAS MADE HIM A HALL OF FAMER IN KENTUCKY, HAS BEEN HIS SERVICE TO KENTUCKY AS A MEMBER OF THE FORT THOMAS CITY COUNCIL, A KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR, A UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN, AND, SINCE 1998, A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

I MENTIONED THAT SENATOR BUNNING IS KNOWN FOR HIS TWO CAREERS, BUT TRUTHFULLY, HE IS PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR BEING THE FATHER OF 9 AND THE GRANDFATHER OF 35 CHILDREN. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE BROUGHT US HERE TODAY, SERVICE AND FAMILY, ARE THE PRINCIPLES BY WHICH JIM BUNNING HAS MODELED HIS LIFE.

PLEASE WELCOME SENATOR JIM BUNNING.

9)  SEN. BUNNING'S REMARKS

10) PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO BUNNING—DR. RANSDELL

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU COULD JOIN US TODAY, AND WE WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS PIECE OF THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER AS A MEMENTO. THANK YOU.

11) INTRODUCTION OF WKU STUDENT CALEB WILLIAMS—DR. RANSDELL
I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE ONE OF OUR STUDENTS, CALEB WILLIAMS, A FRESHMAN FROM LEWISVILLE, TEXAS MAJORING IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES. CALEB IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE MITCH MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY LOWELL GUTHRIE IN HONOR OF SENATOR MCCONNELL FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATION. CALEB IS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD CHAMPION WILLIAM E. BIVIN FORENSIC SOCIETY, AND RECENTLY WON 2ND PLACE IN INFORMATIVE SPEAKING AT THE NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT. HE IS PURSUING THE NEWLY CREATED CERTIFICATE IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING CALEB WILLIAMS.

12) CALEB WILLIAMS'S REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF SEN. MCCONNELL

13) SEN. MCCONNELL'S REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF BRETT GUTHRIE

14) KY. SEN. BRETT GUTHRIE'S REMARKS
15) PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO CALEB WILIAM AND SEN. MCCONNELL

CALEB AND SENATOR MCCONNELL, I WANT TO AGAIN EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO YOU BOTH ON BEHALF OF WESTERN AND THE GUTHRIE FAMILY FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S PROGRAM. I HOPE THIS PIECE OF THE GUTHRIE BELL TOWER WILL SERVE AS A REMINDER TO EACH OF YOU OF THE GUTHRIE FAMILY AND OF THE TRUE MEANING OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

15) PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE GUTHRIE FAMILY—DR. RANSDELL

THE BELLS THAT HANG IN THE TOWER WERE PURCHASED FROM THE VAN BERGEN COMPANY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND CAST AT THE PACCARD FOUNDERY IN ANNECY, FRANCE. HARRY AND PEG VAN BERGEN, REPRESENTING THE VAN BERGEN COMPANY AND THE PACCARD FOUNDERY, HAVE TRAVELED HERE TODAY TO JOIN US FOR THIS DEDICATION. LET ME COMMEND YOU ON THE QUALITY AND BEAUTY OF YOUR WORK AND WELCOME YOU TO WESTERN.
AT THIS TIME I ASK THE SONS OF LOWELL AND CAROLYN GUTHRIE, GREG, BRETT, CHRIS, AND KENT, TO PLEASE COME FORWARD TO REPRESENT THEIR FAMILY. (PAUSE FOR THEIR ARRIVAL ON STAGE)

I KNOW THAT I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US IN THE WESTERN FAMILY WHEN I SAY THAT THE GRATITUDE WE FEEL TOWARD YOUR FAMILY AND TOWARD THE TRACE DIE CAST FAMILY IS IMMEASURABLE. I ALSO KNOW THAT FOR LOWELL AND CAROLYN, JUST KNOWING THE JOY THAT THEIR GENEROSITY WILL BRING TO MANY GENERATIONS OF WESTERN STUDENTS IS GIFT ENOUGH. BUT ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, I PRESENT THE GUTHRIE FAMILY WITH THIS REPLICA OF THE BELLS THAT WILL FOREVER HANG IN THE TOWER THAT THEY MADE POSSIBLE. THIS REPLICA WAS CAST IN THE SAME PROCESS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHER BELLS. THE ENGRAVING READS: "TO THE GUTHRIE FAMILY WITH APPRECIATION, WKU, MAY 6, 2002"
I WOULD NOW LIKE FOR GREG, BRETT, CHRIS, AND KENT TO ACCOMPANY ME OFF THE STAGE TO UNVEIL THE STATUE OF SGT. 1ST CLASS ROBERT GUTHRIE. THE SCULPTOR OF THE STATUE IS RUSS FAXON, A GRADUATE OF WESTERN. MOST OF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THE STATUE FROM YOUR SEATS. IT IS NOT ON A PEDESTAL. THE YOUNG ROBERT GUTHRIE DOES NOT RISE ABOVE PASSERS-BY IN THIS COURTYARD, RATHER HE STANDS LEVEL WITH THEM. HE REMINDS STUDENTS THAT WHEN HE TOOK ON THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY OF DEFENDING FREEDOM, HE WAS NO OLDER THAN MANY OF THEM. I INVITE ALL TO VISIT THE STATUE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DEDICATION CEREMONY. (MOVE TO THE STATUE AND UNVEIL; GUTHRIE SONS TO RESUME THEIR SEATS)

17) INTRODUCTION OF MAJOR GENERAL JERRY D. HUMBLE—DR. RANSDELL

MAJOR GENERAL JERRY D. HUMBLE IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS RECRUITING COMMAND IN QUANTICO, VIRGINIA.
HE IS A GRADUATE OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1969.

DURING OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, GENERAL HUMBLE WAS THE G-3, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, AND WAS PROMOTED TO COLONEL IN 1991.

AFTER BEING PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL, HE SERVED AS THE COMMANDER OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES IN KOREA AND AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE C/J5, UNITED NATIONS COMMAND/COMBINED FORCES COMMAND, UNITED STATES FORCES KOREA.

MAJOR GENERAL HUMBLE'S PERSONAL DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, THE LEGION OF MERIT WITH TWO GOLD STARS AND COMBAT "V", MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WITH ONE GOLD STAR, JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH ONE GOLD STAR, NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AND COMBAT ACTION RIBBON.
IT IS MY HONOR TO WELCOME MAJOR GENERAL HUMBLE, WHO WILL PROVIDE A HISTORY OF THE CEREMONIAL VOLLEY, OR WHAT WE CIVILIANS COMMONLY CALL THE "21 GUN SALUTE".

Following the volley we will enjoy a stirring rendition of "God Bless America".

18) MAJOR GEN. HUMBLE'S REMARKS

19) CEREMONIAL FIRING VOLLEY BY KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD HHB1-623 EA BATTALION

20) "GOD BLESS AMERICA" -- THE 113TH ARMY BAND, LED BY WKU CHAMBER SINGERS

21) BENEDICTION -- SPEAKER JODY RICHARDS

22) TAPS -- THE 113TH ARMY BAND

23) RINGING OF THE BELLS/CONCLUSION OF PROGRAM (LOWELL TO PRESS REMOTE CONTROL TO RING THE BELLS)

We will conclude our program with Taps performed by the 113th Army Band and the ringing of bells.

Thank you.