

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:25 a.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. Dewey Stokes is national president of the Fraternal Order of Police. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Message on the Observance of Armed Forces Day, 1995

May 19, 1995

Every year on this day our citizens join in honoring you, the men and women who wear our nation's uniform. You risk your very lives to defend the liberties we hold dear. Americans everywhere recognize your dedication and professionalism, and all of us feel profound respect, pride, and appreciation for our Armed Forces.

As we commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Allied victory in World War II, everyone on Earth should pause to express heartfelt gratitude to those who fought and sacrificed in that awful conflict. We do no greater honor to the memory of those lost in World War II than to continue their fight against tyranny and oppression everywhere.

Each of you has stood to carry on that fight in this past year. You have been called to serve in lands far from home. You have brought freedom and security to our friends and allies and humanitarian aid to those in need. In Haiti, you helped restore democracy; in the Persian Gulf, you faced down the forces of aggression; and in central Africa, you delivered lifesaving food, water, and medicine. Throughout the year, you maintained the security of our country at home and at posts around the world.

Whether you serve in the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard, your standards of excellence and your selfless service are models for all Americans. I am proud to salute you for your many extraordinary accomplishments.

Bill Clinton

NOTE: Armed Forces Day was observed on May 20.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 12¹

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas L. Blair to the Advisory Board of the National Air and Space Museum.

The President selected the following individuals to serve as delegates to the White House Conference on Small Business: Peggy Hernandez Anastos; George A. Beach; Kenneth C. Blair, Jr.; Roderick Blount; William D. Budinger; C. Michael Davenport; Tony Davidow; Ned Densmore; Kenneth Eakes; Sandra Fowler; Betty Franklin-Hammonds; Zdenka Gast; John Paul Giere; Marina Grant; R. Alan Hall; Betty Hall; Ada S. Hollingsworth; Nat Hyman; Morris Kaplan; Michael W. Kempner; Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney; William C. Kimball; Sandra K. Lee; Carmen Orta; Indira B. Patel; Wayne Patrick; Derron Pierson; Alice Rickel; Barbara Serna; Donald J. Sterhan; Soundra Johnson Temple; Mary Touris; Carolyn Warner; Robert A. Weygand; Alan L. White; Phyllis Williams; Edward Zetick; and George Zoffinger.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning May 8.

May 13

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton went to Camp David, MD, for the weekend.

May 14

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to the White House from Camp David.

May 15

In the morning, the President met with Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara of Syria.

¹ These items were not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.