

2008 letter to 63
veterans of World War II
from Senator Bob Dole

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To my fellow World War II service men and women.

By prevailing over Nazi imperialism, the US and our allies restored liberty and freedom to millions and preserved it in America because of the service of those being honored today. World War II was the most significant event of the last century and those who served should never be forgotten.

Like many of you, I grew up in a small town, Russell, Kansas. It is not much unlike Monticello and there I learned from my parents, to feel deeply about God, country and family. Russell was not a place of wealth, yet it was serious about important values that would help shape my life. The compassion of the good people there really taught me about the goodness of people.

Together with parents, teachers, friends and neighbors, we defended and served the America we loved. Our generation is disappearing but we leave a legacy that will keep our children and grandchildren free for generations to come. I'm proud to salute you who are being honored today and to thank you for your service.

Your serving as Grand Marshals for the Boat Parade is a well deserved recognition for you and your families.

Finally, I speak for all World War II veterans and their families in thanking veterans of the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the war in Afghanistan and Iraq and all other conflicts where young Americans risk their lives, for their courageous service.

God Bless America,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Dole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "B" and "D".

BOB DOLE