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FELLOW VETERANS:

AS A NAVY VETERAN AND GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA I WISH TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE GREAT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS FOR YOUR 19TH ANNUAL REUNION.

YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A MATTER OF RECORD. YOUR PARACHUTE JUMPS INTO NORMANDY ON D-DAY 1944 AND SUBSEQUENT JUMPS INTO HOLLAND PLAYED A VITAL PART IN TURNING BACK THE ENEMY FORCES. AGAIN THE 508TH PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FAMED "BATTLE OF THE BULGE."

YOUR SELECTION AS HONOR GUARD TO GENERAL EISENHOWER'S SHAPE HEADQUARTERS AFTER HOSTILITIES CEASED BROUGHT ADDITIONAL FAME AND RECOGNITION TO YOUR UNIT.

IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE GREAT STATE OF LOUISIANA. HAVE A WONDERFUL AND PRODUCTIVE REUNION.

LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULEZ!

SINCERELY,

Edwin Edwards

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