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SUBJECT: Dedication and Memorial Service Army Specialized Training Program

HEADQUARTERS, STATE AREA COMMAND, ATTN: TAGRI-DPOT/MS, Command
Readiness Center, 6455 New London Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920-3097
2 Sept 98

FOR US Army Military Science Department, Providence College, ATTN: SGM Fortunato,
Providence, Rhode Island 02918-0001

1. Your request for the 88th Army Band is approved.
2. Direct coordination with CW2 Laboissonniere at 457-4188 is authorized.
3. Please accept my best wishes for a successful ceremony.
4. If you need additional assistance, please contact MAJ Habershaw at 457-4124.



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Major General
The Adjutant General

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MEMORANDUM THRU Commanding General, Rhode Island National
Guard, 645 New London Ave., Cranston, RI
02920-3097

FOR Commander 88th Army Band R, Rhode Island National Guard

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Training Program

1. Request the presence of the 88th Army Band on 17
October 1998 in support of the dedication and memorial
service of the WWII Veterans of the Providence College Army
Specialized Training Program. This service will be held at
Providence College.

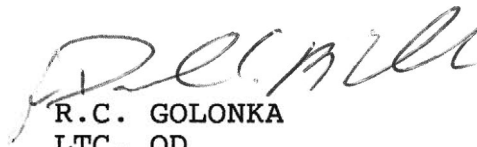
2. The historical significance of this group of Veterans
opens with them assigned as students under a special grant
program of the Department of War in 1944. On 19 February
1944 the entire group was ordered to active duty and
withdrawn from the college. A majority of these Vets were
assigned to the 328th Infantry Regiment of the 26th Infantry
(Yankee) Division. Upon completion of one-month of
training, they were stationed in France, 1 day after D-day.
Their units were located in the Ardennes Forest three weeks
before the Battle of the Bulge.

3. To honor them and their fallen comrades a Memorial
Plaque will be dedicated at Providence College. The Senior
Army ROTC (Patriot) Battalion will serve as host to this
distinguished group. A pre-walk through meeting at
Providence College is scheduled for 09004 June 1998 at
Harkins Hall Room 203 with Mr. George Fisher (their
representative), Providence College, and a ROTC
representative. We would like to have an 88th Army Band
representative attend. The tentative program would have the
Band proceed the Corps of Cadets from Alumni Hall to Aquinas
Hall (about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile) and then play the National Anthem. A
musical interlude of (WWI and II) songs in the program would
be appreciated and then closing with the Army Song. The
entire program will start at 1145 hrs and end by 1315 hrs.

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4. We expect two hundred plus personnel in attendance at this event. The appearance of the 88th Army Band would enhance the tribute to this distinguished group. Your earliest reply will enable us to complete our program of events.

5. The POC for this event is SGM (Ret) Gary Fortunato and he can be reached at 865-2472.



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