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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Phil Buchen *P.W.B.*
FROM: Bill Casselman *BC*
SUBJECT: Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

- 1. 1975 Orchestra Ball (Tab A). You and Mrs. Ford have been invited by Mrs. Gerald Warren to serve as honorary patrons of the 1975 National Symphony Orchestra Ball scheduled for December 5. In view of your previous participation in this activity, we recommend acceptance.

Approve *MR7* Disapprove _____

- 2. Gerald R. Ford Golf Trophy (Tab B). The Pleasant Valley Country Club of Worcester, Massachusetts has requested permission to award the winner of this year's Pro Am Tournament the "Gerald R. Ford Trophy." You played in last year's tournament with Congressman "Tip" O'Neill. Recommend acceptance.

Approve *MR7* Disapprove _____

- 3. Kite and Key Society (Tab C). This organization presented you with a certificate of honorary membership during your visit to the University of Pennsylvania May 18. We propose that you formally accept this membership after the fact of its presentation.

Approve *MR7* Disapprove _____

4. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Residence Foundation (Tab D). This organization has asked you and Mrs. Ford to serve as honorary presidents. There is precedent for this as President and Mrs. Johnson served in this capacity. Recommend acceptance.

Approve MRF Disapprove _____

5. Heroes, Inc. (Tab E). Heroes has invited you to serve as Honorary Sponsor of their annual golf tournament, which benefits families of deceased men and women of the Metropolitan Police and Fire Departments. Because of your personal participation in this event last year, and because of the charitable nature of the funds raised, we recommend acceptance.

Approve MRF Disapprove _____

Enclosures

*Would like
to play one of
the days.*

TAB A

My dear Mr. President,

The National Symphony Orchestra and its many supporters would be highly honored if you and Mrs. Ford would allow the National Symphony Ball to be held under your patronage again this year. You have both shown such strong interest in the American arts, and we would greatly appreciate this aid for our fine orchestra.

The Ball will be held on December 5th at the Shoreham Americana, and, as you know, it is a major source of Symphony funds.

This year we are working with an exciting new concept. At this important moment in our



Nation's history we have
not sought Embassy spon-
sorship. Instead, we plan
to be the social send-off
for the Bicentennial, and
we will honor the
thirteen original states.

John Warner is our
Honorary Chairman, and
he and my entire committee
hope for your patronage
on this very special
occasion.

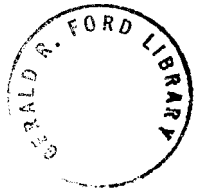
Sincerely,
Euphemia Warner
(Mrs. Gerald Warner)

May 7, 1975

Please reply to
4940 Hillbrook Lane, NW
Washington D.C. 20016



TAB B





PLEASANT VALLEY Country Club

SUTTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MAIL ADDRESS

P. O. BOX 991, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01613 - TEL. (617) 865-4441

May 19, 1975

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MAY 21 1975
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SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE _____

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
 President of the United States
 The White House
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On July 16, 1975 we will be holding our Pro Am Tournament preceeding the start of our Pleasant Valley Classic, to be held July 17 - 20. I am extending a cordial invitation to again play in our Pro Am.

Your visit last year was the highlight of our Tournament Week and thrilled the thousands of New England fans who had a chance to see you. I am sure you will recall telling our dinner guests that you would like to return in 1975 "if you were invited back." I did invite you that same evening and am now extending a more formal invitation.

I am most aware of the awesome burdens of your Office and the inhuman demands made on your time. If your schedule permits you to again play here, we would obviously be thrilled and most honored.

Our mutual friend, Congressman "Tip" O'Neill, and other members of Congress will be playing in our event and perhaps the Majority Leader has already talked to you.

I respectfully ask your permission to award to our tournament winner the "Gerald R. Ford Trophy." This would be a permanent trophy displayed in our Club House, with a replica for you and our Champion. The trophy will be in good taste and designed by the Balfour Company of Attleboro, one of the nation's best design firms.



PLEASANT VALLEY Country Club

Honorable Gerald R. Ford

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Naturally I hope you can accept our invitation and also grant us permission to award a trophy in your name. Whatever your decision, please know that we are proud of you and your performance as our President.

Most respectfully,

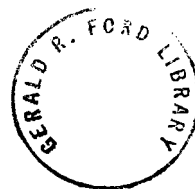
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Cosmo E. Mingolla

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TAB C



The Kite and Key Society

University of Pennsylvania



This certifies that

President Gerald Ford

has been elected to voting membership in the Kite and Key Society in recognition of his contributions to the society's projects and his service to the University of Pennsylvania.



David O. Levine
President

D. Bruce Johnson
Advisor

May 18, 1975
Date

TAB D



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1975

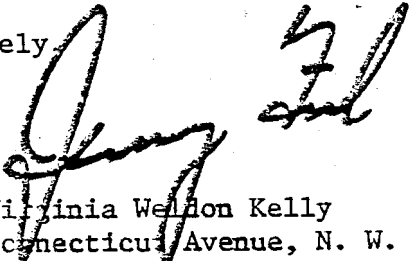
Dear Virginia:

Thank you so much for your nice letter of May 7th. I was very pleased to have Mr. John Nidecker make the presentations at Carl Vinson Hall and I'm glad to know that he was so well received.

I am deeply grateful to you and Mr. French for your kind invitation to Mrs. Ford and me to act as honorary presidents of the NMCCG Foundation. You will undoubtedly be hearing from a member of my staff soon concerning our ability to accept.

Thank you again for writing and very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Virginia Weldon Kelly
3930 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008



VIRGINIA WELDON KELLY NEWS SERVICE

3930 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

May 7, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you again for your graciousness in asking your Special Assistant, Mr. Nidecker, to come to Carl Vinson Hall, McLean, Virginia, (the residence of the widows of commissioned officers of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) to present the inscribed and autographed photograph which you and Mrs. Ford had most generously given.

Mr. Nidecker charmed everyone, including the high ranking officers from the military services who attended the ceremony, by his talk which included a beautiful tribute to you and Mrs. Ford, and a moving reference to the sacrifices made by the wives and widows of Navy and other military men.

As you may recall, Carl Vinson Hall, the non-profit residence for the widows, was built and is operated by the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Residence Foundation of which Mr. Towner French, a distinguished businessman, is President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. French's son is an aide to Mr. Buchen. The Executive Director of the Foundation is Rear Admiral John Alford, USN, (retired).

High ranking officers of the military services, business executives, and other persons of stature comprise the Board of Trustees. They include the wives of the Secretary, Under Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and Commandants of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The Foundation has the endorsement of the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and many others, including Senator Stennis and Senator Sparkman. The late President Johnson, Speaker Rayburn, and Senator Dick Russell also endorsed the Foundation and Carl Vinson Hall.

President and Mrs. Johnson acted as honorary presidents of the sponsors of the Foundation. On behalf of Mr. French and the other trustees, may I invite you and Mrs. Ford to act as honorary presidents of the NMCCC Foundation. The title is purely honorary and carries no financial or other responsibilities. If you can accept, it will mean a great deal to active duty and retired officers and their wives and widows everywhere. If you accept, you and Mrs. Ford will receive a formal invitation from Mr. French.

The President

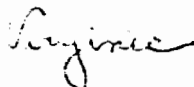
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May 7, 1975

In closing, Mr. President, may I tell you how wonderful you were at the press conference last night. On my way out of the Executive Office Building, I talked with Clark Mollenhoff and others in the press who were most complimentary in reference to your knowledge, candor, and cordiality towards the media.

Tom, my husband, joins me in sending to the First Lady, to you, Mr. President, and to your family our prayerful and affectionate good wishes, and our thanks for all you have done and are doing for our beloved country.

Most respectfully,



Virginia Weldon Kelly
Trustee and Member of the Executive Committee
Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Residence Foundation





TAB E

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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HEROES, INC.

POST OFFICE BOX 1860 • WASHINGTON, D. C. 20013

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 28, 1975.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is my personal pleasure to invite you to be our guest at this year's Heroes, Inc. annual golf tournament. Last year, as you will recall, your foursome was the first to tee off on July 16 at Indian Springs Country Club which starting time allowed you to complete the round and return to downtown D.C. for a 12:30 speech.

We can do that again this year at Indian Springs Country Club on any of the three dates of the tournament, Thursday, July 10, Friday the 11th, or Tuesday the 15th.

We would be very pleased, Mr. President, if you would be the honorary sponsor of the tournament and allow us to print that in the program with an appropriate picture of you from last year.

This year's target is 700 golfers from fire and police organizations, government, business community, media, and the sports world.

A word about Heroes, Inc. Heroes, Inc. is a non-profit organization established for the benefit of the families of deceased men and women of the Metropolitan area police and fire fighting personnel.

Very respectfully yours,



Carlton Kammerer

Enclosure:
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR

SUBJECT:

Memberships



Your memorandum to the President of June 10 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following was noted:

1. 1975 Orchestra Ball. Approved.
2. Gerald R. Ford Golf Trophy. Approved.
3. Kite and Key Society. Approved.
4. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Residence Foundation. Approved.
5. Heroes, Inc. Approved with the following notation:

-- Would like to play one
of the days.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Warren Rustand

