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Time	Transcription
00:09	[Background noise begins.]
05:14	[Airplane noises.]
09:45	[The crowd cheers.]
09:54	[The marching band plays.]
10:03	Man 1: Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States accompanied by Secretary Sheila Widnall and Senator Dianne Feinstein! [Applause and the marching band plays “Hail to the Chief.”]
11:08	Man 1: Ladies and gentlemen, our national anthem. [Marching band plays “The National Anthem” and ends with applause.]
12:56	[Video cuts to another clip where applause plays.]
14:23	Phillips: [Voice echoes.] Mr. President...McClellan. [Crowd claps.]
14:38	Phillips: Mr. President, we are especially pleased you have chosen to commemorate Armed Forces Day here at McClellan, and we, the McClellan Sacramento Team, are dedicated to ensuring that your stay is both pleasant and memorable, and here to give you a special welcome is the Vice Commander of Air Force Materiel Command, Lieutenant General Dale Thompson. [Clapping.]
15:08	Thompson: Thank you, General Phillips. [Video cuts to a different clip of people clapping.] Mr. President, on this — your second visit to McClellan, to commemorate Armed Forces Day, we’d like for you to accept this model of an

	<p>advanced tactical fighter, the F-22. The F-22, the next generation Air Force Fighter Aircraft represents a continued commitment to provide our Air Combat Forces with the leading edge of aerospace technology. [Clapping] On behalf of Air Force Materiel Command, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to McClellan Air Force Base. Where the most crucial ingredient of readiness is the dedicated men and women who are performing their duty throughout, and — [Video cuts to another clip.] — and other Air Force Materiel command bases, because they significantly support and sustain this readiness. [Clapping.] Representing our nation's people, serving in the Armed Forces, and the Secretary of Defense, [Audio cuts.] Sheila Widnall, Secretary— [Clapping and audio cuts again.]</p>
16:35	<p>Widnall: Thank you very much. McClellan Air Force Base and the —[cuts to another clip.] — Have sure made it easy to catch the spirit of Armed Forces Day with this fabulous — [Cuts again.] — All of us know full well that our ability to serve hinges on military-civilian teamwork in great communities like this. We're here, of course, to honor America's finest: hard-charging men and women whose can-do spirit inspires the nation. These days, servicemen and women are — [cuts again.] — with a Commander-in-chief who knows that the military's ability to meet its commitment depends on the quality and skill of people. To that end, the defense team, with our partners on Capitol Hill are determined — [Cuts again.] — Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, and Coast Guard members here today, keeping future forces fit and capable requires bright young Americans just like them, and now it's my privilege — [Cuts again.] — Renowned for his rock-solid support of military people as Mayor of Sacramento, Joe Serna. [Clapping.]</p>
18:01	<p>Serna: Thank you, Secretary Widnall. [Cut.] — Again, not just with McClellan, but to lead our nation into prosperity, I want to personally convey to you, our good wishes — [Cut.] —The United States. [Applause.] We trust your leadership, and this community stands — [Cut.] of our Congressional Delegation, Congressman Bob Matsui, Congressman Vic Fazio, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Boxer. [Applause then cut.] — pleasure to introduce to you one of the hardest working U.S. Senators that we have in the U.S. Senate— [Brief cut.] — U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. [Applause.]</p>
18:59	<p>Feinstein: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you very much. [Cut.] — Mr. President, it's wonderful to welcome you to the largest industrial employer in Northern California. [Loud applause.] And Mr. President, it's wonderful to welcome you to a new effort to keep McClellan — [Cut and loud applause.] Is there anyone present listen to this — Is there anyone — [Cut occurs and people "Boo!" from the crowd.] Do you believe you'd do a good job at this base? [Crowd all screams, "Yeah!"] Do you believe that it should be our prime mission to help keep this base open? [Crowd screams, "Yeah!"] Do you believe California's already done its share in military base closures? [Crowd screams, "Yeah!" and a cut occurs.] Ladies and gentlemen, I know of no president that cares more about this state. He has shown it in — [Cut and clapping.] On this very special Armed</p>

	<p>Services Day, I want to extend the senator from California. The most competent members of the United States Congress. I know no one who enjoys higher reputation from California than Bob Matsui and Vic — [Cut and scattered applause.] As the, my eighteen months in the Senate, I've come to know both of them very well, just as I've come to meet with Joe Serna over so many different programs, Bob Matsui has been a super representative from this area. He has been a fighter for Con — [Cuts.]</p>
20:49	<p>Fazio: Bob Matsui and I have been a team—representing you and Congress. [Cuts here. The voice is muffled.] — Could possibly have representing Sacramento. Bob, you have my greatest respect and appreciation, and I know Sacramento feels the same way. [Clapping and video cuts to another clip.] —It's a great tradition of Air Force service, and until recently, of service to the United States Army. There are thousands of people in this community — [Cuts.] — So as is the case in his last visit he can hear from us, to how deeply we feel about the need for change and the direction we want it to take. He has made us feel that we're part of this country, and we appreciate it deeply. [Clapping and video cuts.] — yearning for this kind of leadership too often in our nation's history. [Video cuts.] — For him our belief, that his vision for America is our vision, and so it is a great pleasure for me, a great personal honor, and I think a great opportunity for all of us, that I present to you, the President of the United States. [Clapping.] [He has a muffled, off-microphone conversation with Clinton.] — He's out here in Sonoma —</p>
22:11	<p>Clinton: Thank you. [Applause.] Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very, very much, Congressman Fazio, for those fine words and for your leadership. Thank you, Congressman Matsui — [Cut.] I'd also like to recognize the — over here to my right, the presence of another member of your Congressional Delegation, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey. I'm glad to see you here and thank you for coming. [Clapping.] Senator Feinstein, thank you once again for making it clear that you have — [Cuts.] — Thompson, I thank them for welcoming me here for a second time to McClellan Air Force Base. I'd also like to recognize in the audience a good friend of mine and your State Insurance Commissioner, John Garamendi and Mrs. Garamendi, I'm glad to see them over there. [Applause.]</p>
23:15	<p>Clinton: Ladies and gentleman, I had a wonderful trip — [Cuts.] — spirit of Sacramento and spirit of McClellan, as we honor the men and women who wear the uniforms of the American Armed Forces. [Applause.] In just two weeks, it will be my proud duty to travel to Europe to represent our nation as we commemorate the— [Cuts.] Today, we deeply appreciate what our forces did in the cause of freedom in World War II. Were it not for them and their efforts, we would — none of us would be here today, but I want to say we also appreciate very much — [Cuts.] — world today. [Applause.] We honor your patriotism that — [Cuts.] — That that sacrifice often extends to your families as well, who have to endure long periods of separation and sometimes still the loss of life. Every day, all across our land and all around the world, people who wear the uniform</p>

	<p>of this country put their lives at risk as we have seen in the last year and as we see every year, the simple work of maintaining — [Cuts clip and moves to a clip of the audience clapping.] I think we all know that the important work of rebuilding — [Cut.] — last fifteen months, our economy has produced three million new jobs, the deficit is going down, interest rates are stable, the stock market is up, consumer confidence is up. We, when the Congress passes — [Cut.] — forced, for the federal government will be the smallest it has been in over thirty years, and all the savings will be used to go into a trust fund to help make our streets safer, to pay for tougher punishment for violent criminals, prevention — [Cut and applause.] We are trying to adapt. We must remain the world's best prepared, best trained, best equipped — [Cut.] I say that because as we enter the next few weeks of budget negotiations, Congress must work to get our deficit down while keeping — [Cuts.] — as well is the notion that we should not discriminate against people because someone in their family has been sick. These are things that we ought to do. We can do it without interfering with Medicare for the elderly. We can do it while phasing in prescription drug and long-term care benefits to the elderly and disabled, but we must act this year. I believe that you hire people to serve in the presidency and in the Congress to make — [Cut.] — when they have to be faced. There are answers to this problem and we owe it to you to face it. In the future, our deficit reduction depends on it. Our defense readiness depends on it. The health and strength of our nation depends on it, and we should act this year. [Applause and cuts to another clip.]</p>
26:46	<p>Clinton: — What I have been told, is the only fully restored and flyable B-24 Liberator in use today. [Cuts.] — impressive home-front production during World War II. The All-American, as she's known, is named in honor of the Fifteenth Air Force B-24 that set a record for downing fourteen enemy fighters in a single raid over Germany on July 25, 1944. [Cuts.] — to help to win the war, that we will honor when I go to the D-Day celebration. This is a time when every American of every generation should pause to remember and honor the sacrifices of the airmen, soldiers, and sailors of D-Day, who through their individual acts of glory and valor, and their common efforts changed the course of history. One aircraft of World War II stands behind me today, but we should be mindful that exactly — [Cuts.] — Chanel and the coast of France. They gave General Eisenhower and the planners of Operation Overlord virtual, allied supremacy for the landings. On that day, 113 aircraft did not make it back. Two weeks from today, at the American cemetery — [Cuts.] — P-38s and P-47s. The veteran airmen of D-Day, 3,912 Americans, many of them aviators, are buried there in Cambridge. Their graves align in a gentle arc on a sloping English pasture. They rest in peace far from home. As do thousands of other Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II — [Cuts.] — But in every city, and in every neighborhood, and every living room, where we cherish the fruits of freedom and democracy, they are with us still. They would be very proud of the men and women who wear our uniforms today. They would be proud that nuclear weapons — [Cuts.] — The hemisphere to embrace democracy. Now all but two nations to our south, all but two, are today governed by democratically-elected</p>

	<p>leaders. [Clapping.] So I say to you — [Cuts.] — But also remember our mission: to meet the challenges of today at home and abroad, to keep America forever strong, and forever young. Thank you very much. [Applause.] And God bless you all. [Pauses to shake the hands of the people on the platform.] Now I'm gonna sign the Proclamation. [Crowd laughs.] After which, you may seek relief from the sun. Or stay to say hello. [Crowd cheers.]</p>
31:02	Clinton: Thank you very much, thank you. [Applause.]
31:34	[Marching band plays.]
41:09	END.