

OFFICIAL DEDICATION CEREMONIES  
NAMING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
AT  
GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK  
THE  
"General Courtney Hicks Hodges Building"

July 15, 1978

2:00 P.M.



General Courtney Hicks Hodges  
1887 - 1966

General Courtney Hodges was born and reared in Perry, Georgia. He developed an interest in the military and attended North Georgia College and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Although General Hodges didn't graduate from West Point, he had an intense desire to be a soldier and succeeded probably farther than he ever expected.

During General Hodges' 43-year Army career he held every rank from private to four star general. He chased Pancho Villa with Blackjack Pershing and won the Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross in World War I. Between the World Wars, General Hodges perfected the skills needed by a modern army commander.

When the U.S. Forces invaded France, General Hodges was with the First Army as Deputy Commander. Soon afterward, he assumed command of the First Army. The "First" really lived up to its name. It was the first through Paris, first through the Siegfried Line, first into Germany and the first to meet our Russian allies. During this time, General Hodges' troops won or helped win decisive battles at Aachen, Bostogne, the Rhineland, St. Vith, St. Lo, the Huertgen Forest, the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland, the Ruhr and the Remagen Bridge.

In 1978 Representatives Howard Rainey of the 135th and Earleen Sizemore of the 136th Districts, respectively, of the Georgia House of Representatives introduced H.R. 651-1826 to name the new building at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park in honor of General Hodges. Today's program officially dedicates the new building.

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PROGRAM

for

SPECIAL CEREMONIES DEDICATING THE NEW BUILDING AT THE  
GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK TO BE KNOWN AS THE

" General Courtney Hicks Hodges Building "

1:30-2:00 P.M. Music Concert by the 283rd Army Band  
from Fort Benning under the direction  
of SFC Frederick Kipphorn.

2:00 Pay tribute to America by joining in on the singing  
of our National Anthem.

- Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Oscar Summers, Jr.,  
Representative of American Legion Post 38,  
Cordele, Georgia
- Invocation by Dr. Page Fulgham, Pastor of the  
First Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia
- Official Welcome by Commissioner Joe D. Tanner,  
Department of Natural Resources
- Introduction of Platform Guests - Mr. Summers
- Special Presentation - Honorable Howard Rainey,  
Georgia House of Representatives, District 135
- Special Recognition - Mr. Summers
- Introduction of Speaker by Honorable Dawson Mathis  
United States House of Representatives
- Speaker: Honorable Sam Nunn, U.S. Senator from  
Georgia, and a native of Perry, Georgia
- Benediction by Dr. Fulgham

Everyone is invited to tour the GENERAL COURTNEY  
HICKS HODGES BUILDING immediately following the  
ceremonies. Refreshments will be served courtesy  
of:

McDonalds of Cordele

Ace Pecan Company

Pridgen Brothers Wholesale Company

Gold Kist Peanut Company

Coca Cola Bottling Company of Cordele

Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Cordele

Appreciation is expressed to these generous  
business firms for their hospitality.