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BRYCE HARLOW FOUNDATION, HONOR
BOB DOLE, WASHINGTON, DC

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- DC - City of Lobbyist
  - more per capita than any other city on this Planet
  - Some are good & effective
    Many are ineffective and a waste of time - and a waste of money for employers
  - Having served in Congress for 40 yrs - I've met many lobbyists

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- Although I was not privileged to be a member of social circle
  - Met him & discuss issues & projects w/him on several occasions
    Bryce Harlow's

- Bryce Harlow was an extraordinary advocate - lobbyist -
  Why?:
  1- Always well prepared - obviously he had studied & researched the matter being discussed.

2- He was a professional
- if on rare occasions, he was not adequately knowledgable of the issue - he would readily admit his shortcomings & request that he be allowed assisted by an agent.

- he was not just a "door opener" like many in the field - he knew what he was discussing
- he had credibility

3- He did not insult you or your integrity by suggesting "give pass fees"

4 - Although he was a proud Republican - he was not an ideologue.

- His approach was never partisan - I was always comfortable in his presence.

- Bob Dole

By honoring Bob Dole - the Bryce Harlow Foundation honors itself.

- I knew Bob Dole as a friend for over half a century -

I met him at the Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich in the fall of 1946 -

- He was in a wheel chair
- He was thin & under weight
- Although I have many stickers
  - Bob had more - many more
  - His body was covered w/ scar tissue
  - He had a useless slight arm — a source of constant pain - he never complained or whined about his pain
- ~~[illegible]~~ Nevertheless ~~[illegible]~~ he had an infectious wit & humour and a disarming smile.
- However, his fellow wounded vets knew that he oftentimes used his smile, wit & humour to mask his pain = x we were also in pain

Bob was an infantry lieutenant in the 10th Mountain Division - a most honored & decorated division - the division flag still flies proudly as one of the few remaining infantry divisions of our national army.

[redacted] was also an infantry lieutenant

During April & 1945, we were both doing combat duty in the mountains of northern Italy — about a mile apart.

- On Apr 14, 1945, Bob was severely wounded while leading his men in battle

- A week later, on Apr 21, 1945 my number was called.

We were both hospitalized in Battle Creek, Mich.

We both played bridge - he was not good at cards.

One day when I inquired as to his future - Bob, w/o hesitating replied - - be a lawyer, serve as County Atty, serve in the State Legis + become a member of Congress.

I was convinced that w/ his tenacity + dedicated commitment - he would someday serve in Congress.

- I told Bob that his plan ~~[illegible]~~ made sense. I then began making plans to pursue the Dole plan -

Became a lawyer, served as pub prosecutor, served in the Territorial

Legislature, + in 1959 was elected to ~~Congress~~ House + in 1962 to the Senate

Bob was elected to the House in ___ + the Senate in ___

Bob is a natural leader

- He was always my point ~~[illegible]~~ w/me. ~~I~~ He never avoided a controversy - ∴ I wasn't surprised when he brought prostate illness out of the closet + openly discussed Viagra

- Although he was a proud + dedicated Republican - he ~~was~~ avoided partisanship whenever possible

- He was knowledgeable + always prepared.

– He was & is a good friend.

I believe him a better person today because I had the good fortune to meet him at Perry Point Hospital in 1946