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(Neb.)-Senate Hopeful Bob Kerrey To Visit Alliance And Chadron On Friday

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(ALLIANCE)-Bob Kerrey, who is running for the U.S. Senate, will be in Alliance on Friday, July 13th, for a Dutch treat lunch at noon at Sam & Louie's Restaurant (1313 W. 3rd), hosted by the Alliance Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to come hear Kerrey speak and to ask questions of the candidate. Sen. Kerrey is unable to attend the Legislative Forum sponsored by the Chamber at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, July 21st and has made this trip instead.

Kerrey will also be in Chadron on the 13th. He is scheduled to make an appearance at the American Legion, 230 Bordeaux St., at 4:00 p.m. He also plans to attend Chadron's historic flag ceremony at the Dawes County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m., and will be available for conversation at the Bean Broker from 6:30-8:00 p.m. He will also join us here at KCSR for a special community focus program at 4:20 p.m.

Kerrey served as Governor of the State of Nebraska from 1983-1987. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1988 and served two terms representing Nebraska in Washington. In 1992, Kerrey ran for President of the United States.

Prior to becoming involved in politics, Kerrey was a U.S. Navy SEAL in Vietnam and earned the Medal of Honor. He opened Grandmother's Restaurant in Lincoln in 1973, a business that eventually expanded to include other restaurants as well as Prairie Life health clubs.

While in the Senate from 1989-2000, Kerrey gained a reputation as a maverick willing to challenge partisanship on both sides to tackle tough problems. He worked with Republicans and Democrats to balance the budget, cut spending, reform entitlements, and reform taxes.

In 2000, Kerrey decided to not run for a third term in the Senate, opting to return once more to private life. Kerrey accepted the Presidency of the New School University in New York. He was widely credited with placing the university's finances on solid footing and leading a renewal of its reputation.

During his time at the New School, Kerrey continued to stay involved in public service. He was tapped to serve on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States and helped forge a unanimous, bipartisan report that detailed how 9/11 happened and led to reforms that have protected the nation since. Kerrey also served as chair of the College Board's National Commission on Writing and, with Newt Gingrich, as head of the widely respected Alzheimer's Study Group.

In 2000, the federal budget was in surplus and the nation was paying down its debt. But in the last 12 years, Senators of opposing parties have refused to work with each other. Kerrey believes this extreme partisanship is the single most important reason that our most important national problems are not being solved. He believes that our obligations are not to our political parties, but to our future generations of Americans.

Kerrey, a Democrat, is running against Republican Deb Fischer.