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ACTRESS MARY STEENBURGEN TO JOIN HUNDREDS OF WESLEY CLARK SUPPORTERS AT LA KICKOFF RALLY ON SATURDAY

BURBANK, Calif. – Actress Mary Steenburgen will join hundreds of supporters of newly announced Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark at a kickoff rally and political planning session Saturday to launch the retired four-star general's Southern California campaign.

Manhattan Beach Mayor Jim Aldinger and Lance Cpl. Roger Hallman, a U.S. Marine who fought in the initial assault on Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in the Iraq War, will also address the rally. It will be the first region-wide meeting of Clark supporters since the general announced Wednesday that he would be seeking the Democratic Party's nomination to run against President Bush in 2004.

The kickoff rally and political work session will take place at:

**Charles Studio
2501 N. Ontario Street
Burbank, CA 91504
Thomas Guide p. 533 D5
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Steenburgen, an Academy Award-winning actress who stars in the new CBS fall drama "Joan of Arcadia", will address the crowd at about 3:30 p.m. Like Clark, Steenburgen is a native of Arkansas.

The general's supporters from cities and towns throughout the greater Los Angeles area will be reporting for "active duty" Saturday, signing up for specific fundraising and campaign tasks to ensure that their candidate wins the Democratic Party nomination and goes on to defeat Bush in 2004.

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Clark's supporters will watch video clips of their candidate's Little Rock announcement speech, his major policy address at the University of Iowa on Friday and past television interviews. Balloons, banners and American flags will be on hand at the Burbank soundstage that works with top Hollywood studios to make this a truly memorable and exciting event.

The National Draft Wesley Clark movements have made history and created a new force in American politics with their internet-fueled campaigns that helped persuade Clark to seek the Democratic Party nomination. Clark's entry into the Presidential race has electrified the country and overshadowed other Democratic candidates who have been running for months.

In Southern California, support for Wesley Clark has been growing steadily with field organizations now set up in West Los Angeles, Hollywood, the South Bay, Pasadena, Orange County, the San Fernando Valley, San Bernardino County, Palm Springs, San Diego and Santa Barbara. With at least ten local coordinators, a leadership committee and a growing database of over 500 Clark supporters, the Southern California region is ready to turn its Draft Wesley Clark for President movement into a full-fledged campaign.

Clark, 58, is a retired four-star U.S. Army general and NATO Supreme Allied Commander who oversaw military operations in Bosnia. A decorated Vietnam combat veteran who spent 34 years in the military, Clark graduated first in his class at West Point and was a Rhodes scholar.

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