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Robert J. Dole

This formal portrait shows Robert Joseph Dole, 1923-2021, a World War II veteran and a former U.S. Senator from Kansas. During World War II he served in the Army's Reserve Corps, and became a second lieutenant in the Army's 10th Mountain Division. He earned two Purple Hearts for injuries received in combat, and the Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" for valor in his attempt to help a downed radio man. The start of his political career came in 1950, when he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives and served a two year term. In 1960, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Kansas' 6th congressional district. In 1968, he was elected a U.S. Senator, a position he would retain until resigning in 1996 to campaign for the U.S. Presidential election. He lost the election to incumbent President Bill Clinton.

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