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Sept. 11, 2009 -- On September 11, 2001 nearly 3,000 people were lost on a single day -- a day that is remembered as the worst attack on American soil. Every year on September 11, which was designated as Patriot Day on December 18, 2001, we remember those who lost their lives and the people they left behind.

 Patriot Day is a time for reflection. It is a time to remember the brave first responders who risked their lives to save others. It is a time to remember the Pentagon workers who survived the events of September 11th but were still profoundly affected. But it is mostly time for us to remember those people who are no longer with us because of that horrible day.