

## Patriot Day: National Day of Service and Remembrance

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Today marks 18 years since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. Many of us were personally affected by the tragic events of that morning. As Soldiers and Families, we saw our idea of what it meant to serve and sacrifice for our Nation fundamentally change, as the priorities and pace of the Army of the '90s turned into the highly-deployed, ready force of the '00s and beyond. As residents of Pennsylvania, we felt the uncomfortable uncertainty of the unknown as the attacks happened within our community at strategic targets similar to Carlisle Barracks and in fields in our backyard. On 9/11, all of America felt a shift in our sense of security and a heightened commitment to our Nation and our values.

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remember how 9/11 changed us - the American people - and made us stronger in the face of adversity and evolving threats. Over the past 18 years, our Nation has increased its vigilance and readiness both at home and abroad. Today, our Army and Joint Force stand ready to face any future challenges of our uncertain world.

This strength of our Nation is built by the hard work of government employees and their Families, both civilian and military, who selflessly dedicate themselves to the betterment of our country and to the ideals we hold dear. We are grateful for all that you do for our Nation, our Army, and our Carlisle Barracks home.

Respectfully,

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