



## **Patriot Day 2011: Honoring the 9/11 Generation — September 11, 2011**

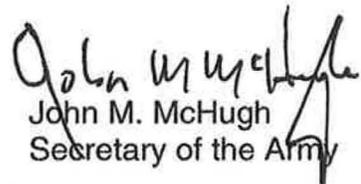
September 11, 2011 marks ten years since the worst terrorist attack in our Nation's history. As we remember the 2,974 people who died that day at ground zero in New York City, in the fields of southwestern Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, let us also pay tribute to the men and women of our Armed Forces and their Families who continue to defend our Nation from those who wish to do us harm.

The men and women of our Army epitomize the resiliency, resolve and commitment of our Nation. They have faced and overcome unimaginable adversity, adopted new tactics and mastered new technologies. They have lost friends and loved ones and endured untold personal sacrifices through multiple deployments. Never have we asked so much of our All-Volunteer Force and their Families. Yet despite the enormous strain of continuous combat, our military remains strong because of the commitment and resolve of our Soldiers, Civilians and Family members.

Ten years ago ordinary citizens endured extraordinary loss. But from the ashes, our Nation rediscovered a spirit of unity, compassion and patriotism. On Patriot Day 2011, let us pay tribute to those lost on 9/11, honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our Nation since, and remember those defending freedom at home and abroad today.

  
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