

Commemoration of World Trade Center/Pentagon Tragedy

Wednesday September 11th 0800

Raising of the National Ensign by the Naval Hospital Color Guard

CO's Remarks

Invocation

Time Line

Two-Bell Ceremony

The American's Creed

ALL Present

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Heroes Among us Prayer

The Power of Freedom

Let's Roll

Eternal Father

ALL Present

Benediction

A reminder of the power of God, the Chapel on "Ground Zero" at the World Trade Center was spared with the buildings collapsing around it and on it

Special Thanks: To all readers, the Naval Hospital Color Guard and South East Region Navy Band for helping make this program a success.



ETERNAL FATHER

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who Bidst the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid it's angry tumult cease, and give,
for wild confusion peace,
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!**

**Creator, Father who first breathed
In us the life that we received,
By power of thy breath restore
The ill, and men with wounds of war.
Bless those who give their healing care,
That life and laughter all may share.**

**O God, You make the sun to rise
So splendidly before our eyes
You give us health and strength each day;
Your mercy , Lord we humbly pray.
O grant us who serve our country, your loving
grace, eternally.
Amen**

Let's Roll 9/11/2001

Only minutes before he would perish
Leaving behind the wife and children
He loved and cherished
One brave man recited the Lord's Prayer
Then said- "Let's Roll"
At that very moment God held
His Haloed Soul.

To all the precious people lost
Over eight nations in all
The world will never forget you
The world will never forget
What we saw.

To all the devastated relatives
Of loved ones who would die
We know they're now in heaven
Yet we understand why you still
Weep and cry.

To all those who knew someone
Now trying to understand and find peace
With only memories left you
We pray that some day your suffering
will cease.

To all of New York's finest
The firefighters and the police
Your loyalty to your fallen brother
Never wavered once despite your
Pain and grief.

To all the volunteers and rescue workers
Each of you a hero
America will never forget you
America will never forget Ground Zero

To each and every nation
To all religions worldwide
Never stop believing
The truth is on your side.

To all our brave men and women
Defending freedom so proudly overseas
A nation is grateful to you
God bless and God speed.

And to all the cowardly terrorists
Who tried to bring America to her knees
The answer is quite simple
You never will succeed.

Yes only minutes before he would perish
Leaving behind the wife and children
He so loved and cherished

One brave man recited the Lord's Prayer
Then said – "Let's Roll"
And at that very moment God held
His Haloed soul.

"Let's Roll"

Heroes Among Us - Prayer

Thank God for all the heroes
whose mission is so true
Who in this time of crisis
will strive to see us through

So many helped coworkers
and those they didn't know
Some carried them through smoke-filled stairs
to safety far below

The firefighters and police
who time and time again
While citizens were rushing out
so bravely rushed back in

The valiant people on the plane
who despite their fear
Fought back to save still others
and our House so dear

To all the volunteers
risking their own lives
For the chance however small
to find someone alive

and there will be more heroes
in the trying times ahead
They'll sacrifice for others
although they're filled with dread

I pray for God's assistance
And from deep within my heart
I ask that when I'm tested
He'll help me do my part.

Written by: ["Diana Hoffman"](#)

The Power of Freedom

I know you're celebrating
what your evil deeds have wrought
But with the devastation
something else you've also brought

For nothing is more powerful
than Americans who unite
Who put aside their differences
and for freedom fight

Each defenseless victim whose
untimely death you caused
And every fallen hero
whose brave life was lost

Has only served to strengthen
our national resolve
Each freedom-loving citizen
will surely get involved

You've galvanized our nation
into a force so strong
We'll end your reign of terror
although the fight is long

For every heart that's broken
ten million will stand tall
and every tear that's falling
is the mortar for it all

And when this war is over
one thing I know is sure
Our country will be greater
and our freedom will endure

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CO's Remarks:

“Now we honor those who died, and prepare to respond to these attacks on the nation. I will not settle for a token act. Our response must be sweeping, sustained and effective. We have much to do, and much to ask of the American people.

You will be asked for your patience; for, the conflict will not be easy. You will be asked for your strength, because the course to victory may be long.”

President Bush during his weekly radio address of September 16, 2001

Time Line

On September 11, 2001 at 8:45 a.m. EDT, A hijacked commercial jetliner, American Airlines Flight 11, flying from Boston, Massachusetts, to Los Angeles, California, crashed into the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. It had 81 passengers, nine crew members and two pilots aboard.

At 9:08 a.m. a second hijacked plane, United Airlines Flight 175, from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into the second World Trade Center tower. It contained 56 passengers, seven crew members and two pilots.

At 9:43 a.m. American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757, flying from Dulles Airport outside Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles, crashed into the Pentagon. It had 58 passengers, four crew members and two pilots.

At 10:10 a.m. United Airlines Flight 93, flying from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco, California, crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The plane, also a Boeing 757, held 38 passengers, five crew members and two pilots.

The world, as we know it, has changed forever.

Two Bell Ceremony

There is a table set with the items below and the ceremony is dedicated to our fallen countrymen and shipmates.

Master of Ceremonies - MC

MC - "ON THE TABLE SITS A RED ROSE TO SIGNIFY THE BLOOD OUR FALLEN COUNTRYMEN AND SHIPMATES SHED, A CRYSTAL GLASS OF WATER TO QUENCH THEIR THIRST FOR FREEDOM. SALT TO REMIND US OF THE PAIN THEY FEEL LEST WE FORGET THEM. THE CHINA IS BONE WHITE AS IS THE PURITY OF THEIR HEARTS AND SACRIFICES. THIS, ON A WHITE LINEN TABLE CLOTH THAT COULD BE USED AS A CLEAN BANDAGE FOR THEIR WOUNDS. WE TAKE THIS TIME TO REMEMBER THEM. THE PLACE WE SET FOR THEM THIS MORNING IS A SPECIAL PLACE. AS IS THE PLACE WE HOLD FOR THEM IN OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS, AND OUR NAVY."
(PAUSE)

"IN DAYS PAST, TWO BELLS (toll two bells here) MARKED THE END OF THE ROUTINE DAY ABOARD A SHIP. IT WAS TIME FOR TATOO, AND SOON, TAPS WOULD SOUND THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. CERTAINLY, THIS IS A MOST APPROPRIATE TIME TO HONOR OUR DEPARTED COUNTRYMEN AND SHIPMATES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WOULD YOU PLEASE BOW YOUR HEADS."

"THE TOLL OF THE SHIP'S BELL REMINDS US OF THE REVERENCE WE OWE TO OUR DEPARTED COUNTRYMEN AND SHIPMATES.
(toll two bells here)

TO THOSE WHO GUARD THE HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY.....UPON THE SEA.....IN THE AIR.....AND ON FOREIGN SOIL.
(toll two bells here)

LET IT BE A REMINDER OF THE FAITH THEY CONFIDE IN US.
(toll two bells here)

LET US WHO GATHER HERE NOT FORGET OUR OBLIGATIONS, AND IN SILENCE, BREATHE A PRAYER FOR OUR ABSENT COUNTRYMEN AND SHIPMATES.
(toll two bells here)

LET US OFFER A SILENT PRAYER FOR OUR DEPARTED COUNTRYMEN AND SHIPMATES (10 SECOND PAUSE). THIS MOMENT OF REVERENCE WE DEDICATE TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COUNTRYMEN AND SHIPMATES WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.
(toll two bells here)

(BUGLER PLAYS TAPS SLOWLY AFTER THE RINGING OF THE BELLS)