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Remembering September 11

Eight-Year Anniversary Marks A Day Our Country Will Never Forget

I know I will never forget — along with the millions of citizens around the world — where I was and what I was doing the moment I heard about the devastating events unfolding before our nation's eyes on Sept. 11, 2001. And since this horrific day, groups and individuals around the world have vowed to honor those who were taken from us too soon.

Days following the attacks, plans were in motion to construct memorials and tributes at the crash sites. One of the first memorials was the [Tribute in Light](#), temporary searchlights placed at the foot of where the World Trade Center towers once stood that projected two vertical columns into New York's skyline.

The [National September 11 Memorial](#) (set in New York City) will remember and honor the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives on that fateful day (both in the September 11 attacks and in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing). The memorial will consist of two massive one-acre pools constructed where the two towers once stood. These monuments will contain the largest manmade waterfalls built in the nation. The names of the individuals killed in the September 11 attacks in New York City, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon, and the February 1993 World Trade Center bombing will be inscribed along the edges of the pools.

An eight-acre landscaped [Memorial Plaza](#) dotted with nearly 400 trees will be the resting grounds for the memorial. The [Memorial Museum](#), set to be constructed on the eight-acre memorial site, will serve as an educational resource to help teach citizens about September 11 and the events that led up to the attacks.

The [Pentagon Memorial](#) was completed and opened to the public during last year's anniversary of the attacks. This memorial includes a landscaped park with 184 benches facing

the Pentagon. And while the Pentagon was under repair in 2001-2002, developers included a private chapel and indoor memorial during construction — placed at the location where Flight 77 crashed into the building.

A permanent [Flight 93 National Memorial](#) is planned for Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and will include a sculpted grove of trees forming a circle around the crash site. This sculpture will be bisected by the plane's path and wind chimes will be marked with the names of the victims on that flight.

On the eighth anniversary of the attacks, there will be numerous memorials and services — not only around the country, but around the world. However you pay tribute to those who were lost, please take time to reflect on all the victims and remember the family, friends, and co-workers of the nearly 3,000 victims who are constantly reminded of this tragedy each and every day.

If you have any questions about legislative matters involving your state government, please feel free to contact me at (573) 751-8793 or by e-mail at: delbertscott@senate.mo.gov.

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