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Costa Mesa to host 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 event

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—City and community leaders will host a commemorative event on Sept. 11 to mark the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania and pay tribute to the people who died that day.

The event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the U.S. Army Reserve Base located at the Air National Guard facility at 2651 Newport Blvd in Costa Mesa. Speakers include City Chief Executive Officer Tom Hatch, Police Chief Tom Gazsi, Acting Fire Chief Kirk Dominic and Iraqi Freedom veteran Second Lt. Thomas Deluccia.

The 304th Sustainment Battalion will provide the ceremony color guard and the 311th Signal Command will be in military formation for the ceremony. Local musician Dan Krikorian will sing a variety of folk and pop songs.

Those attending will be able to sign two “Costa Mesa Remembers” banners. One banner will be sent to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment—the city’s adopted battalion—in Afghanistan. The second banner will be sent to Engine 213/Ladder 105 in New York City which lost seven firemen in the World Trade Center. In addition, the event will be collecting CARE-PACs for the 1/5 and the public is encouraged to bring sundry items for the soldiers.

Lieutenant Colonel Vic Bakkila and Costa Mesa police officer will emcee the event, which will feature the releasing of doves and a moment of silence at 9:20 a.m.

A commemorative t-shirt will be available for a \$10 donation. Proceeds for the shirts will be used for a memorial plaque. Please visit the [city website](#) for additional details.