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Marines and Members of the Marine Corps League.

On this day twenty years ago, America changed forever in our view of the world. At the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania, many Americans lost their lives in an unimaginable way. On this day, I ask all members of the Marine Corps League to REMEMBER those precious lives that we lost.

On Wednesday, 8 September 2021, Chief Devil Dog Thomas Hazlett, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary Evelyn Joppa, and I had the humbling duty of placing a wreath at the Pentagon to honor the lives lost that day. It was special to represent the entire Marine Corps League at this occasion. We offered a moment of silence and Prayer. Our presentation not only honored the lives lost at the Pentagon, but also those at the World Trade Centers and the field in Pennsylvania. This honor was such a moving and solemn event like nothing we ever experienced. Please, REMEMBER!

There are many world events happening every single day where Americans and our Marines are impacted in some way. I ask that all members of the League continue keep the faith and continue to REMEMBER! Just as September 11th twenty years ago changed our lives, we continuing to experience unimaginable events which impact us daily. In recent weeks, we lost thirteen lives that were performing a mission. We have an amazing all-volunteer force that are often placed in harm's way. Their selfless sacrifice will never be forgotten. Just as our past built a legacy for Marines, so is the future our current Marines are forging. All I ask is that our members REMEMBER what America stands for and the pride that we share. It is what makes us great. Please REMEMBER!

Finally, as we remember ALL FALLEN VETERANS from all eras, let's remember the sacrifices they made and the sacrifices their families have made. Please remember those lives lost on 9-11-2001, and all lives lost since. We owe their legacy nothing less. Please REMEMBER!

Semper Fidelis,

Johnny Baker

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