

Patriot Day in the United States

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

Observe Patriot Day

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.



Patriot Day remembers those who lost their lives during the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

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Public Life

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Public transit systems run on their regular schedules. Some people and organizations may take some time out to hold prayers for the victims of the attacks, but these do not usually affect public life for more than a few minutes.

About Patriot Day

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense.

The attacks have greatly increased attention to national security in the United States. This has had huge implications for United States national and international politics. This is particularly true for the relationships between the United States and Islamic countries in the Middle East.

Symbols

The most potent symbol of the events that happened on September 11, 2001 are pictures and videos of planes flying into buildings, of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center engulfed in smoke and later collapsing and of people falling from buildings. Pictures taken of damaged buildings and relatives looking for loved ones in the days and weeks after the attacks are also often shown. The flag of the United States is often displayed around images of the events on September 11, 2001. This is to remind Americans that their country remained strong in the face of massive terrorist attacks.

Patriot Day should not be confused with [Patriot's Day](#), also known as Patriots Day, which commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, which were two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War.

Patriot Day Observances

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Weekday	Date	Year	Name	Holiday Type	Where It is Observed
Sat	Sep 11	2010	Patriot Day	Observance	
Sun	Sep 11	2011	Patriot Day	Observance	
Tue	Sep 11	2012	Patriot Day	Observance	
Wed	Sep 11	2013	Patriot Day	Observance	
Thu	Sep 11	2014	Patriot Day	Observance	

Fri	Sep 11	2015	Patriot Day	Observance
Sun	Sep 11	2016	Patriot Day	Observance
Mon	Sep 11	2017	Patriot Day	Observance
Tue	Sep 11	2018	Patriot Day	Observance
Wed	Sep 11	2019	Patriot Day	Observance
Fri	Sep 11	2020	Patriot Day	Observance

Quick Facts

Patriot Day is held in memory of nearly 3000 people who died during terrorist attacks in New York, Washington DC and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the United States.

Patriot Day 2018

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Patriot Day 2019

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

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Name in other languages

Name	Language
Patriot Day	English
Día del Patriotismo	Spanish

יום פטריוט	Hebrew
يوم باتريوت	Arabic
애국 날	Korean
Patriot-dagen	Norwegian
Tag des Patrioten (Patriot Day)	German

[List of dates for other years](#)

Related holiday

- [Patriot's Day](#) – Monday, April 16, 2018

Other holidays in September 2018 in the United States

- [Janmashtami](#) – Sunday, September 2, 2018
- [Labor Day](#) – Monday, September 3, 2018
- [Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day](#) – Saturday, September 8, 2018
- [National Grandparents Day](#) – Sunday, September 9, 2018
- [Rosh Hashana](#) – Monday, September 10, 2018
- [Ganesh Chaturthi](#) – Wednesday, September 12, 2018
- [National CleanUp Day](#) – Saturday, September 15, 2018
- [Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#) – Monday, September 17, 2018
- [Air Force Birthday](#) – Tuesday, September 18, 2018
- [Yom Kippur](#) – Wednesday, September 19, 2018
- [National POW/MIA Recognition Day](#) – Friday, September 21, 2018
- [Emancipation Day](#) – Saturday, September 22, 2018
- [First Day of Sukkot](#) – Monday, September 24, 2018
- [Native Americans' Day](#) – Friday, September 28, 2018

- Last Day of Sukkot – Sunday, September 30, 2018

Fun Holiday on September 11, 2018

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