

VFW: 9/11 Mastermind to Receive Military Trial

VFW Applauds decision by the Obama administration

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The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is applauding the Obama Administration for reversing an earlier decision that would have tried admitted 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheik Mohammed and others in a New York City federal court.

"Those who commit acts of war upon our nation deserve to be tried in a military court of law," said Richard L. Eubank, a retired Marine and Vietnam combat veteran from Eugene, Ore.

"These people launched a devastating sneak attack upon our homeland that killed 3,000 innocent men, women and children — a horrific number that could have just as easily been 30,000 or 300,000 civilians had the enemy had the means," he said. "Giving them their day in court at the U.S. military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was the right decision for the administration to make."

The decision, announced yesterday by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, adheres to three VFW national resolutions to keep Guantanamo open to imprison and try captured terrorists there under military law. The resolutions were passed by delegates attending the 111th VFW National Convention in Indianapolis last August.

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