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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – On Friday, Sept. 11, the Veterans of Foreign Wars encourages every American to join together as it remembers and reflects on a day that of tragedy that Americans will never forget.

Sept. 11 was a day that began just like any other, but ended with 2,977 Americans tragically losing their lives in an attack that forever changed our nation. Though the events of Sept. 11 shocked our country, it quickly became clear the group of radical extremists had misjudged the strength of purpose and determination of the American people.

The terrorist attacks vividly demonstrated that freedom comes at a cost, but even out of the twisted steel and rubble, we will always stand ready to sacrifice in order to ensure our way of life prevails for future generations – the very way of life so many before us have fought and died to protect.

Even nearly 20 years later, we are a nation proud of its new generations of service members who willingly continue to selflessly put their lives on the line to continue to defend our way of life.

This Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, the VFW encourages every American to pause and honor the victims, and all those who have sacrificed to protect and defend our freedom.