

# 25th Anniversary September 11 Scout Salute

**September 11, 2001 – September 11, 2026**

**Twenty-Five Years of Remembrance**

## OPENING

### **NARRATOR:**

Twenty-five years ago today, on September 11, 2001, our nation experienced a day of profound loss, extraordinary courage, selfless service, and sacrifice.

Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives that day. Thousands more would be affected in the years that followed.

Today, we gather to remember.

Our observance will mark six moments from the morning of September 11, followed by a seventh and final remembrance honoring all who were lost, all who served, and all who continue to carry the legacy of that day.

Following each remembrance, Scouts and Scouters in uniform are asked to render the Scout salute and hold it in silence until the command “**Two.**”

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## FIRST REMEMBRANCE

### 8:46 A.M. — AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 11

At **8:46 a.m.**, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

What had begun as an ordinary Tuesday morning was forever changed.

We remember the passengers and crew aboard Flight 11 and those in the North Tower whose lives were lost.

We remember their families, their friends, and all those whose lives were forever changed at 8:46 that morning.

**Scouts and Scouters, salute.**

*[Silent salute - count to 10]*

**Two.**

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## SECOND REMEMBRANCE

### 9:03 A.M. — UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 175

At **9:03 a.m.**, hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

At that moment, there could no longer be doubt about what our nation was witnessing.

We remember the passengers and crew aboard Flight 175 and those in the South Tower whose lives were lost.

We remember those who, in the midst of uncertainty and danger, stopped to help others.

**Scouts and Scouters, salute.**

*[Silent salute. count to 10]*

**Two.**

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## THIRD REMEMBRANCE

### 9:37 A.M. — AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77

At **9:37 a.m.**, hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

We remember the passengers and crew aboard Flight 77.

We remember the military personnel and civilian employees at the Pentagon who lost their lives.

And we honor those who immediately responded to help the injured and rescue those in danger.

**Scouts and Scouters, salute.**

*[Silent salute. count to 10]*

**Two.**

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## FOURTH REMEMBRANCE

### 9:59 A.M. — THE FALL OF THE SOUTH TOWER

At **9:59 a.m.**, after burning for 56 minutes, the South Tower of the World Trade Center fell.

We remember those who remained inside.

We remember the firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, Port Authority personnel, and ordinary citizens who had entered the building to help others.

Many were climbing upward while thousands were making their way to safety.

Their willingness to place the lives of others before their own remains an enduring example of service and courage.

**Scouts and Scouters, salute.**

*[Silent salute. count to 10]*

**Two.**

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## FIFTH REMEMBRANCE

### 10:03 A.M. — UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93

At **10:03 a.m.**, hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

After learning what had happened in New York and Washington, passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 took action.

Knowing the danger before them, they chose to act in defense of others.

Their actions prevented the aircraft from reaching its intended target.

We remember the passengers and crew of Flight 93 and honor their extraordinary courage.

**Scouts and Scouters, salute.**

*[Silent salute. count to 10]*

**Two.**

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## SIXTH REMEMBRANCE

### 10:28 A.M. — THE FALL OF THE NORTH TOWER

At **10:28 a.m.**, the North Tower of the World Trade Center fell.

One hundred and two minutes had passed since Flight 11 first struck the tower.

In those 102 minutes, thousands escaped.

First responders, coworkers, strangers, and ordinary citizens helped one another through smoke, confusion, and fear.

We remember those who did not make it home.

We remember those who ran toward danger because someone else needed help.

And we remember the countless acts of courage and compassion that occurred that morning.

**Scouts and Scouters, salute.**

*[Silent salute. count to 10]*

**Two.**

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## SEVENTH REMEMBRANCE

### FOR ALL WHO WERE LOST — AND OUR DUTY TO REMEMBER

Twenty-five years have passed since September 11, 2001.

A generation has now grown up with no personal memory of that morning.

But the passage of time does not lessen our responsibility to remember.

We remember the **2,977 victims** who lost their lives in the attacks.

We remember the passengers and crews of the four aircraft.

We remember those at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

We remember the firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, military personnel, and other first responders who gave their lives while serving others.

We remember the survivors.

We remember the recovery workers and volunteers who labored in the days and months that followed.

We remember those who later became ill or lost their lives because of their service at the attack and recovery sites.

We remember the members of our Armed Forces and their families whose service and sacrifice followed September 11.

And we remember the families who have carried the absence of a loved one for twenty-five years.

As Scouts, remembrance should mean more than recalling the events of history.

The Scout Oath calls upon us to do our duty to God and our country and to help other people at all times.

The Scout Law calls us to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

On September 11, Americans demonstrated many of those same values.

They helped strangers.

They served their communities.

They placed others before themselves.

They demonstrated courage in the face of extraordinary circumstances.

And so, twenty-five years later, we accept the responsibility of carrying their memory forward.

For those who were lost.

For those who answered the call.

For those who served.

For those who sacrificed.

For those who still carry the consequences of that day.

And for generations of Americans who were not yet born when it happened.

**Scouts and Scouters, render your final salute.**

*[Extended silent salute. Count to 20]*

**Two.**

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**CLOSING**

**NARRATOR:**

September 11 is remembered not only for what was taken from us, but for what Americans gave to one another.

Courage.

Compassion.

Service.

Sacrifice.

Twenty-five years later, the responsibility of remembrance now passes increasingly to those who did not witness that day themselves.

As Scouts, may we carry that responsibility with honor.

May we serve when others need us.

May we stand together in times of difficulty.

May we have the courage to do what is right.

And may we always remember those whose lives and sacrifices became part of our nation's history on September 11, 2001.

**We remember.**

**We honor.**

**We will never forget.**