



Supporting Families Who Have Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

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Dear Supporter,

For the last 11 years, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund has been a community leader in organizing a day of volunteer service and remembrance on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We have done this in recognition of the ties that bind post 9/11 bereaved military families and families whose loved ones were killed in the terrorist attacks of 2001. Our annual **9/11 Service Project to Support Our Troops & Families** has brought thousands of people from all walks of life together to honor these lives by caring for those still in harm's way, through the creation of care packages for troops still on active duty in post 9/11 conflicts around the world and for at-risk veterans living in local shelters.

COVID-19 has changed the way our community can come together, and we are unable to safely hold our Service Project. While we can't host a large event in person in Boston, we will continue to honor and remember this September 11<sup>th</sup> and are adjusting plans to engage supporters differently.

We hope you will join us again, and we are offering a toolkit to help volunteers build your own care packages for our at-risk veterans and/or send messages of support for our troops serving overseas. To learn more and to participate, volunteers can sign up at [www.MassMilitaryHeroes.org](http://www.MassMilitaryHeroes.org).

We also encourage you to remember the local lives lost as a result of terrorism by virtually joining the MA 9/11 Fund at their annual **Commemoration and Name Reading Service**, along with an official moment of silence at **8:46 am on September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

September 11<sup>th</sup> changed our lives forever. In the dark hours, days and months following these terrorist attacks, we saw communities demonstrate incredible selflessness and resilience, reaching out to those in pain and offering service to those in need.

Now, more than ever, it is important to remember, honor and highlight these community strengths. Thank you for joining us in this effort.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director