

# DDSP Remembers 9-11

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*SSgt Brown, USMC, plays for DDSP Remembrance.*

President Bush urged the citizens of the world to show that they will stand up against terror. The initiative grew out of a Taliban communiqué released November 20 stating that the United States should “forget” about the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He asked the United Nations and all U.S. embassies, installations, and agencies to hold remembrance events on December 11, three months from the first airplane strike on the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. Eastern time. Bush led the initiative with a White House ceremony and the playing of “The Star-Spangled Banner” by the U.S. Marine Corps Band.

DDSP held a remembrance service that same morning in the Consolidation and Containerization Point area of the Eastern Distribution Center. The automated system was shut down at 8:40 a.m. and over 150 employees gathered from all directions. They gave their attention to Frank Turner, Product Receipt and Evaluation Division Chief, who expressed recognition of DDSP’s remembrance of September 11 each day in supporting Operation “Enduring Freedom.” Following a brief moment of silence, SSgt Forest Brown from the 4th Marine Corps Recruiting District, played taps. As the bugle call resonated from a high mezzanine, the solemn tune pervaded the more than 1.8 Million square feet of warehouse. CAPT McKelvey, DDSP Commander, closed the service as he shared his appreciation for the patriotism and commitment of the workforce to our troops, and our country.

For employees located at DDSP-West, the Mechanicsburg Navy installation played the National Anthem through their internal and external public announcement system. In addition, a pop-up electronic email message invited employees working at their computer to join the President, the Defense Distribution Center installation, and coworkers in taking a few moments to remember the thousands of victims from more than 80 countries who perished in the attacks in New York, at the Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field.

The Defense Department has a new Web site for the latest news and information about America’s response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the war against terrorism: “Defend America” at <http://www.DefendAmerica.mil>.



*DDSP employees gather to remember 9-11.*