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## REMEMBERING 9/11:

This week's capitol report contains two events in history that indirectly they tie together. The underlying message is stand strong in your values and take pride in being identified as a citizen of the United States of America. A freedom a heavy price was paid.

Twelve years is a long time. Long enough for the national trauma to lose some meaning. So, like I now do every year, I want to take a moment to remember, really remember. I hope you will do the same; take some time. Remember the sounds, the images, the smells, and the feeling of the fall of 2001.

If you don't take time to remember, you forget.

Memory needs attention. It is "active," "dynamic," "creative." Human memories don't sit static in our minds. We make our memories. We don't find them. In fact, we make memories, re-make them, and re-re-make them in an ongoing process (it's called living). What we do with today's twelfth anniversary becomes part of tomorrow's memory. What we do today will help create how the thirteenth anniversary will feel. It helps create what 9/11 will mean to us and to all those

who were not around on that day.

Memory also smoothes the rough edges. It makes the story fit the current moment. For the lucky majority, traumatic events get sanded down by subsequent events. Consider how memories of Memorial Day, a day for all those who have died in our nation's service, have become nothing more than mirror smooth recollections of last year's BBQ. But I don't just want to remember THAT 9/11 happened. I want to remember how it felt, what it meant to us.

Taking time to remember is the only way not to forget. And we need to remember—especially now—that this happened to all of us. It happened to values we all cherish. It happened to our “indivisible” nation “with liberty and justice for all,” a nation that has become destructively divided with shrinking supplies of both liberty and justice. [Politics](#), party, and ideology have replaced patriotism. It has killed basic neighborliness. We need to take time to remember that 9/11 happened to all of us.

So, take some time to remember 12 years ago. Maybe reach out to the people with whom you spent the day. And then take those memories you make and use them as fuel for some old-fashioned American religious tolerance, inclusiveness, and political honesty: with liberty and justice for all. And continue to pray that this nation returns to being “one nation under God.”

On this day in 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, originally titled "The Defence of Fort McHenry," was written after Key witnessed the [Maryland](#) fort being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak, as reflected in the now-famous words of the "Star-Spangled Banner": "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

Francis Scott Key was born on August 1, 1779, at Terra Rubra, his family's estate in Frederick County (now Carroll County), Maryland. He became a successful lawyer in Maryland and [Washington, D.C.](#), and was later appointed U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

On June 18, 1812, America declared war on Great Britain after a series of trade disagreements. In August 1814, British troops invaded Washington, D.C., and burned the White House, Capitol Building and Library of Congress. Their next

target was Baltimore.

After one of Key's friends, Dr. William Beanes, was taken prisoner by the British, Key went to Baltimore, located the ship where Beanes was being held and negotiated his release. However, Key and Beanes weren't allowed to leave until after the British bombardment of Fort McHenry. Key watched the bombing campaign unfold from aboard a ship located about eight miles away. After a day, the British were unable to destroy the fort and gave up. Key was relieved to see the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry and quickly penned a few lines in tribute to what he had witnessed.

The poem was printed in newspapers and eventually set to the music of a popular English drinking tune called "To Anacreon in Heaven" by composer John Stafford Smith. People began referring to the song as "The Star-Spangled Banner" and in 1916 President [Woodrow Wilson](#) announced that it should be played at all official events. It was adopted as the national anthem on March 3, 1931.

Francis Scott Key died of pleurisy on January 11, 1843. Today, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry in 1914 is housed at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

See ya in Church Sunday!

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### United States Nicknamed Uncle Sam

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1813, the [United States](#) gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, [New York](#), who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

In the late 1860s and 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-1902) began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam. Nast continued to evolve the image, eventually giving Sam the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today. The German-born Nast was also credited with creating the modern image of [Santa Claus](#) as well as coming up with the donkey as a symbol for the Democratic Party and the elephant as a symbol for the Republicans. Nast also famously lampooned the corruption of [New York City's](#) Tammany Hall in his editorial cartoons and was, in part, responsible for the downfall of Tammany leader William Tweed.

Perhaps the most famous image of Uncle Sam was created by artist James Montgomery Flagg (1877-1960). In Flagg's version, Uncle Sam wears a tall top

hat and blue jacket and is pointing straight ahead at the viewer. During [World War I](#), this portrait of Sam with the words "I Want You For The U.S. Army" was used as a recruiting poster. The image, which became immensely popular, was first used on the cover of Leslie's Weekly in July 1916 with the title "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?" The poster was widely distributed and has subsequently been re-used numerous times with different captions.

In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as "the progenitor of America's national symbol of Uncle Sam." Wilson died at age 88 in 1854, and was buried next to his wife Betsey Mann in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York, the town that calls itself "The Home of Uncle Sam."

By the time you read this the Labor Day holiday will have passed. School reunions, family reunions and many vacations will have taken place. I hope you not only took the time to enjoy, but also appreciated the value of these relationships. Dove season opens September 1<sup>st</sup> with the sounds of "pop, pop, pop". Enjoy and continue to be careful while relishing this popular sport. See ya church Sunday!!!

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# Gov. Jay Nixon Orders Flags to Be Flown at Half-Staff

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**Jefferson City, Missouri** - Gov. Jay Nixon has [ordered](#) that the U.S. and Missouri flags at state buildings in all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis be flown at half-staff on Thursday, Sept. 5.

This all to honor the bravery and sacrifice of **Private First Class Jonathon M.D. Hostetter**. Private First Class Hostetter, age 20, of Humphreys, was a soldier in the United States Army serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

He died on Aug. 23 while serving his country in Wardak Province, Afghanistan; his funeral will be held on Sept. 5.

In addition, Gov. Nixon has ordered that the U.S. and Missouri flags at all state buildings in Sullivan County be flown at half-staff from Sept. 6 to Sept. 11.

"Private First Class Hostetter served our country with bravery and dedication as a soldier in the United States Army, and I ask all Missourians to remember his sacrifice when they see the lowered flags," Gov. Nixon said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they mourn."

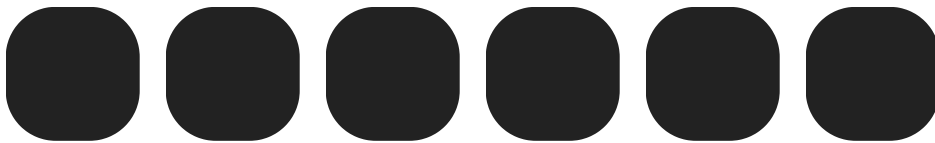
Private First Class Hostetter was assigned to the 40th Engineer Company, 2nd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service

Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Combat Action Badge, Combat and Special Skill Badge Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Bar, Weapon: Rifle (Inscription: Rifle), Expert), and the Overseas Service Bar.

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## Kent Hampton's Capitol Report August 28, 2013

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## **How Did the Boundary of Missouri Come to Include the "Bootheel"?**

The inclusion of the "bootheel" in the boundaries of Missouri has been credited to John Hardeman Walker, a landowner and influential citizen of southeast Missouri. Walker was born in Tennessee in 1794 and came to the New Madrid area of the Territory of Missouri at the age of 16. When the New Madrid earthquakes began a year later, in December 1811, many of the area's citizens moved away. Walker, however did not leave the area and his cattle-raising enterprise; instead he acquired more property and soon became known as the "Czar of the Valley." His extensive landholdings were located in Little Prairie, near present-day Caruthersville. This area fell under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Territory as administered from the town of New Madrid.

In 1818, the Missouri territorial legislature presented a memorial to the United States Congress requesting permission to organize a state government. At that time, the southern boundary for Missouri was fixed at 36°30'. Walker and the people of Little Prairie realized this line would place their lands some 25 miles south of the Missouri border. Little Prairie would be under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas territorial government, not the state government of Missouri. Walker, who preferred the area, and his holdings, to be under the protection of Missouri state laws, lobbied in Missouri and Washington, D.C. for inclusion of the "bootheel" within the boundaries of the state of Missouri.

November 22, 1818, the territorial legislature adopted a memorial to Congress for the admission of Missouri to the Union, proposing boundaries for the state that included the Little Prairie area. The memorial fixed the boundaries as follows:

"Beginning at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi River at the 36 th degree of north latitude and running in a direct line to the mouth of the Black river, a branch of the White river; thence in the middle of the main channel of the White river to where the parallel of 36 degrees and 30 minutes north latitude crosses the same; thence with that parallel of latitude due west."

On March 6, 1820, when the Territory of Missouri requested admission to the Union with the modified boundary in the southeast corner, the request was granted. This acquisition increased the total area of Missouri by some 980 square miles (627,000 acres).

This small amount of history just proves what many have thought and said, Missouri wanted the bootheel, and what a valuable asset it is. Schools have



started back and schedules and routines have restarted after temporarily being on pause. Activities are in full force from baseball to football. Be a supporter of your community and activities. Every child wants to know someone is there just to watch them. See ya in church Sunday!!

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## Farm Tour With Jason Smith

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Farm Tour With Jason Smith

**8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District** - Congressman Jason Smith announced the schedule for his Farm Tour. The Farm Tour started on Monday, August 19 and will run through Friday, August 23.

*“Agriculture is the number one industry in our Eighth Congressional District and it is essential to the health of our rural economy. Our district is also one of the most diverse agriculture districts in the country growing everything except sugar and citrus fruits. During the weeklong tour I will be in 11 counties and hold 20 tours and discussions,” said Smith. “I am looking forward to being on my Farm Tour and meeting the families who farm the land and raise livestock in our region. We will be listening to cattle farmers; row croppers and we will even visit a Christmas tree farm and a peach orchard. The information I learn on the Farm Tour will be critical as policy is being created in Washington.”*

#### **Location on the Farm Tour Schedule Close to Stoddard County**

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at Farm Bureau Annual Appreciation Dinner

**WHERE:** 2114 North Westwood Blvd, Poplar Bluff, MO

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from 6:30PM-8:00PM

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at Blakemore Cotton & Gin

**WHERE:** 402 North Main Street, Campbell, MO

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 1:30PM-2:30PM

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at Hamra Hydroponics Farm

**WHERE:** 160 County Road 831, Sikeston, MO

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 3:30PM-4:30PM

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at Farm Bureau Dinner

**WHERE:** Rebecca Sharp's 1325 Mill Street, New Madrid, MO

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 6:00PM-8:30PM

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at Riceland Foods

**WHERE:** 918 New Madrid County Port, Marston, MO

**WHEN:** Friday, August 23, 2013 from 9:00AM-10:00AM

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at Hulshof Soybean and Corn Farm

**WHERE:** Sowinski Potato Shed, 3780 W. County Road 220, Bertrand,

**WHEN:** Friday, August 23, 2013 from 11:00AM-12:00PM

**WHAT:** Farm Tour stop at MRM Ag

**WHERE:** 3468 West Highway 80, East Prairie, MO

**WHEN:** Friday, August 23, 2013 from 1:00PM-2:00PM

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