



UNITED WE STAND

A Tribute to 9/11 on Stamps

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SECTION ONE

United States Issues

Scott 3549, 3550 and B2



Second Quickest Stamp Issued Between Event Date and Issue Date

- To the best of my knowledge the “United We Stand” stamps were the second quickest stamps to be issued by the United States
- Quickest Stamp was the Harding Memorial Stamps (Scott Numbers 610 and 612)
 - *President Harding died on August 2, 1923*
 - *Flat plate printing stamp (610) issued September 1, 1923 – 29 days*
 - *Rotary press printing stamp (612) issued September 12, 1923 – 41 days*
- Three of the “United We Stand” stamps (Scott Numbers 3549, 3550 and 3550A) were issued October 24, 2001
 - *This was 43 days after the event*
 - *The fourth stamp (Scott number 3249B) was issued January 2, 2002*
 - *Note that the First Day Covers for 3249B still used the October 24, 2001 date*
- The Semi-Postal “Heroes of 2001” was issued on June 7, 2002

United States Booklet Panes

Issued in 3 Formats



Above: Back side of #3549a

Left: 1-sided pane of 20 -
#3549Bcd - Full unfolded pane



Left: 1-sided pane of
20 - #3549a

Note: This stamp is
the only one of the
five varieties to have
microprinting (USPS
below second star)

Below: Double-sided
booklet of 20 -
#3549Be



Various Coil Stamps

Top Four Rows

3550 – Coil of 100 – Serpentine cut $9\frac{3}{4}$ in continuous format. Backing is the same height as the stamp. Three plate numbers were used over the duration of printing.

Bottom Two Rows

3550A – Coil of 10,000 – Simulated serpentine cut of $9\frac{3}{4}$ with 2mm space between stamps on backing higher than stamp. Only one plate number was used

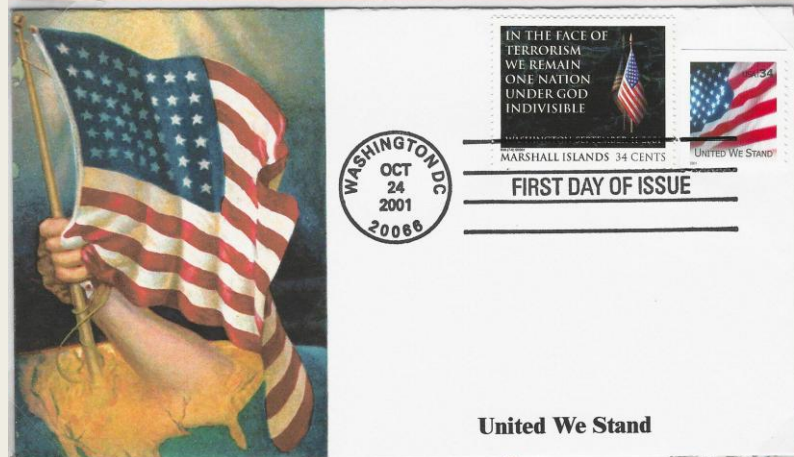


Samples of Cacheted FDC

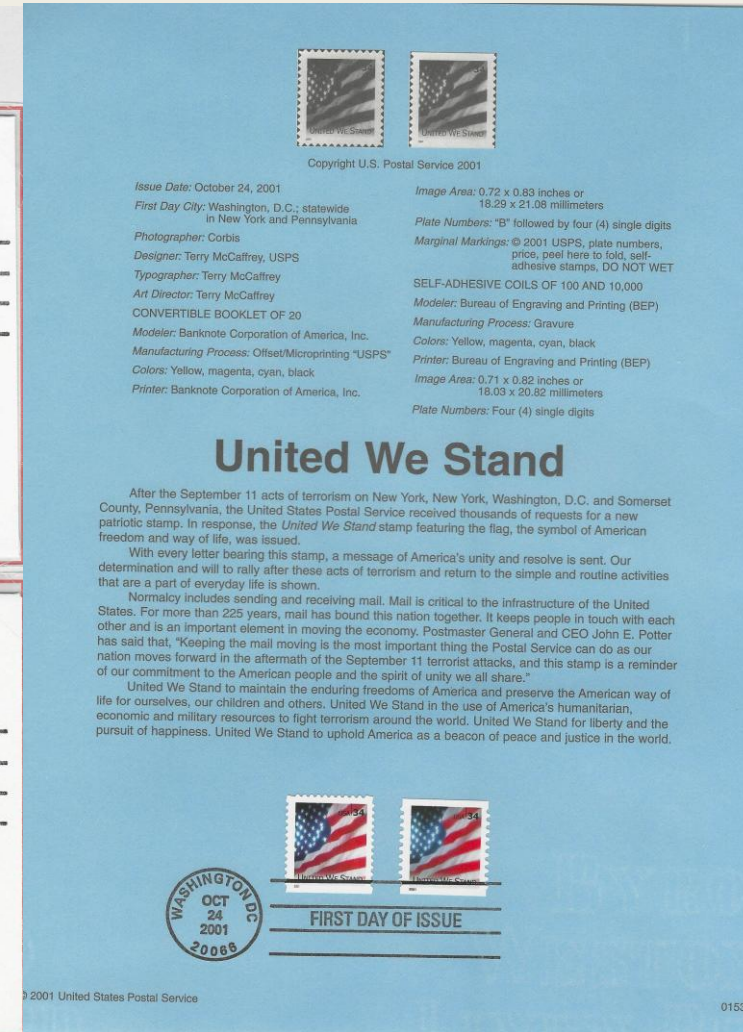
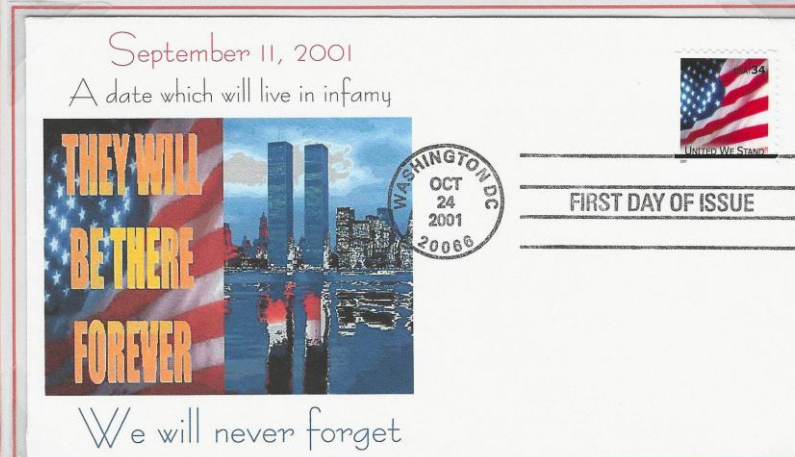
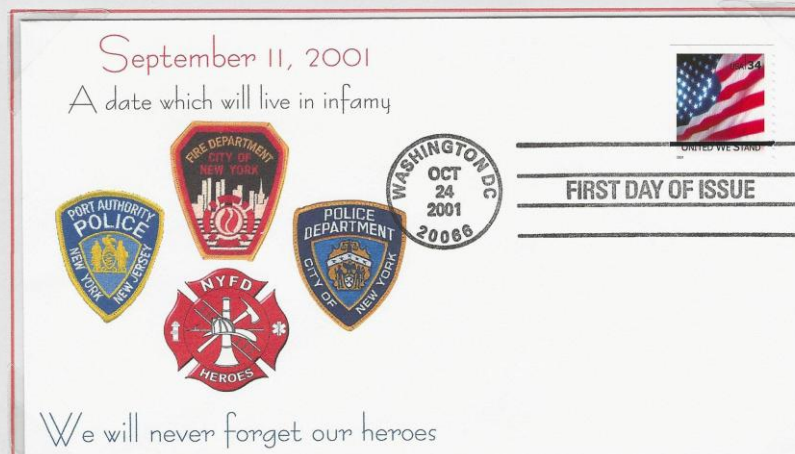


More First Day Covers

United We Stand First Day of Issue Cover
Top: FPMG Cachets – Bottom: S & T Cachets
October 24, 2001



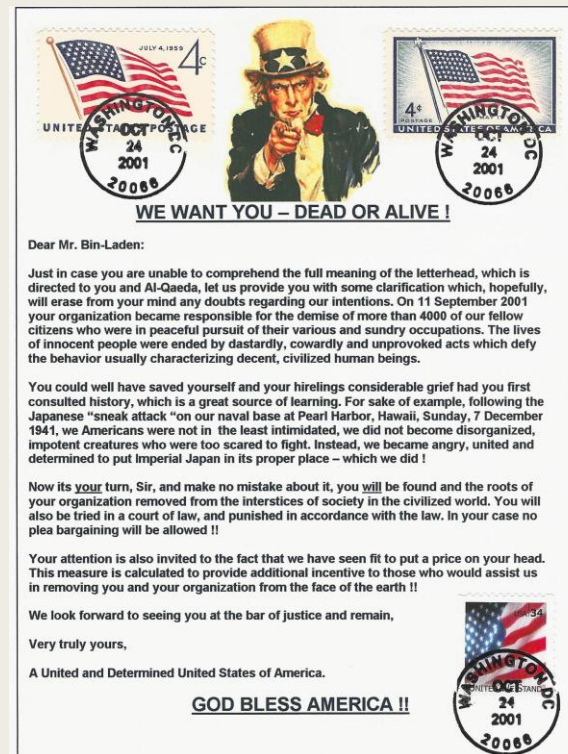
United We Stand First Day of Issue Cover
T. D. Cachets
October 24, 2001



Rare ArtCraft FDC of the Full Pane



Other Unusual Cancelled Items



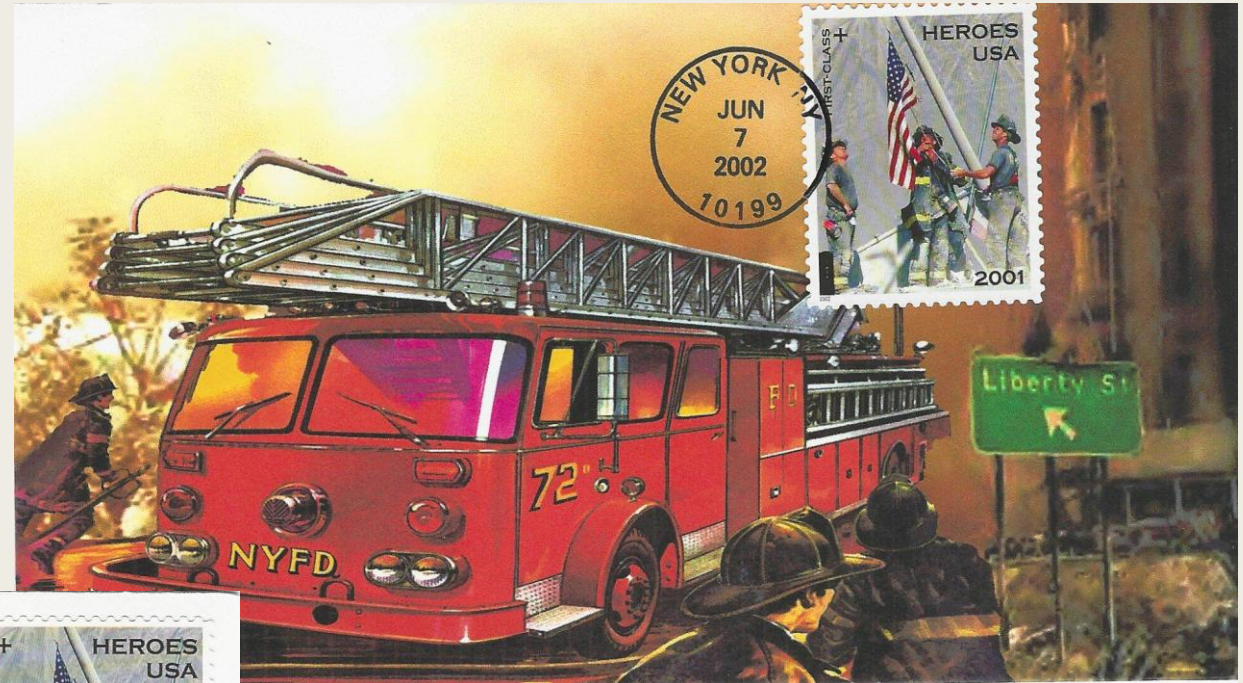
B2 – Heros of 2001 Issued June 7, 2002

- Used part of probably the most famous photo of the disaster by Thomas E. Franklin of the newspaper *The Record* of Hachensack, NJ
- Semi-Postal with the initial extra charge (11¢) going to the Fund for the Families of those killed or injured (34¢ + 11¢)
- When the funds were distributed each family received \$10,000
- After June 30, 2002 the postage part of the stamp increased due to a rate change but the total cost remained the same. The new division of the 45¢ became 37¢ + 8¢
- Issued as a pane of twenty stamps
 - Four printing with plate numbers P1111, P2222, P3333 and P4444
- Was on sale until December 31, 2004 and raised \$10,565,073 for the families
- Ashton-Potter printed 205 million stamps with just over 133 million sold.



A Few of the Many First Day Covers

Heritage Cachet



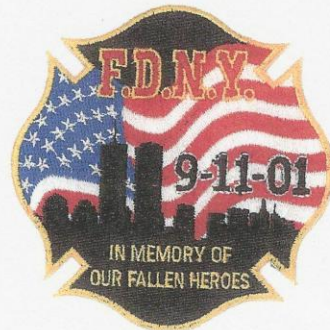
Most covers are canceled in New York but a few are known canceled in Washington, DC and Shanksville, PA (usually expensive when you find one)

Edken Cachet



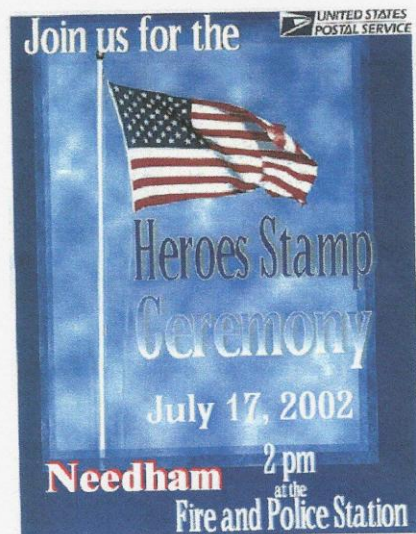
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Artmaster

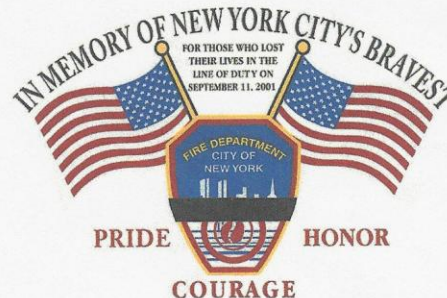


FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Unknown Cachet Maker (Above and Below)



Special
Event
Cover



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Covers from the Southern Most Fire Department on the First Anniversary of the Disaster



Top left is the
back of the three
shown covers



United States Antarctic
★ Research Program ★



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USA





SECTION TWO

World Examples



Stamps Issued Within Two Years–Slide One



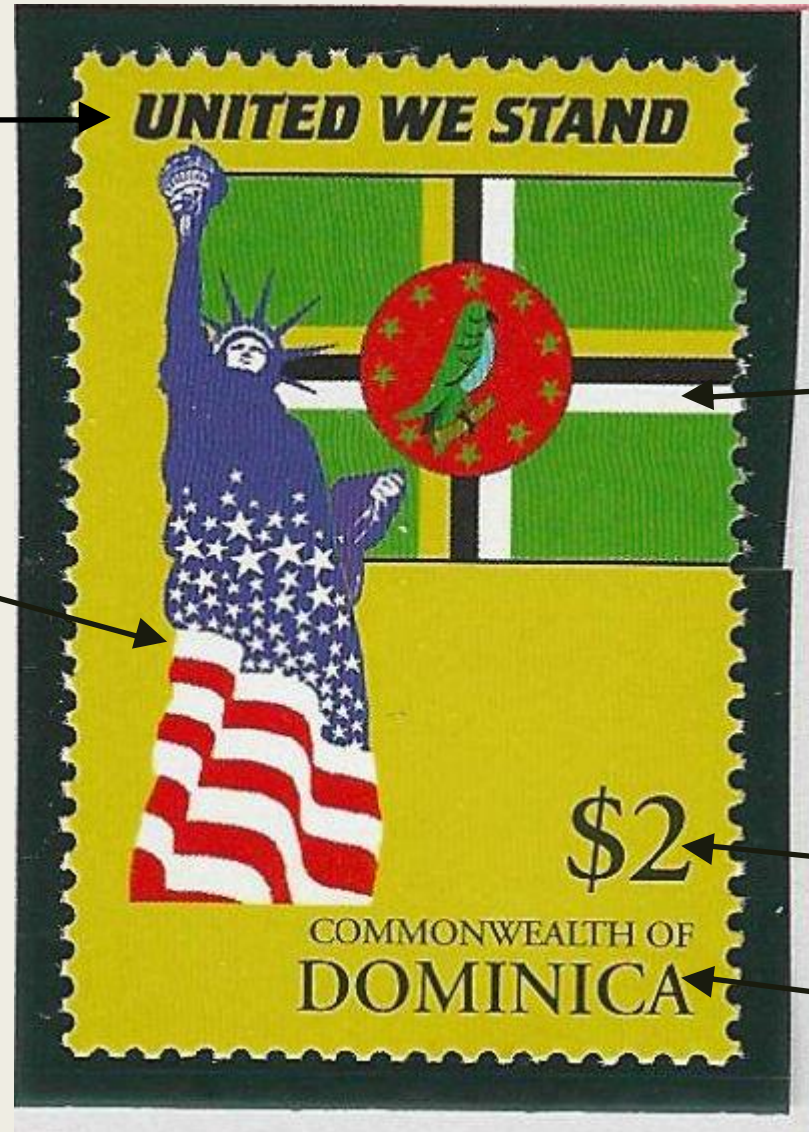
Stamps Issued Within Two Years – Slide Two



Features of the Common Stamp Layout – Much Like the Common Design Issues of the British Commonwealth

United We Stand at Top

Statue of Liberty with
Flag Skirt at Left



Country Flag Top
Half of Stamp

Country's Value in
Their Currency

Name at Bottom

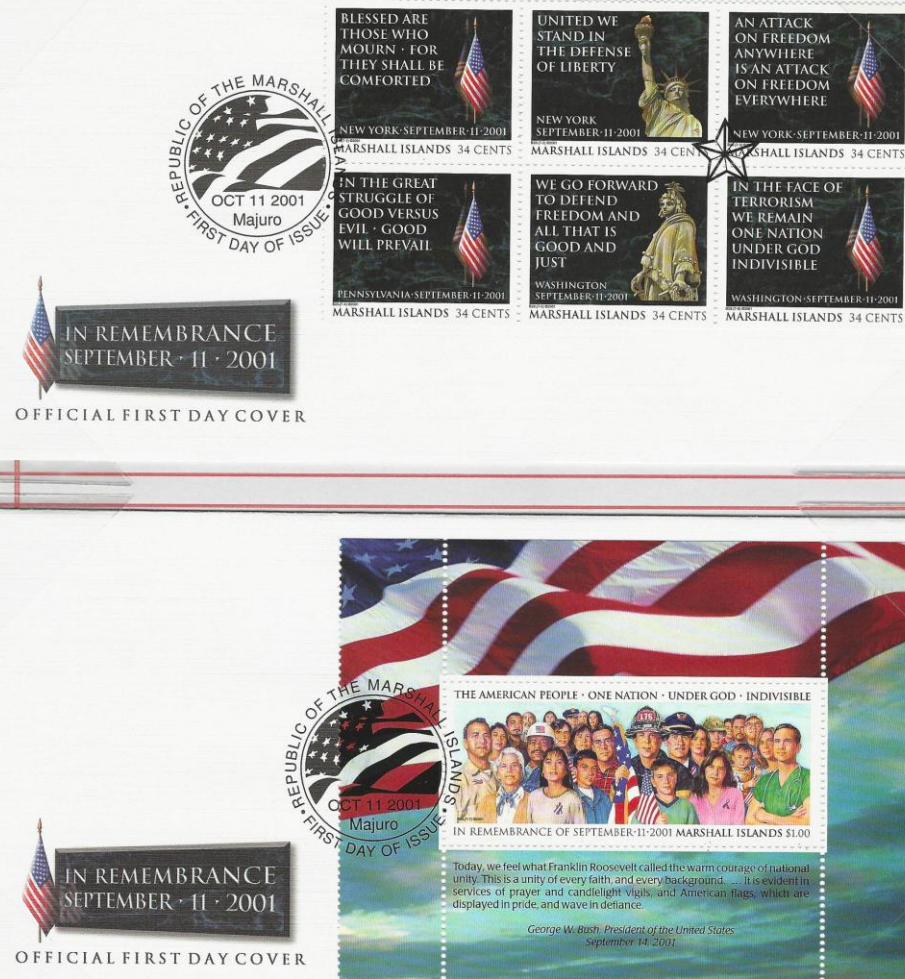
Marshall Islands

One of First to Issue Stamps Honoring 9/11 – 10/11/2001



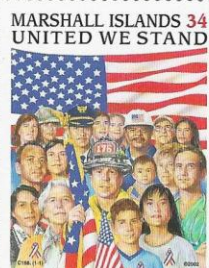
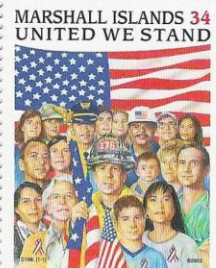
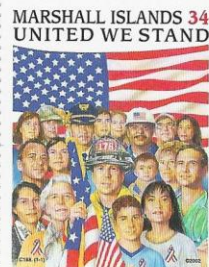
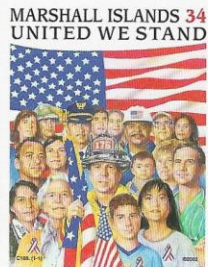
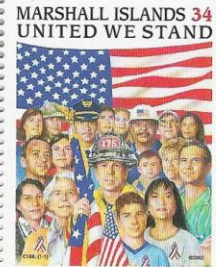
In Remembrance – September 11, 2001 – 2001 – Booklet Inside and Stamps – Marshall Islands

Marshall Islands
In Remembrance – September 11, 2001
First Day of Issue Covers of Two Part Booklet – October 11, 2001



2002

C188

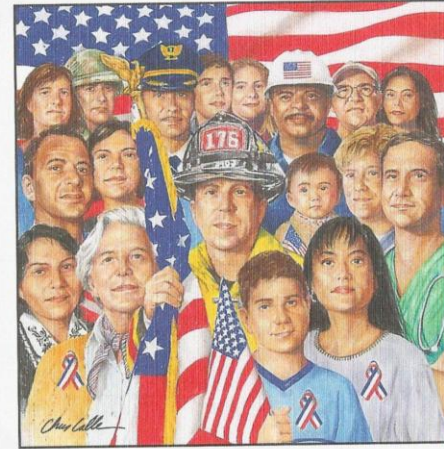


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Notice Name of Designer

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



United We Stand



Remembering September 11, 2001



NEVER FORGET

2103

Only Other
Souvenir
Sheet Issued
by This
Country for
9/11

20th
Anniversary
2021

Grenada

Sample of one of the countries that has produced stamps on each of the 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th Anniversaries.

Right: First stamp and souvenir sheet issued in 2002

2002



*"On behalf of the American people,
I thank the world for its
outpouring of support."*

GEORGE W. BUSH
SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

IN MEMORIAM

Right: 10th Anniversary 2011

IN MEMORIAM

9/11/2001

WORLD TRADE CENTER

THE PENTAGON

STONYCREEK TWP., PA

GRENADA

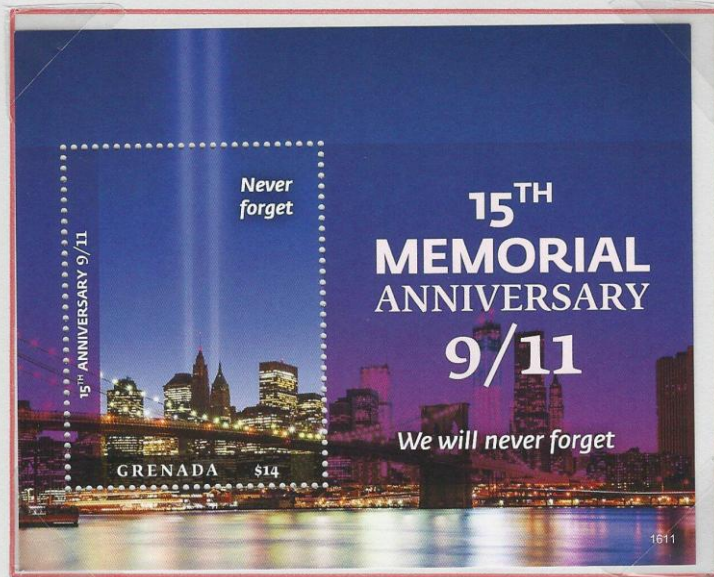
10 YEARS NEVER FORGET

American Airlines Flight 11 United Airlines Flight 175 American Airlines Flight 77 United Airlines Flight 93

1123



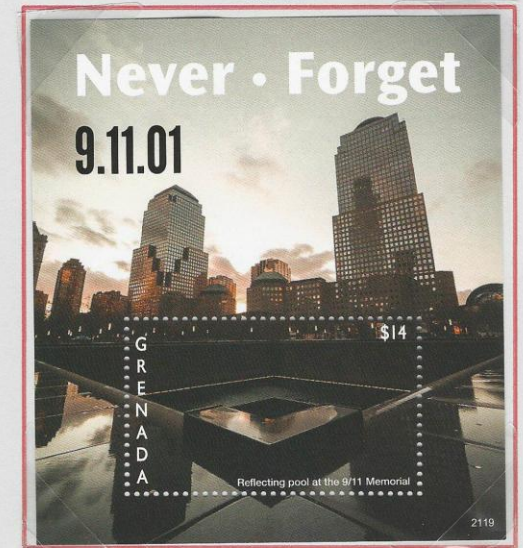
2016



2016



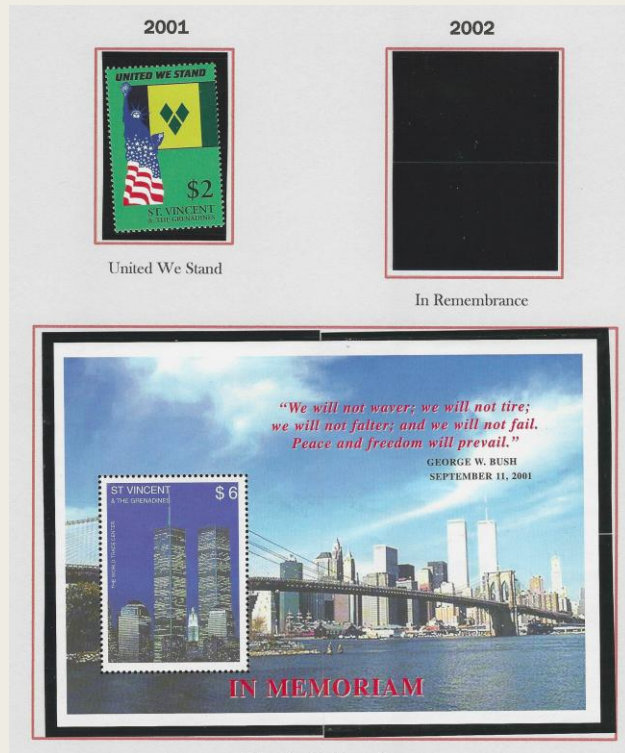
2021



Left and Above: 15th Anniversary

Right: 20th Anniversary

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines First and Second Anniversaries



2002 Stamp Same as Shown
on the Souvenir Sheet



Both Envelopes
Labeled First Day of
Issue with the same
city cancellation.

Top has a date of
December 28, 2001

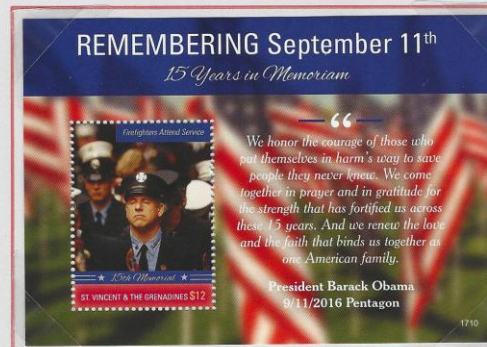
Bottom has a date of
December 18, 2001

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Tenth, Fifteen and Twentieth

2011



2017



2021



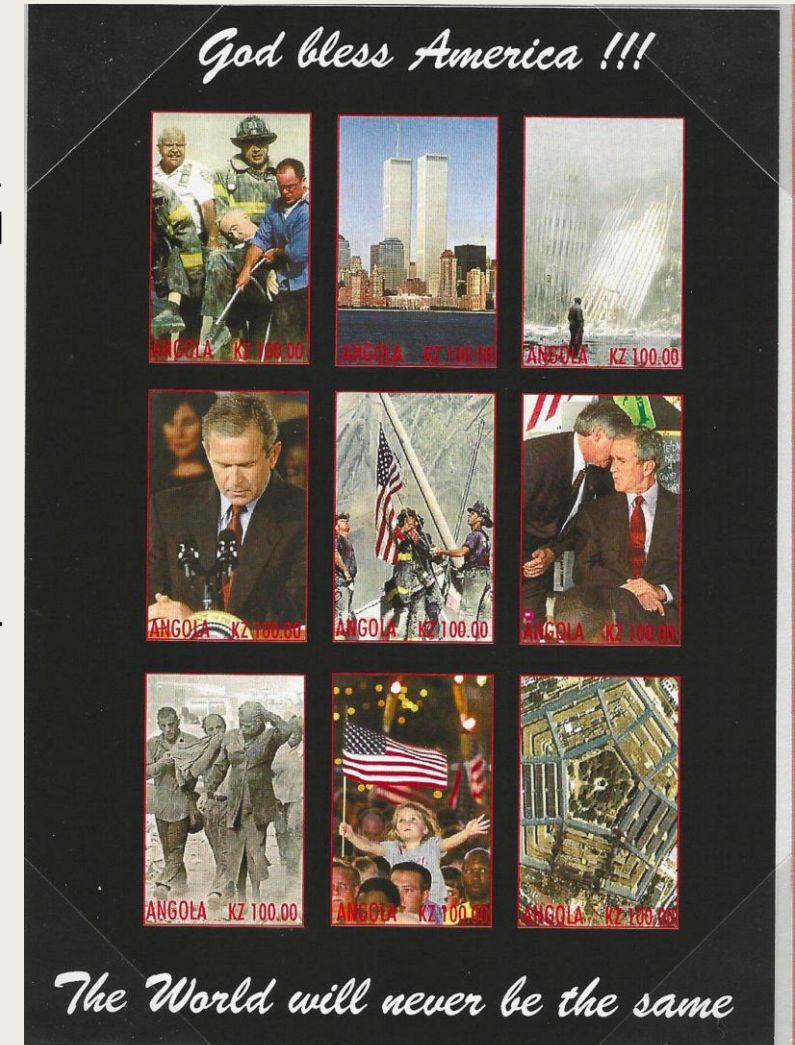
A Country That Exploited The Theme – Angola

A South African Country on the West Coast



Souvenir
Sheets on
this and next
page were all
issued in
2002

Not only
Country to
do so –
several other
3rd world
countries
also did
similar
issues



The World will never be the same

Salute to the
New York Fire Department



*Salute to the
New York Fire Department*



*Salute to the
New York Fire Department*

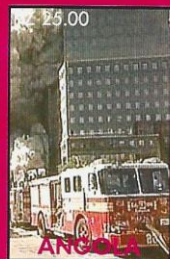
Salute to the
New York Fire Department



*Salute to the
New York Fire Department*



*Salute to the
New York Fire Department*



*Salute to the
New York Fire Department*



*Salute to the
New York Fire Department*

Several Countries Used the Theme Terrorism Instead of “United We Stand”



Painting “Luminari” by A. Ahupin

Slogan at bottom of Souvenir Sheet Reads
“The Light Frees You From Terror”



Two Such Countries Were
Moldova (Left) and
Russia (Right)



A Couple of Countries Issued Secant Stamps

- One Country was Romania
 - *Full sheet shown at right*
 - *Consisted of Ten Pairs*
 - *A label between completed the sheet*



Stay Tuned For Upcoming New Issues

- 2026 will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the event
- My guess will be that many countries will issue stamps with titles such as
 - *Let's Never Forget*
 - *Remembering*
 - *Remembrance*
 - *In Memoriam*
 - *Others?*
- Will the United States be one of them?

The End