



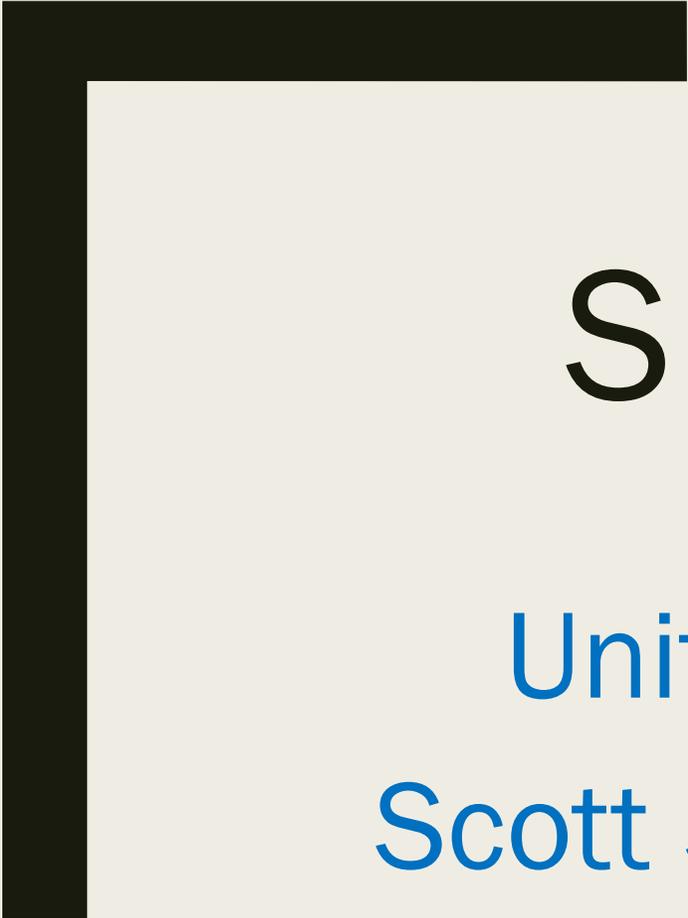
UNITED WE STAND

A Tribute to 9/11 on Stamps

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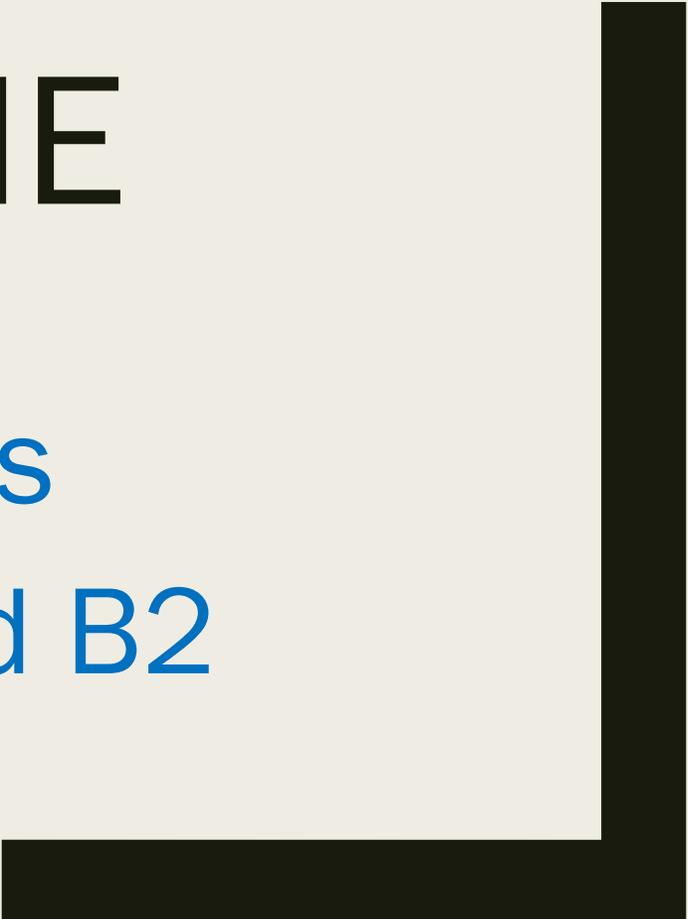
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SECTION ONE

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

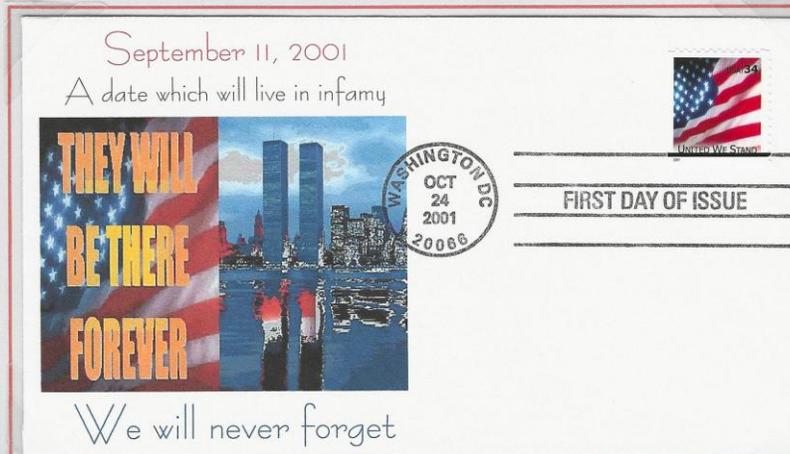
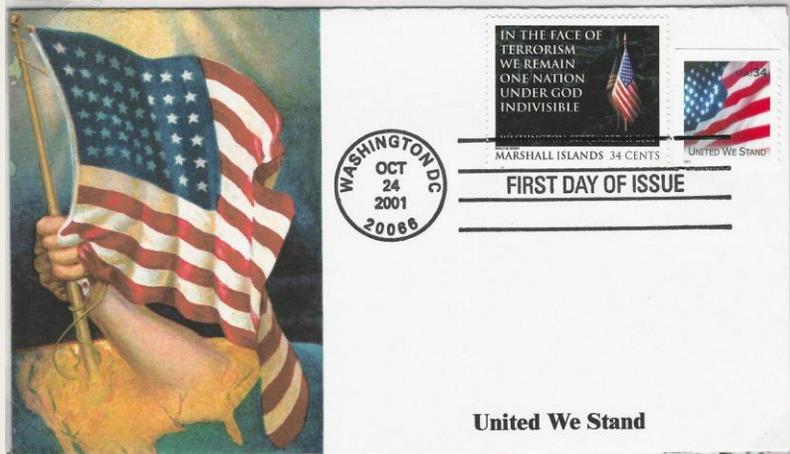
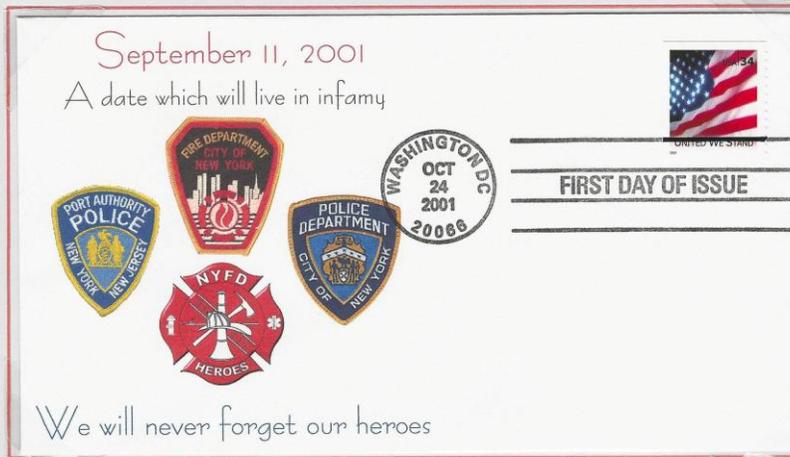


More First Day Covers

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



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Issue Date: October 24, 2001
 First Day City: Washington, D.C.; statewide in New York and Pennsylvania

Image Area: 0.72 x 0.83 inches or 18.29 x 21.08 millimeters

Plate Numbers: "B" followed by four (4) single digits

Photographer: Corbis
 Designer: Terry McCaffrey, USPS
 Typographer: Terry McCaffrey
 Art Director: Terry McCaffrey
 CONVERTIBLE BOOKLET OF 20
 Modeler: Banknote Corporation of America, Inc.
 Manufacturing Process: Offset/Microprinting "USPS"
 Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black
 Printer: Banknote Corporation of America, Inc.

Marginal Markings: © 2001 USPS, plate numbers, price, peel here to fold, self-adhesive stamps, DO NOT WET

SELF-ADHESIVE COILS OF 100 AND 10,000
 Modeler: Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)
 Manufacturing Process: Gravure
 Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black
 Printer: Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)
 Image Area: 0.71 x 0.82 inches or 18.03 x 20.82 millimeters
 Plate Numbers: Four (4) single digits

United We Stand

After the September 11 acts of terrorism on New York, New York, Washington, D.C. and Somerset County, Pennsylvania, the United States Postal Service received thousands of requests for a new patriotic stamp. In response, the *United We Stand* stamp featuring the flag, the symbol of American freedom and way of life, was issued.

With every letter bearing this stamp, a message of America's unity and resolve is sent. Our determination and will to rally after these acts of terrorism and return to the simple and routine activities that are a part of everyday life is shown.

Normalcy includes sending and receiving mail. Mail is critical to the infrastructure of the United States. For more than 225 years, mail has bound this nation together. It keeps people in touch with each other and is an important element in moving the economy. Postmaster General and CEO John E. Potter has said that, "Keeping the mail moving is the most important thing the Postal Service can do as our nation moves forward in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks, and this stamp is a reminder of our commitment to the American people and the spirit of unity we all share."

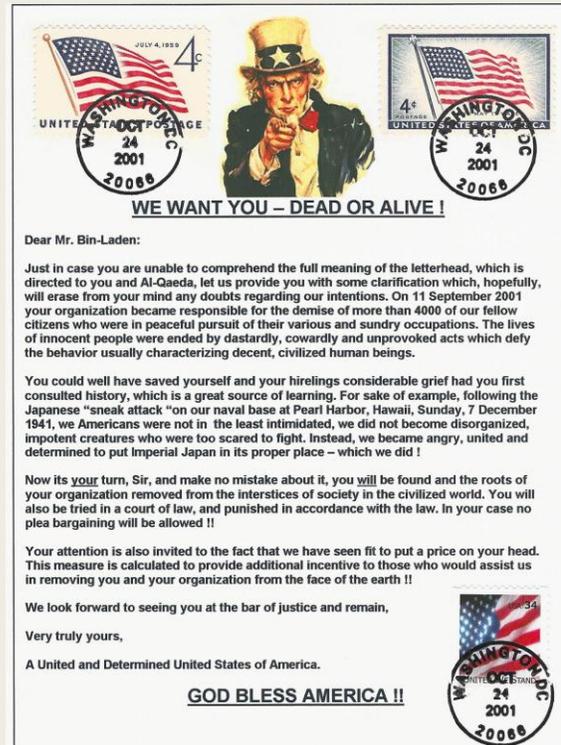
United We Stand to maintain the enduring freedoms of America and preserve the American way of life for ourselves, our children and others. United We Stand in the use of America's humanitarian, economic and military resources to fight terrorism around the world. United We Stand for liberty and the pursuit of happiness. United We Stand to uphold America as a beacon of peace and justice in the world.




FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

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Other Unusual Cancelled Items



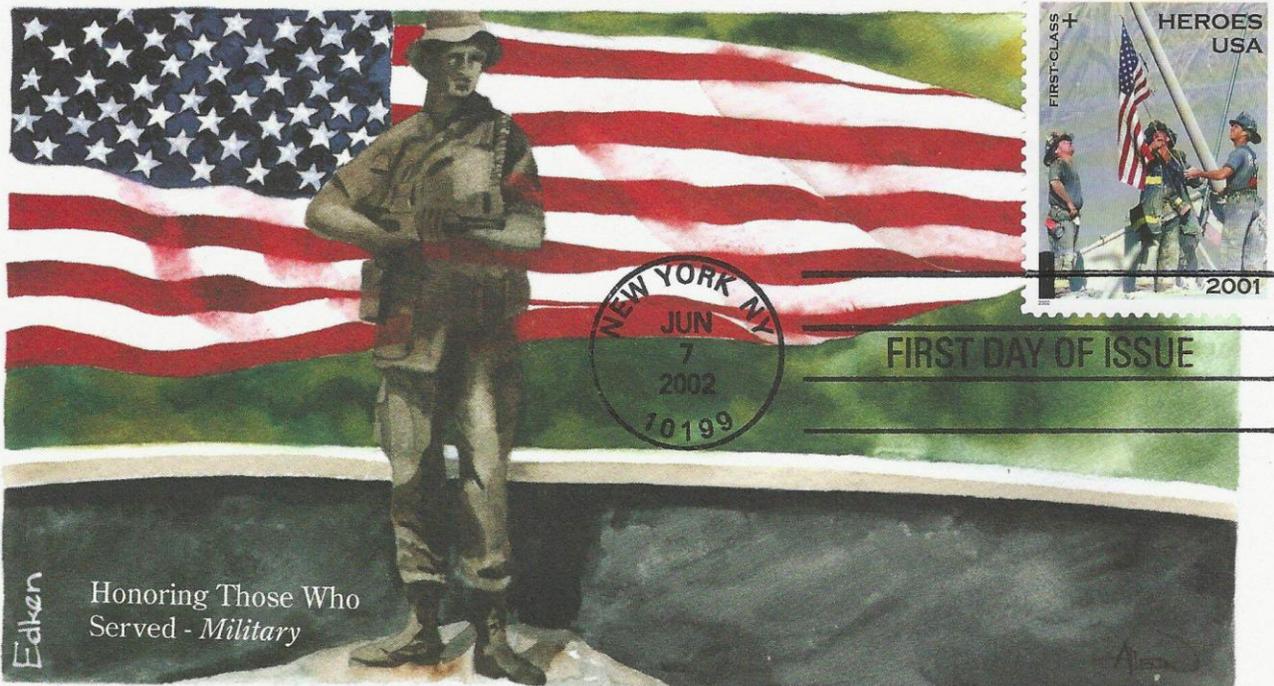
B2 – Heros of 2001 Issued June 7, 2002

- 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



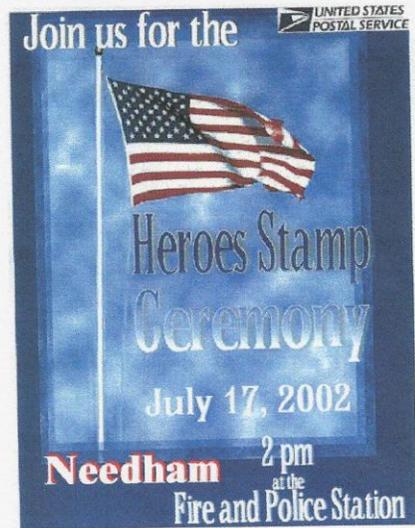
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Artmaster

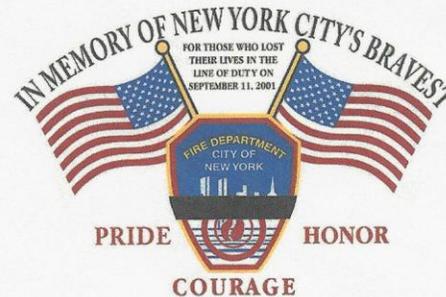


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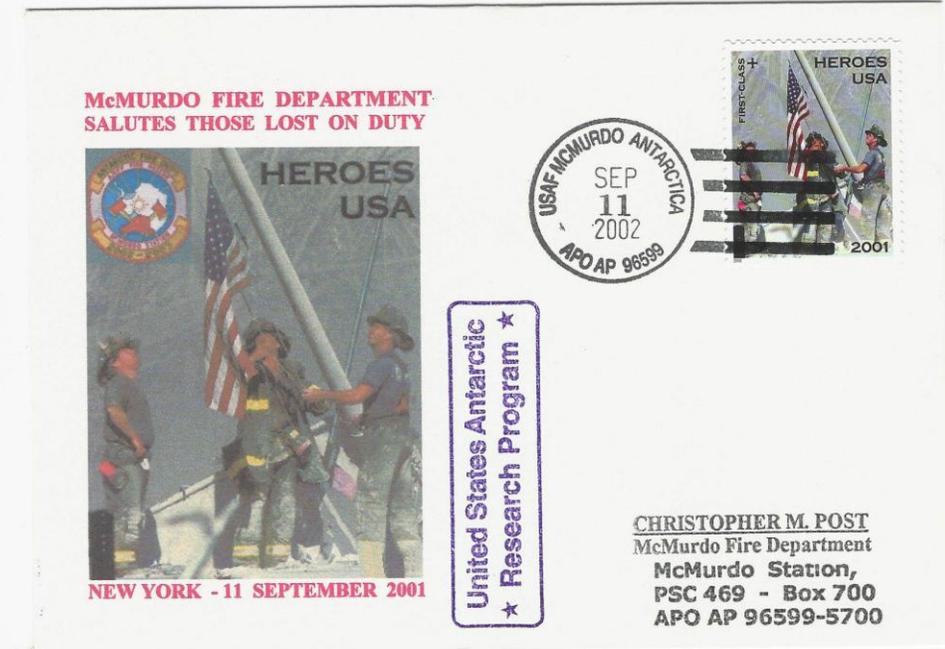
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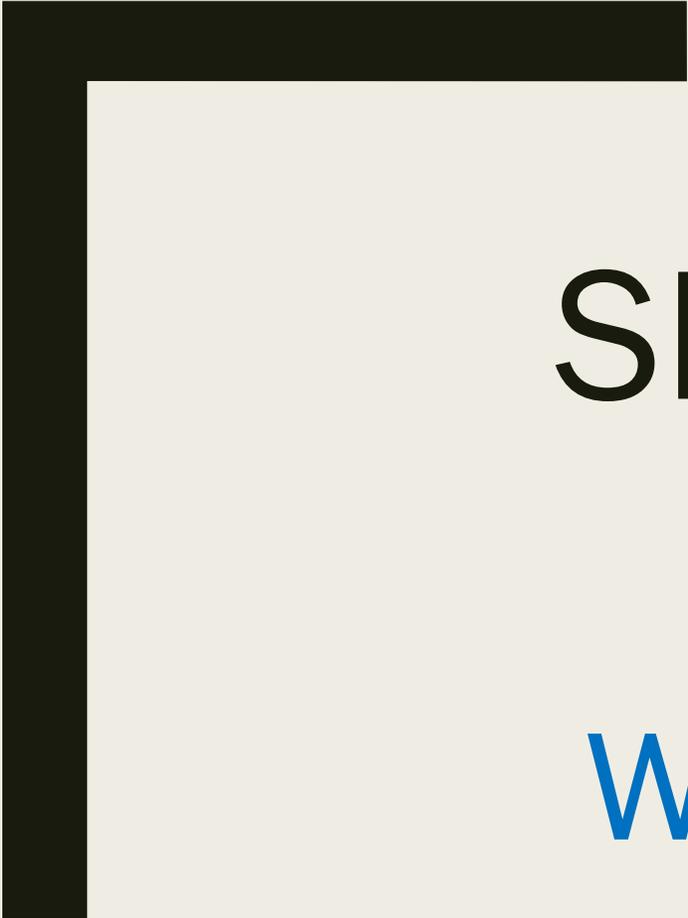


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Covers from the Southern Most Fire Department on the First Anniversary of the Disaster

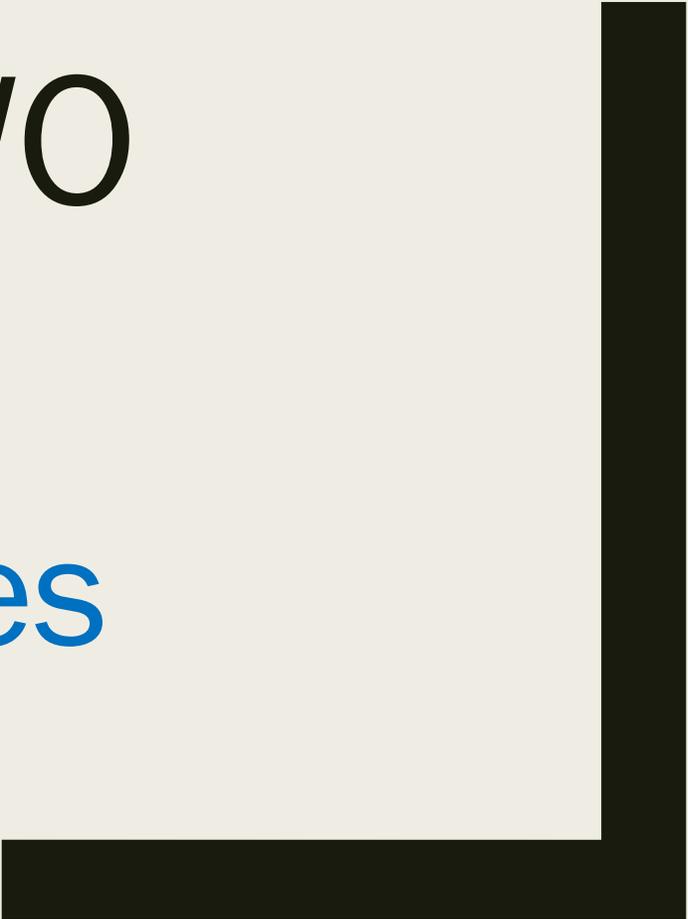
Top left is the
back of the three
shown covers





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

UNITED WE STAND

Statue of Liberty with
Flag Skirt at Left



Country Flag Top
Half of Stamp



\$2

Country's Value in
Their Currency

COMMONWEALTH OF
DOMINICA

Name at Bottom



Marshall Islands

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

**Address by U.S. President George W. Bush, September 14, 2001
National Day of Prayer and Remembrance,
National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.**

We are here in the middle hour of our grief. So many have suffered so great a loss, and today we express our nation's sorrow. We come before God to pray for the missing and the dead, and for those who have been taken.

On Tuesday, our country was attacked with unthinkable and massive cruelty. We have seen the images of fire and ash, and torn steel. We are only beginning to read. They are the names of men and women who began their day at a desk or in an airport, busy with life. They are the names of people who faced death, and in their last moments called home to say, "I love you, and I love you."

They are the names of passengers who defied their murderers, and prevented the murder of others on the ground. They are the names of men and women who wore the uniform of the United States, and died at their posts.

They are the names of rescuers, the ones whose death found running up the stairs and into the fires to help others. We will read all these names. We will linger over them, and learn their stories, and many Americans will weep.

To the children and parents and spouses and families and friends of the lost, we offer the deepest sympathy of the nation. And I assure you, you are not alone.

Just three days removed from these events, Americans do not yet have the distance of history. But our responsibility to history is already clear: to answer these attacks and rid the world of evil.

War has been waged against us by stealth and deceit and murder. This nation is peaceful, but firm when obliged to engage. This conflict was begun on the timing and terms of others. It will end in a way, and at an hour, of our choosing.

Our purpose as a nation is firm. Yet our wounds as a people are recent and unhealed, and lead us to pray. In many of our prayers this week, there is a searching, and an honesty. At St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York on Tuesday, a woman said, "I prayed to God to give us a sign that He is still here." Others have prayed for the same, searching hospital to hospital, carrying pictures of those still missing.

God's signs are not always the ones we look for. We learn in tragedy that His purposes are not always our own. Yet the prayers of private suffering,

whether in our homes or in this great cathedral, are known and heard, and understood.

There are prayers that help us last through the day, or endure the night. There are prayers of friends and strangers, that give us strength for the journey. And there are prayers that yield our will to a will greater than our own.

This world He created is of moral design. Grief and indignity and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance, and love have no end. And the Lord of life looks off who die, and all who mourn.

It is said that adversity introduces us to ourselves. This is true of a nation as well. In this trial, we have been reminded, and the world has seen, that our fellow Americans are generous and kind, resourceful and brave. We see our national character in rescuers working past exhaustion; in long lines of blood donors; in thousands of citizens who have asked to work and serve in any way possible.

And we have seen our national character in eloquent acts of sacrifice. Inside the World Trade Center, one man who could have saved himself stayed until the end at the side of his quadriplegic friend. A beloved priest died giving the last rites to a firefighter. Two office workers, finding a disabled stranger, carried her down sixty-eight floors to safety. A group of men drove through the night from Dallas to Washington to bring skin grafts for burn victims.

In these acts, and in many others, Americans showed a deep commitment to one another, and an abiding love for our country. Today, we feel what Franklin Roosevelt called the warm courage of national unity. This is a unity of every faith, and every background. ... It is evident in services of prayer and candlelight vigils and American flags, which are displayed in pride, and wave in defiance.

God bless America.

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

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George W. Bush, President of the United States
September 14, 2001

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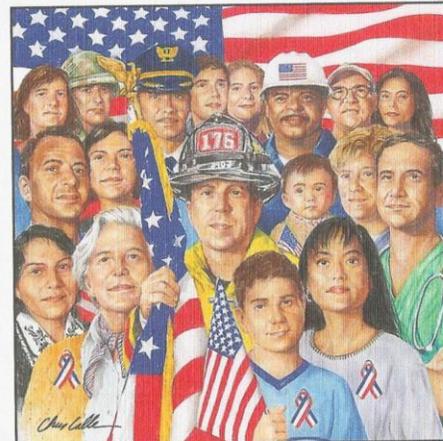


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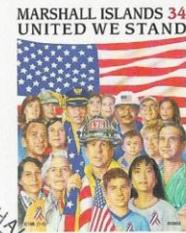
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United We Stand



Remembering September 11, 2001



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Only Other
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by This
Country for
9/11

20th
Anniversary
2021

Grenada

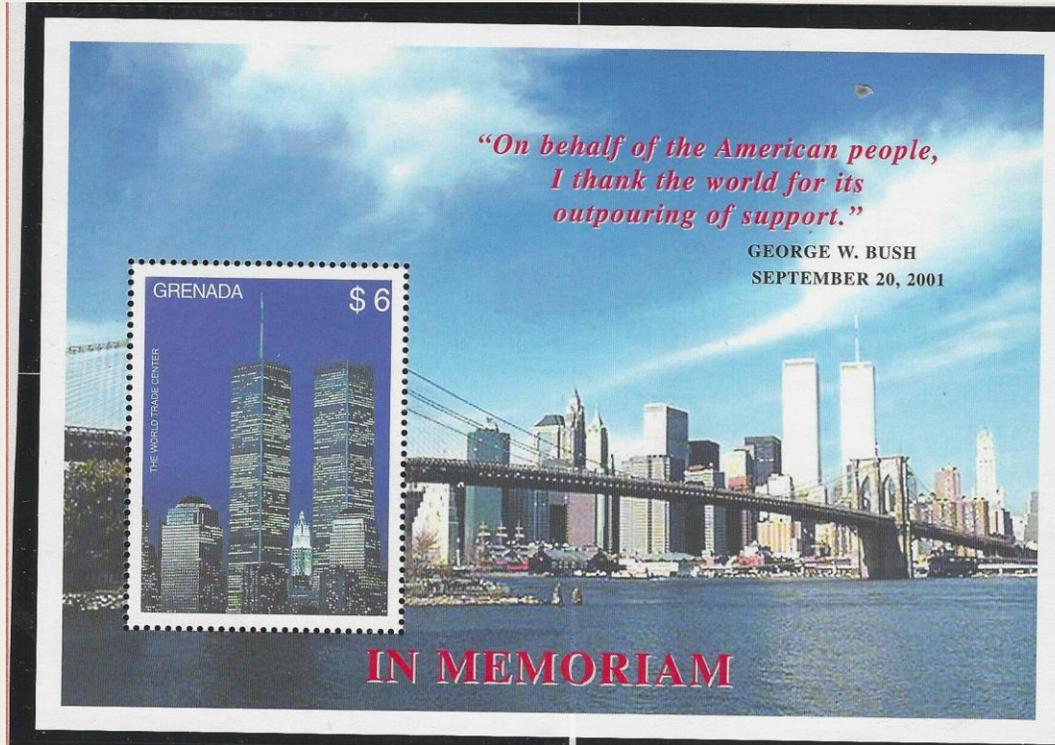
Sample of one of the countries that has produced stamps on each of the 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th Anniversaries.

Right: First stamp and souvenir sheet issued in 2002

2002



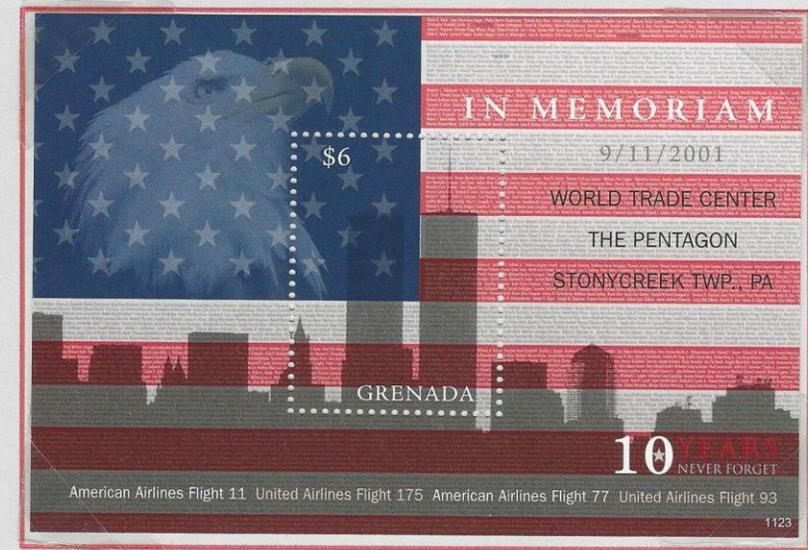
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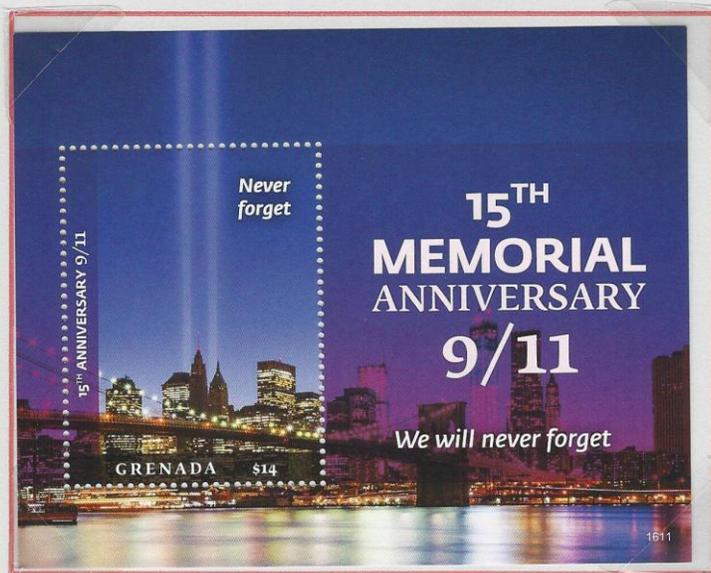
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Right: 10th Anniversary 2011

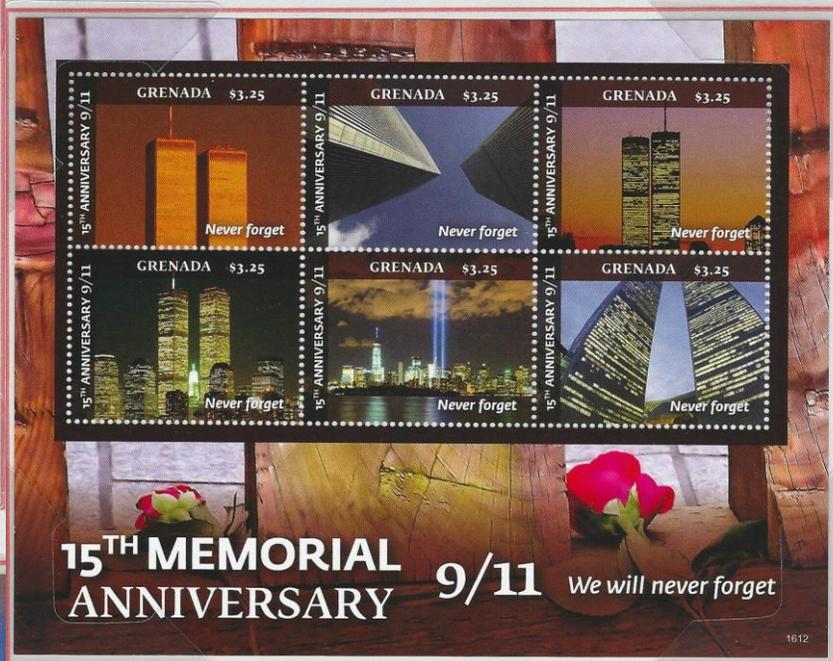
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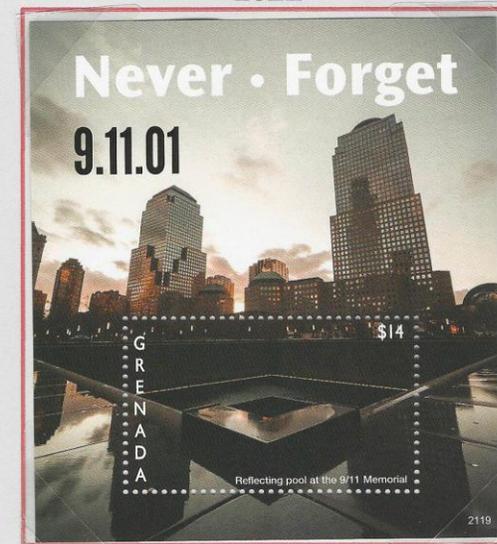
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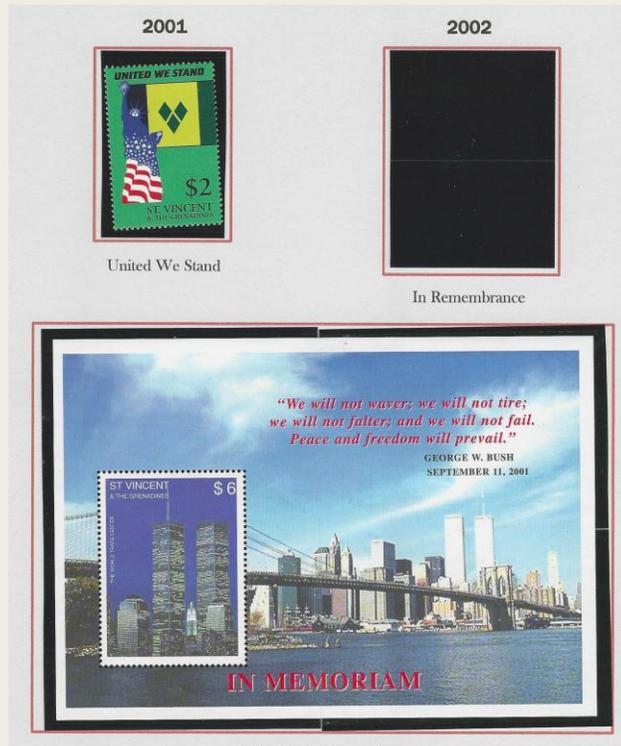
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Left and Above: 15th Anniversary

Right: 20th Anniversary

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines First and Second Anniversaries



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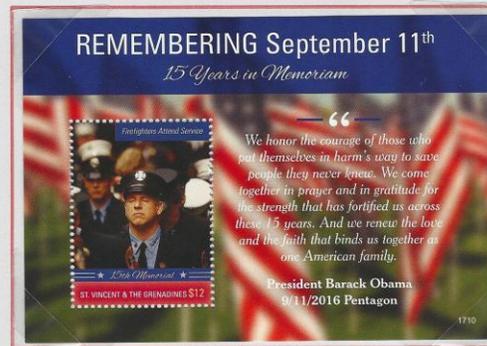
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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Tenth, Fifteen and Twentieth

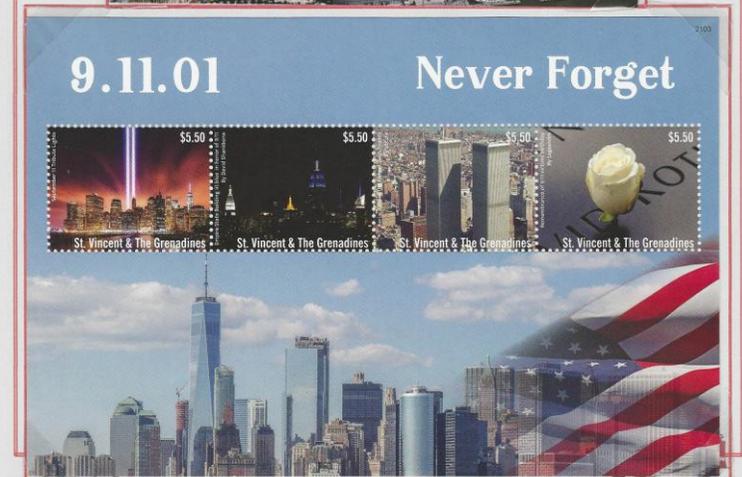
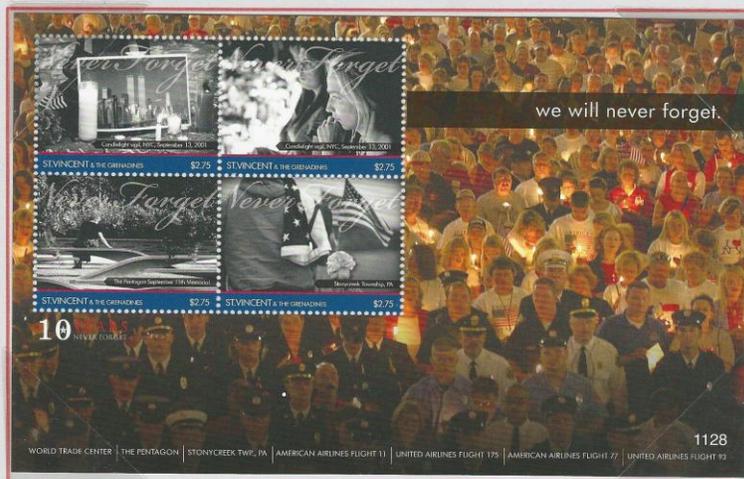
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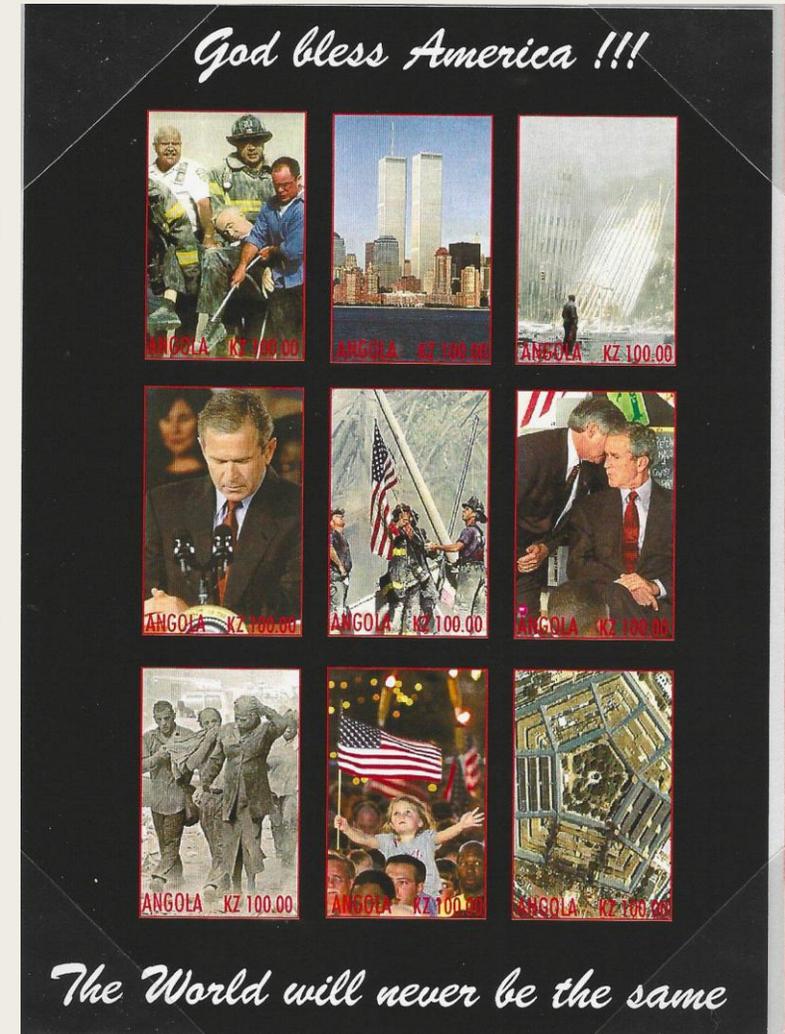
A Country That Exploited The Theme – Angola

A South African Country on the West Coast



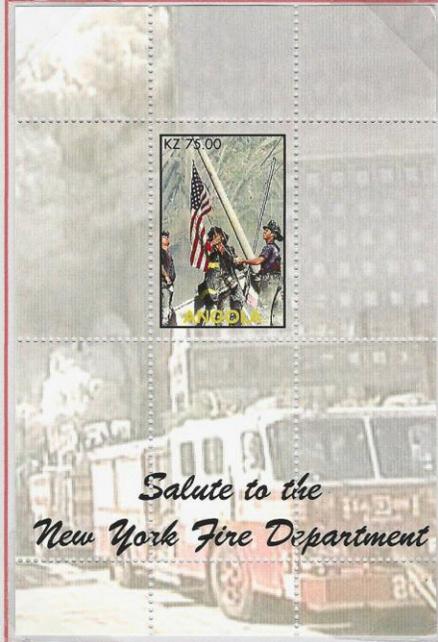
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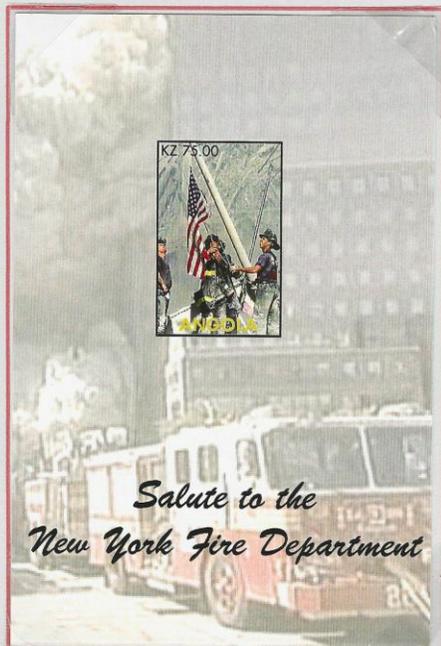


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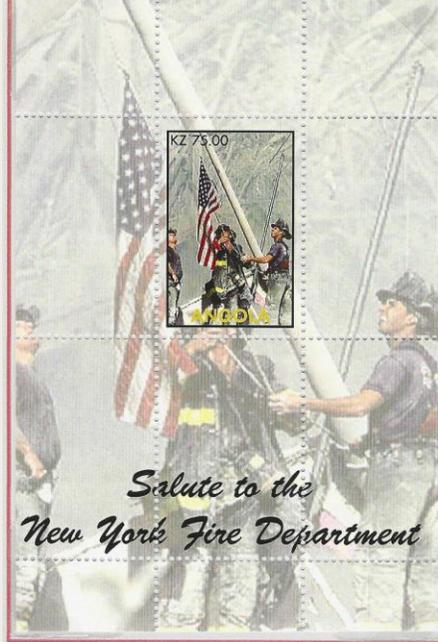
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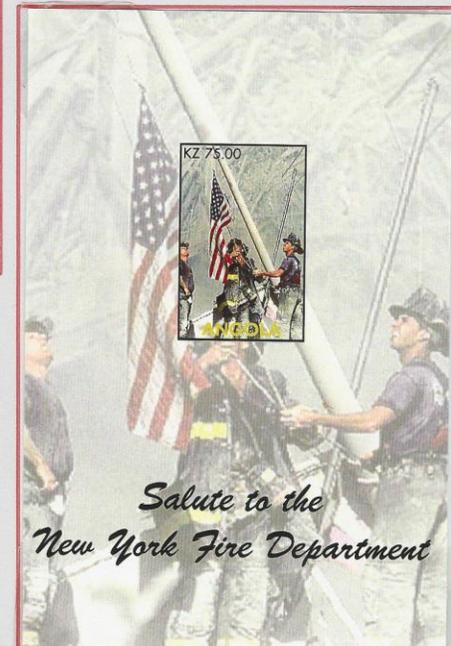


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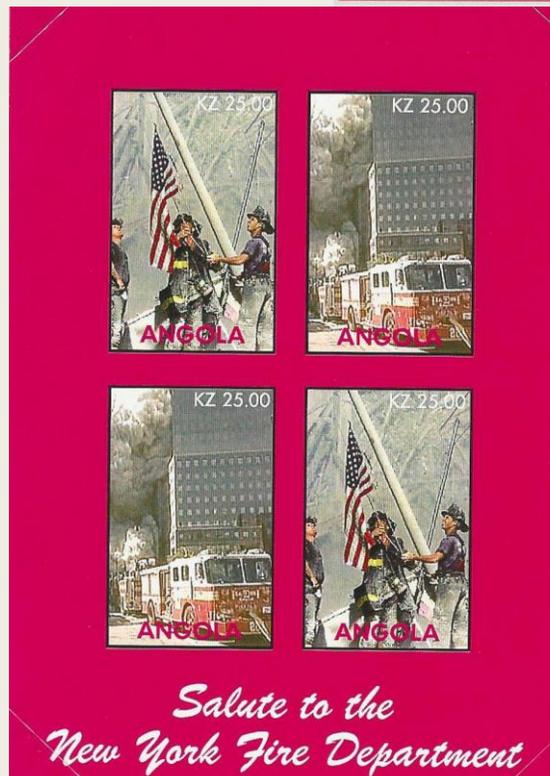
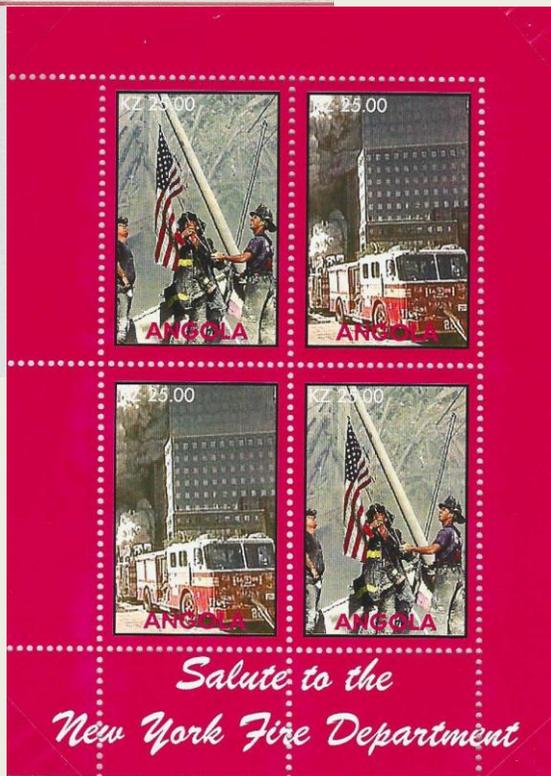


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Several Countries Used the Theme Terrorism Instead of “United We Stand”



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