

Remember Me
"Building a Living Tribute Together"
ROSE

The last verse from the song *America the Beautiful*:

O beautiful, for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
*America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!*

"Patriot Dream" is the sixth of the eleven "Remember Me" Roses named to honor the memory and spirit of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. "Patriot Dream" is named for the crew and passengers of American Airlines Flight 77 the third of four planes hijacked, deliberately crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

The name "Patriot Dream" was suggested by family members of one of the Flight 77 crew. As the American flag was folded over the casket of "Chic" Burlingame, pilot of Flight 77 the song America the Beautiful played in the background and the tears that fell in that time and place were like rain falling from the sky.

Event: "Remember Me" Rose Garden will plant "Patriot Dream" at one of the three Washington, D.C. schools that had students and teachers on Flight 77. The three students, Asia Cottom from Backus Middle School, Rodney Dickens from Ketcham Elementary School and Bernard Brown from Leckie Elementary School were sixth-graders chosen from their respective schools to take part in a 4-day National Geographic Society school trip to the Channel Islands off Santa Barbara, California. The three 11 year olds were each accompanied by one of their teachers and National Geographic Society staff members. While we will be honoring the students and teachers who were on Flight 77 by planting "Patriot Dream" at the three schools, "Patriot Dream" is meant to honor all of the crew and passengers of Flight 77. The fifty nine people who were the crew and passengers on Flight 77 came from all walks of life, young and old, gifted, accomplished, bright, witty, caring and fun loving.

Time-Place: September 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at LaSalle-Backus Educational Campus in Washington, DC

LaSalle-Backus EC and "Remember Me" Rose Garden are extending an invitation to First Lady Michelle Obama to attend the planting of "Patriot Dream". Among the other invited guests are Flight 77 and Pentagon family members, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, Chancellor of D.C. Schools Michelle Rhee, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, American Airlines, National Geographic Society, various members of Congress, current Principals from LaSalle-Backus Educational Campus, Ketcham Elementary and Leckie Elementary Schools as well as those who were Principals on September 11, 2001.

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