

Question: How can the command support having a deployment ceremony on a nation day of mourning? A deployment ceremony is supposed to be uplifting and positive; on September 11th the emotion felt around the nation is somber and respectful of those who lost their lives. It is a day that may remind some as to why we are fighting; however, it is not a celebration. How can we get this deployment ceremony changed?

Answer: Organizers of the deployment ceremony felt it was an appropriate date as September 11 was the date the United States entered the War on Terror. Additionally, President Bush has declared September 11 a day of reflection and hope.