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Pantex Honors 9/11 Heroes *Memorial featuring WTC steel dedicated Tuesday*

Pantex dedicated a memorial containing a steel beam from the World Trade Center Tuesday to mark the anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

The 42-inch piece of steel, recovered from the rubble in New York and donated to the Pantex Fire Department, is the centerpiece of the memorial, which is dedicated to all who lost their lives in the attacks 11 years ago. Pantex officials, emergency personnel and veterans from across Pantex assembled for a ceremony to dedicate the monument.

"9/11 has become a day of special commemoration across our nation," said B&W Pantex General Manager John Woolery, speaking at the dedication. "Taking the time to remember the tragic events, and the loss of life, has been woven into the fabric of our lives; and we should never forget that day."

The 1,600-pound monument is located outside the Pantex Fire Department. It features an engraved slab of marble honoring those who died, flanked by two white quartz towers to represent the World Trade Center towers. The monument is topped with the steel beam.

The ceremony featured the Pantex Fire Department presenting the colors and lowering them to half-staff, the singing of America the Beautiful, unveiling of the monument and final placement of the steel beam.

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