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Thank you to the Memphis Safe Task Force and National Guard!

Department of War Undersecretary Tata honors fallen and thanks employers of National Guard and Reserve

By David Vergun (DOW)

DECEMBER 12, 2025 - Anthony J. Tata, undersecretary of war for personnel and readiness, placed the inaugural wreath at the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial on Friday, December 12. He was assisted by Morrill Worcester and his grandson, Air Force Airman Miles Worcester. On National Wreaths Across America Day, which was on December 13, volunteers lay wreaths on headstones at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, as well as at thousands of Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries across the U.S. and cemeteries overseas. Tata thanked Worcester and his wife, Karen, the founders of Wreaths Across America, for their long-standing commitment to the fallen.

"Their mission, to remember and honor these heroes and to teach the next generation the importance of freedom, is directly in line with our values as a department and as a nation," Tata said. As a combat veteran of Afghanistan, Tata said he knows the many sacrifices service members have made in defense of the nation, and he appreciates the continued dedication to their memory.

Organizing the event was the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a department office that promotes cooperation and partnership between National Guard and Reserve service members and their civilian employers.



Undersecretary of War for Personnel and Readiness Anthony J. Tata places inaugural wreath at the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. (Photo/Courtesy: Dept. of War)

Among the attendees were many industry employers of service members and their loved ones, including many representatives of the trucking industry.

"Your businesses are the backbone of our supply chains and a lifeline of our economy, moving goods and connecting communities," he told them.

In a previous role, Tata created the Troops-to-Truckers program at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to help place transitioning warriors, guardsmen and reservists in their companies.

"It is an accomplishment that I am particularly proud of and one of the reasons why I am so appreciative of the statements of support that you signed last night. I know what a tremendous difference they can make for our men and women in uniform," he said.

Last night, more than 100 transportation and other industry employers signed statements of support with the War Department's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, pledging their organizations' continued support for their employees and families, and encouraging opportunities to employ guardsmen, reservists, transitioning service members and veterans.

"By supporting these citizen-warriors, you are enabling them to answer the call to serve when their country needs them most and to protect the freedom that 184 Americans at the Pentagon — and so many others — have died defending," he said.

Sen. Blackburn leads Tennessee delegation in urging National Guard Bureau to make Greece a nation partner to Tennessee National Guard

'Adding Greece as a second partner will build on Tennessee's thirty years' success with the program, strengthen U.S. relationships abroad, and advance American interests in a strategically important part of the world.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), along with Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and the entire Tennessee Congressional delegation, sent a letter to General Steven S. Nordhaus, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, urging him to support assigning Greece as an additional partner nation to the Tennessee National Guard under the State Partnership Program. This decision would support U.S. priorities in the region, give the Tennessee National Guard access to new training opportunities, and improve regional stability and military readiness.

This partnership is a natural fit for Tennessee, given the state's existing air refueling mission with the 134th and the Hellenic Air Force's standing as one of NATO's largest and most capable air forces. Together, these strengths create meaningful opportunities for future training and cooperation.

Adding Greece as a Tennessee National Guard Partner Would Improve Military Readiness

"We write in support of assigning the Hellenic Republic of Greece as an additional partner nation to the Tennessee National Guard under the State Partnership Program (SPP). For more than thirty years, the Tennessee National Guard has demonstrated exceptional success and strategic value through its longstanding partnership with the Republic of Bulgaria, one of the earliest and most effective relationships in the SPP. Tennessee is uniquely positioned to expand this success by partnering with Greece to enhance regional interoperability while improving Guard readiness."

Partnership with Greece Would Give the Tennessee National Guard Additional Training Opportunities and Advance American Interests

"Tennessee would also benefit from a partnership with Greece. We understand that the Tennessee National Guard would gain access to additional training opportunities, transitioning service members and veterans."

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As a mark of respect for the memory of Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, West Virginia Army National Guard, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, December 4, 2025. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

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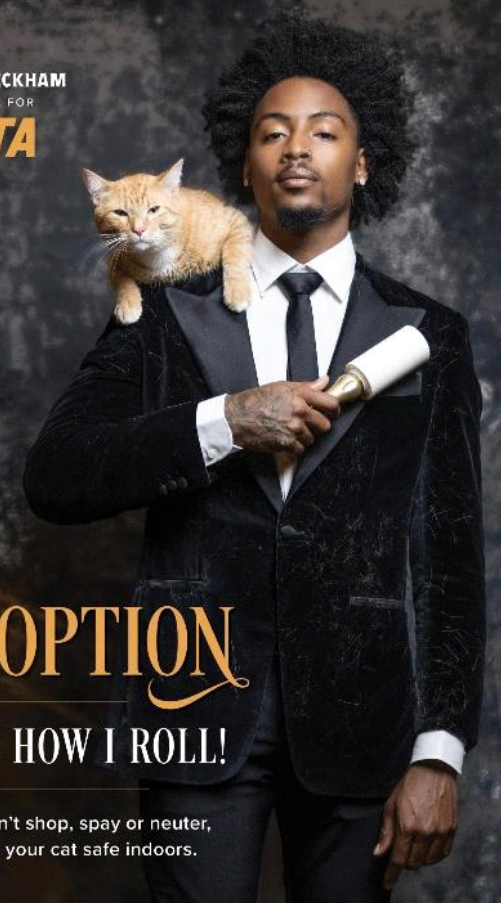
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