MEMORANDUM FOR DODEA AREA DIRECTORS
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National Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11)

By a joint resolution approved on December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), Congress designated September 11 of each year as “Patriot Day,” and by Public Law 111-13 (April 21, 2009), Congress has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized “National Day of Service and Remembrance.” Presidential Proclamation each year calls upon all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States to display the flag of the United States at half-staff on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

In response to Congress’ request and the President’s proclamation, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will honor the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks on America. Schools are asked to set aside time on September 11, 2014, in honor of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks. Participation in appropriate ceremonies and activities is encouraged, including placing the school flag at half-staff and requesting a moment of silence. Resources for DoDEA students and staff to get involved in service activities in our military communities can be found on the DoDEA Web site at www.dodea.edu after September 1, 2014.

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day/Week (September 15–19)

On September 17, 1787, the United States Constitution was signed by thirty-nine courageous men who changed the course of history. The signing of the United States Constitution is the birthday of our government. Every American shares in this legacy of liberty and has the responsibility as a citizen to respect and defend the values of our founding fathers as well as participate in the unfolding story of freedom. Congress issued a proclamation declaring September 17, 2014, as Constitution and Citizenship Day and September 15–19, 2014, as Constitution Week.

Schools are asked to use the week of September 15–19, 2014, to implement instruction (grades PK–12) that highlights the Constitution and citizenship. Staff and students are
encouraged to commemorate the signing of the Constitution by engaging in programs and instruction that bring awareness. Numerous resources are available for all employees and students to learn more about the Constitution. Links to resources can be found on the DoDEA Web site at www.dodea.edu after September 1, 2014.

Your assistance in the commemoration of these important events is appreciated. Please direct any questions or concerns to Ms. Rebecca Anderson, Headquarters Social Studies Coordinator, via e-mail at Rebecca.Anderson@hq.dodea.edu or by telephone at DSN (312) 371-1883/ (571) 371-1883.

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