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MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY HEROES FUND HOSTS 3rd ANNUAL 9/11 SERVICE PROJECT

Volunteers Will Fill Care Packages for Deployed Military Personnel

BOSTON – Hundreds of volunteers, supporters, military and 9/11 families supporting the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund will honor the 10th Anniversary of September 11 with its 3rd annual community service project to benefit deployed military personnel.

Recognizing 9/11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, the care package event will take place on the **Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Mother's Walk in Boston from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2011.**

Governor Deval Patrick, Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Attorney General Martha Coakley and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, wife of former Senator Edward M. Kennedy, plan to join the effort. Brief remarks will be given at 1p.m.

Volunteers and enthusiastic supporters will help the Military Heroes Fund assemble 1,000 care packages, which will be shipped to military personnel from Massachusetts stationed around the globe.

Stephen J. Kerrigan, president of the MMHF, said “This is a particularly difficult year for those who lost so much on 9/11 but we are heartened by the legacy that this event has created. It is awe-inspiring to see the dedication to volunteerism and national service which continues to drive support for our events and we are thrilled so many intend to pause from their busy lives to help those serving our country so bravely.”

The late United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy, working with former staff members and two 9/11 widows, initiated the efforts to create MMHF. Senator Kennedy also authored the legislation to make 9/11 a National Day of Service and Remembrance through the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on April 21, 2009.

The service project will be located on the Greenway at the end of Milk Street near the Aquarium T-station and members of the public are encouraged to attend to help fill care packages and write notes of support.

To help volunteer or to sponsor a package, please call the MMHF at 899-909-HERO (4376).

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The Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing support, programs and services to the families of military service personnel from Massachusetts fallen in service to the United States in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.