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00:02:53,470 --> 00:03:05,000

you

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00:03:12,720 --> 00:03:08,880

ladies and gentlemen friends shipmates

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00:03:14,280 --> 00:03:12,730

of the class of 1971 this is captain

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00:03:16,560 --> 00:03:14,290

Frank Culbertson the United States Navy

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00:03:18,420 --> 00:03:16,570

retired the commander of the third

6
00:03:20,490 --> 00:03:18,430

expedition to the International Space

7
00:03:23,790 --> 00:03:20,500

Station and a member of the class of

8
00:03:26,310 --> 00:03:23,800

1971 I want to welcome you all of you to

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00:03:28,980 --> 00:03:26,320

this place today I have two messages I

10
00:03:30,890 --> 00:03:28,990

would like to give to you from space if

11
00:03:33,210 --> 00:03:30,900

you would listen for just one moment

12
00:03:35,340 --> 00:03:33,220

first I want to say welcome to all my

13
00:03:36,930 --> 00:03:35,350

classmates who are there I really wish I

14

00:03:38,880 --> 00:03:36,940

could be with you see you beat Boston

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00:03:40,650 --> 00:03:38,890

College I want to say hi to our

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00:03:42,630 --> 00:03:40,660

classmate Tom O'Brien on the other side

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00:03:43,770 --> 00:03:42,640

of the field sorry about this time but

18

00:03:46,320 --> 00:03:43,780

we're going to have to work on you today

19

00:03:48,660 --> 00:03:46,330

I wish I could be there for the army

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00:03:50,520 --> 00:03:48,670

game I'll miss that but I'll be rooting

21

00:03:53,370 --> 00:03:50,530

for you from space we have the high

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00:03:55,230 --> 00:03:53,380

ground and I believe and today I think

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00:03:57,780 --> 00:03:55,240

it's an important day for all of us to

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00:04:00,690 --> 00:03:57,790

gather together to remember our time at

25

00:04:03,240 --> 00:04:00,700

u.s. Naval Academy our leadership in the

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00:04:04,380 --> 00:04:03,250

country and our participation in all the

27

00:04:07,590 --> 00:04:04,390

things that have happened over the years

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00:04:09,540 --> 00:04:07,600

but especially in the last week the

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00:04:11,760 --> 00:04:09,550

second part of my message I would like

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00:04:14,100 --> 00:04:11,770

to remember our classmate chick

31

00:04:15,900 --> 00:04:14,110

Burlingame the captain of American

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00:04:18,599 --> 00:04:15,910

Airlines flight that of course crashed

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00:04:20,580 --> 00:04:18,609

into the Pentagon she was a hero in my

34

00:04:23,850 --> 00:04:20,590

book as were all of the Academy

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00:04:25,530 --> 00:04:23,860

graduates who perished last week and I

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00:04:27,450 --> 00:04:25,540

think that we should take a moment to

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00:04:30,210 --> 00:04:27,460

remember them as well as all of the

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00:04:32,430 --> 00:04:30,220

victims of this terrible tragedy America

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00:04:33,840 --> 00:04:32,440

is a great country America is the best

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00:04:36,180 --> 00:04:33,850

country in the world and I know we will

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00:04:37,560 --> 00:04:36,190

pull together to go through this we

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00:04:39,510 --> 00:04:37,570

don't see any boundaries from here in

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00:04:41,820 --> 00:04:39,520

space we're working very hard to build

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00:04:43,380 --> 00:04:41,830

an international partnership I hope we

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00:04:46,590 --> 00:04:43,390

can overcome the problems that have

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00:04:47,370 --> 00:04:46,600

given us what we experienced in the last

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00:04:51,210 --> 00:04:47,380

couple of weeks

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00:04:53,050 --> 00:04:51,220

by working together by leadership and by

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00:04:56,530 --> 00:04:53,060

the strength that we know is in our

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00:05:00,220 --> 00:04:56,540

I would like to send a message from the

51
00:05:03,190 --> 00:05:00,230
station down in memory of chicken and of

52
00:05:04,900 --> 00:05:03,200
all of our graduates who perished and of

53
00:05:06,670 --> 00:05:04,910
all the victims of this tragedy

54
00:05:09,910 --> 00:05:06,680
something that has never been done

55
00:05:12,370 --> 00:05:09,920
before from space so I like to ask all

56
00:05:14,890 --> 00:05:12,380
of you to rise for a moment of silence

57
00:05:28,740 --> 00:05:14,900
as we play something from International

58
00:05:28,750 --> 00:05:40,040
Wow

59
00:05:40,050 --> 00:05:51,150
Oh

60
00:06:08,010 --> 00:05:51,270
I

61
00:06:08,020 --> 00:06:14,370
[Music]

62
00:06:27,010 --> 00:06:18,050
Oh

63
00:06:27,020 --> 00:06:30,659

[Music]

64

00:06:38,770 --> 00:06:34,270

god bless the Naval Academy god bless

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00:06:45,980 --> 00:06:38,780

our country god bless all of those last

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00:06:49,320 --> 00:06:47,430

starting to become a motion

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00:06:52,110 --> 00:06:49,330

I realized our country was under attack

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00:06:53,730 --> 00:06:52,120

I was ironically halfway through a Tom

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00:06:56,490 --> 00:06:53,740

Clancy novel about a similar situation

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00:06:58,140 --> 00:06:56,500

at the time and it almost put me inside

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00:07:02,400 --> 00:06:58,150

the novel which was a very strange

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00:07:05,250 --> 00:07:02,410

feeling but as we listened and events on

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00:07:07,320 --> 00:07:05,260

the ground were described to us by our

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00:07:10,350 --> 00:07:07,330

flight surgeon and then by the Capcom's

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00:07:13,230 --> 00:07:10,360

it became very real and then once I saw

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00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:13,240

it out the window and we took video as

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00:07:18,210 --> 00:07:16,960

the second tower was collapsing I didn't

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00:07:19,680 --> 00:07:18,220

know exactly what was happening but I

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00:07:23,060 --> 00:07:19,690

knew it was really bad because there was

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00:07:25,500 --> 00:07:23,070

a big cloud of debris covering Manhattan

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00:07:27,150 --> 00:07:25,510

that's when it really became painful

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00:07:33,380 --> 00:07:27,160

because it was like seeing a wound in

83

00:07:37,520 --> 00:07:35,540

initial reaction was shocked of course

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00:07:39,830 --> 00:07:37,530

how could this possibly be in habit be

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00:07:44,990 --> 00:07:39,840

happening and then as the reality sunk

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00:07:46,610 --> 00:07:45,000

in some fear that some family member or

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00:07:48,110 --> 00:07:46,620

someone close to me might be affected by

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00:07:50,300 --> 00:07:48,120

this and then the realization that

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00:07:52,700 --> 00:07:50,310

thousands of people really were affected

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00:07:54,980 --> 00:07:52,710

and then eventually that turned into

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00:07:59,250 --> 00:07:54,990

anger at some point that someone would

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00:08:03,030 --> 00:08:00,720

because when we got home was the

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00:08:05,370 --> 00:08:03,040

increased security we knew it was there

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00:08:07,620 --> 00:08:05,380

and we knew to expect it but the reality

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00:08:10,080 --> 00:08:07,630

of it from when I left when I came back

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00:08:12,270 --> 00:08:10,090

all the barriers up all the additional

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00:08:15,780 --> 00:08:12,280

security checks at the airport at that

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00:08:17,520 --> 00:08:15,790

time going into any public building was

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00:08:20,730 --> 00:08:17,530

even more onerous than than it is now

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00:08:23,370 --> 00:08:20,740

but but it really was startling how

101
00:08:26,680 --> 00:08:23,380
things had changed him we clearly were a

102
00:08:30,500 --> 00:08:28,790
I've met a lot of people that were

103
00:08:34,360 --> 00:08:30,510
affected by 9/11 in a lot of different

104
00:08:37,100 --> 00:08:34,370
ways so I don't count myself as

105
00:08:40,270 --> 00:08:37,110
especially unique I just had a the

106
00:08:42,560 --> 00:08:40,280
privilege of a fantastic vantage point

107
00:08:45,770 --> 00:08:42,570
yes there was some isolation but there

108
00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:45,780
was also a viewpoint that that I will

109
00:08:52,700 --> 00:08:50,160
always be blessed with but I think it's

110
00:08:54,110 --> 00:08:52,710
important for people to to continue to

111
00:08:56,600 --> 00:08:54,120
learn the lessons from this and make

112
00:08:58,760 --> 00:08:56,610
sure that we are in fact making

113
00:09:06,530 --> 00:08:58,770

ourselves a better country as a result

114

00:09:06,540 --> 00:10:00,270

you

115

00:10:00,280 --> 00:10:33,340

[Music]

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00:10:37,550 --> 00:10:35,840

have you ever seen the commander of the

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00:10:44,509 --> 00:10:37,560

International Space Station with me a

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00:10:46,460 --> 00:10:44,519

flight engineer called and then goes on

119

00:10:48,800 --> 00:10:46,470

this day we pause to celebrate the

120

00:10:50,689 --> 00:10:48,810

birthday and meaning of the u.s. flag a

121

00:10:56,300 --> 00:10:50,699

sign of strength and unity for our

122

00:10:58,670 --> 00:10:56,310

nation the American flag is more than a

123

00:11:00,710 --> 00:10:58,680

symbol the Stars and Stripes tell our

124

00:11:02,990 --> 00:11:00,720

history and reinforce our future goals

125

00:11:04,879 --> 00:11:03,000

as a nation and today more than ever

126

00:11:10,100 --> 00:11:04,889

it's important for all Americans to

127

00:11:12,740 --> 00:11:10,110

honor and celebrate our flag the

128

00:11:14,360 --> 00:11:12,750

foundations of flight day can be found

129

00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:14,370

in New York where it first became a

130

00:11:19,639 --> 00:11:17,519

holiday in 1897 but it wasn't until

131

00:11:22,819 --> 00:11:19,649

President Harry Truman signed an act of

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00:11:30,350 --> 00:11:22,829

Congress in 1949 that designated June

133

00:11:31,610 --> 00:11:30,360

14th as National Flag Day in December we

134

00:11:33,740 --> 00:11:31,620

were on the space shuttle flight

135

00:11:37,160 --> 00:11:33,750

designated to honor the victims of the

136

00:11:38,990 --> 00:11:37,170

September 11th terrorist attacks along

137

00:11:41,300 --> 00:11:39,000

with flags from the city of New York the

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00:11:44,090 --> 00:11:41,310

Pentagon and the state of Pennsylvania

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00:11:46,370 --> 00:11:44,100

we also carried nearly 6,000 small

140

00:11:48,290 --> 00:11:46,380

American flags into orbit on station

141

00:11:51,079 --> 00:11:48,300

shuttle Endeavour as part of the flags

142

00:11:52,850 --> 00:11:51,089

for heroes and Families campaign the

143

00:11:54,860 --> 00:11:52,860

flags are being distributed to the

144

00:12:01,100 --> 00:11:54,870

survivors and family to the victims of

145

00:12:03,259 --> 00:12:01,110

the attacks from space we have a unique

146

00:12:05,269 --> 00:12:03,269

view of our planet we see a world with

147

00:12:07,939 --> 00:12:05,279

no borders no war and no political

148

00:12:10,280 --> 00:12:07,949

differences we hope our work onboard the

149

00:12:12,019 --> 00:12:10,290

International Space Station will be seen

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00:12:14,569 --> 00:12:12,029

as a way for all nations to work

151
00:12:17,449 --> 00:12:14,579
together to pioneer the future and in

152
00:12:19,009 --> 00:12:17,459
some small way show everyone how people

153
00:12:25,699 --> 00:12:19,019
of different nations can come together

154
00:12:27,769 --> 00:12:25,709
in space today's we pause to show our

155
00:12:29,970 --> 00:12:27,779
pride for America and to pay tribute to

156
00:12:31,830 --> 00:12:29,980
all the heroes of the terrorists

157
00:12:34,290 --> 00:12:31,840
by taking the time to honor and

158
00:12:36,240 --> 00:12:34,300
celebrate the American flag so it is

159
00:12:38,310 --> 00:12:36,250
fitting that we return the items flown

160
00:12:40,380 --> 00:12:38,320
for the flags for heroes and Families

161
00:12:41,670 --> 00:12:40,390
campaign on the day and to the place

162
00:12:47,700 --> 00:12:41,680
where it all started

163
00:12:49,500 --> 00:12:47,710

New York our prayers are with all the

164

00:12:51,570 --> 00:12:49,510

families and friends of those whose

165

00:12:52,630 --> 00:12:51,580

lives were forever changed by the events