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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS  
SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAMMING**  
*In conjunction with the 9/11: A Nation Remembers exhibit*

Philadelphia, PA - Presented in conjunction with the *9/11: A Nation Remembers* exhibit, the National Constitution Center is presenting a wide range of programs about September 11th, including an event on opening day with the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission, Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton. These events will focus on our national response to the attacks and the issues it continues to raise.

The schedule of upcoming September 11th programs is as follows:

**Friday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.: *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11***

Join *New Yorker* writer Lawrence Wright as he discusses the riveting story behind the al-Qaeda attacks against America. His new book, *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, follows the interweaving lives of four men: two al-Qaeda operatives, Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri; the FBI's counterterrorism chief, John O'Neill; and the former head of Saudi intelligence, Prince Turki al-Faisal. Wright reveals the radicalizing currents of modern Islam, the heroic efforts of O'Neill to track al-Qaeda before September 11th and his tragic death in the World Trade Center, and Prince Turki's transformation from bin Laden's ally to his enemy. *The New York Times* called the book "remarkable." Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

**Friday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.: *Go Behind the Closed Doors of the 9/11 Commission***

On opening night of the *9/11: A Nation Remembers* exhibit, the two chairmen of the 9/11 Commission, Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton, will join the *New Yorker's* Lawrence Wright as moderator as they tell the compelling story of the al-Qaeda attacks against America and the politically charged, historically significant bipartisan commission that investigated

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the events of September 11th. Kean and Hamilton's new book is *Without Precedent: The inside Story of the 9/11 Commission*. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

### **Monday, September 11, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: *We Remember***

In honor of the fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001, the National Constitution Center invites the public to record and preserve their reflections of 9/11 as an oral history. A free recording facility will be available during museum hours. Individuals, families, or small groups are invited to openly discuss where they were on September 11th, what they saw, what they heard, and how they remember. A podcast of these stories will be produced by the National Constitution Center. This is a free program and no advance reservations are required. Museum admission is not included.

### **Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.: *The Other Battle: Wartime Civil Liberties***

Honorable Richard Posner and Professor Geoffrey Stone, two of the nation's most prominent constitutional law experts, will debate about the tension between civil liberties and national security when America is at war. Richard Posner has served since 1981 as judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit based in Chicago. He has written a number of books, including *Preventing Surprise Attacks: Intelligence Reform in the Wake of 9/11*, *Catastrophe: Risk and Response*, and his new book, *Not a Suicide Pact: Rights in a Time of National Emergency*. Geoffrey Stone is the Harry Kalven, Jr. Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago. His most recent book, *Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime from the Seditious Act of 1798 to the War on Terrorism*, won the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for 2005 and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for 2004 as the Best Book in History. Stone is the editor of the Oxford University Press series, "Inalienable Rights," which debuts with the Posner book, *Not a Suicide Pact: Rights in a Time of National Emergency*. Admission is \$15 for non-members; \$12 for members; and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

### **Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.: *An Inside Look at the White House Response to 9/11***

Join former presidential advisor John Yoo, author of *War by Other Means: An Insider's Account on the War on Terror*, for a look at the Bush administration's response to the 9/11 tragedy. In a series of memos to the White House, Yoo offered his legal opinions and, in the process, had an almost unmatched impact on America's fight against terrorism. His analysis led to many of the Bush administration's most controversial policies, including detention at Guantanamo Bay, coercive interrogation, military trials for terrorists, preemptive attacks, and the National Security Agency's wiretapping program. Yoo also played a key role in framing parts of the Patriot Act, and in the Bush administration's decision that the Geneva Conventions are irrelevant for "illegal enemy combatants." This program is presented in partnership with the American Constitution Society and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Federalist Society. Admission is \$15 for non-members; \$12 for members; and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

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From September 8, 2006 through January 1, 2007 the National Constitution Center proudly presents ***9/11: A Nation Remembers***, an original photography exhibition documenting how the American people responded to and remember the events of September 11th. This exhibition of 100 photographs by Jonathan Hyman inspires conversations about community, national identity, and how ordinary Americans have commemorated the day.

Admission to *9/11: A Nation Remembers* is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

CBS 3 is the official media partner for the exhibition. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) is part of the CBS Television Stations division, one of the largest network-owned station groups. Philadelphia's first television station, CBS 3 has been providing news, information and entertainment to local viewers since 1932. The station is the home of the prestigious Eyewitness News brand, now synonymous with news coverage nationwide.

*9/11: A Nation Remembers* is proudly supported by the City of Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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