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Dear Friends,

I head back to Washington after spending Veterans' Day and all of last week home in Texas. This year's observance was marked with deep sadness, as the Fort Hood shootings were a reminder of the daily risks that our men and women in uniform face. Few would have thought our soldiers would face such risk in the safety of their own base.



Congressman McCaul pays respect to the 13 people killed during the Ft. Hood massacre.

I had the distinct privilege of attending the Fort Hood memorial service last Tuesday. It was a somber ceremony and a fitting tribute to our fallen soldiers. My heart goes out to the victims, their families and to our military around the world who are experiencing this inexplicable pain. I applaud the President for making clear that no religion or faith justifies such a tragic event and that this killer will be met with justice – in this world and the next. It is on that note that I have [requested an investigation](#) into Nidal Hasan's motivations and outside influences, as there are many indications that Mr. Hasan may have had ties to terrorism. Congress should thoroughly investigate these possible connections and any lack of intelligence sharing between federal agencies over the months leading up to the massacre. Congress should carry out this oversight without delay.

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Rep. McCaul speaks at the State Capitol in Austin on Veterans' Day.

I read the names of the 13 victims of the Fort Hood shootings at the Veterans' Day ceremony on the steps of the State Capitol. I was also honored to take part in a celebration at Katy Jr. High School and to host a coffee for Veterans at my office in Tomball. On that solemn day, I always think about my father who flew on a B-17 during World War II in the European theatre. It was heartwarming to see so many people turn out this year to honor and pay respect to our many veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and the heroes who are currently serving to defend our country and protect our liberties.



Congressman McCaul speaks with the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 2427, Franklin Stephens and his wife, Mrs. Stephens in Tomball.

#### **In the News**

[Fox News](#) - Call for investigation into Ft. Hood shooter's influences

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[Fox 7](#) Interview - Healthcare and Ft. Hood

[CBS News](#) - Who is Nidal Malik Hasan?

[AP](#) - Ft. Hood Suspect had communications with Pakistan

[Dallas Morning News](#) - Texas Republicans denounce decision to move

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[Sealy News - House Oks healthcare reform Bill, McCaul votes No](#)  
[Austin American-Statesman - Suspect exchanged e-mails with Radical Clerk in Yemen](#)  
[Brenham Banner - Investigation sought for Hasan's 'Influences'](#)  
[Houston Chronicle - McCaul Seeks House Inquiry into Ft. Hood Shooter](#)

With Warmest Regards,



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