
How communities can observe Patriot Day

It's been 23 years since the terrorist group Al-Qaeda coordinated a series of four terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. The attacks claimed the lives of more than 2,900 individuals, making them deadliest terrorist attacks in world history.

Despite the tragic loss of life on 9/11, millions of people also drew inspiration from the efforts of heroic first responders who did anything they could to get people to safety. Many of first responders l while saving those perished saving countless lives, and thousands more have suffered long-term health problems related to the attacks. communities come their families.

their Communities during the attacks and first since the war began.



fall, response.

together to commemorate personnel. The War in public recognition of their problems for tens of the U.S. Fire Administration, in their fight and the fight of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 Afghanistan began shortly efforts can be incorporated thousands of civilians and 54 in recognition of both the after September 11 as a joint into local events to first responders. firefighting personnel are help. lives lost and the sacrifices effort on the part of the commemorate the 20th The 23rd anniversary of volunteers. Many of those • • made by first responders and United States and its allies to anniversary who lost their lives due to responsible for 9/11 a place not part of the 9/11 response may 9/11. The terrorists behind to safely operate. The war is to 'participate' in 'these responses, from airports on the east Department reported more well. coast of the United States, than 2,300 American troops country and even the globe nearly 21,000 had been Communities were affected by the attacks wounded during the war. commemorate aftermath. Communities names of those who lost their make a concerted effort to and cities safe. lives in relation to 9/11. That thank military members and can include community their families for their members who lost their lives sacrifices in the 20 years

to 9/11 20 years ago. A walk lives and causing countless • Honor local military of honor or another type of injuries and long-term health departments. According to citizenry can be a strong asset of drive the Taliban from power Communities also can invite responses that span the underfunded

but communities across the had lost their lives and 9/11 took place 20 years ago. their lives and/or suffered facilities, commemorate can anniversary by honoring the their selfless efforts to save which can increase the firefighters, EMTs, nurses, can acknowledge these losses fallen heroes and the men innocent victims of the likelihood that firefighters and commemorate their fallen when commemorating the and women who continue to attacks. heroes by reading aloud the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and work to make their towns

How to honor first responders

This fall marks the 23rd responders who perished • Honor current first anniversary of the 9/11 immediate responders. Many men and terrorist attacks. The attacks

9/11. 9/11 will no doubt evoke volunteer firefighters work for dominate but First responders played a vital be used to purchase new communities. The terrorist attacks on role on 9/11, and many lost equipment, upgrade existing health training, can long-term

In the more than two sound. decades since the 9/11 attacks, first responders have support wounded continued to make countless responders. Many sacrifices to ensure their responders suffer significant the communities are safe and mental and physical injuries anniversary of 9/11 can serve peaceful places to call home. while on the job. Various as a catalyst for communities The 20th anniversary of 9/11 nonprofit organizations help to express their support for response to the attacks or women who continue to on September 11, 2001 is a great time to recognize wounded first responders first responders. due to long-term health work as policemen, firemen, remain the deadliest terror the efforts of first responders who may need to make complications resulting from EMTs, nurses, and doctors attacks in world history, and honor them for all they modifications to their homes

to get through their daily lives.

But nonprofit organizations cannot go it alone in support of wounded first responders. Citizens can do their part by promoting and voting for local, state and national legislation that makes it easy for wounded first responders to get the help they need, when they need it. In addition to urging local politicians to support such legislation, private citizens can utilize social media to promote proposals and other efforts to support wounded responders.

Many 9/11 first responders are still fighting for government-backed support to treat injuries suffered 20 · Donate to local fire years ago, and a vocal active countless others in need of

• Commit to supporting first responders year-round. departments The 23rd anniversary of 9/11 • Read the names of locals and deny the terrorists first responders who were emotional spectrum. Sadness that are in need of financial will call attention to the such support. Donating to such efforts of first responders on the departments is a great way to that day 23 years ago as well 9/11. The terrorists benind to safely operate. The war is to participate in these responses, but the departments is a great way to that day 25 years ago as non-new 19/11 hijacked four planes on ongoing and is the longest events, as their efforts to anniversary of 9/11 also is a show first responders how as the countless times since the morning of that fateful war in U.S. history. As of keep their communities safe great time to reflect on the much their efforts are then that these brave men appreciated. Donations may and women have served their

> But vital deserve vocal, year-round and/or improve support. Make a concerted that consequences resulting from response times, the latter of effort to thank policemen, doctors in your community whenever you interact with them, and urge · Back legislation to others to follow suit.

First responders play a vital first role in communities across globe. The

Ways to discuss 9-11 with children

parents were forced to explain 9/11 and terrorism. the inexplicable events of that day to their youngsters.

significance of 9/11 to encouraged to share their that make you feel?"

their may be for parents and offers

Twenty-three years ago, youngsters who were not alive thoughts and ask questions. • Remain calm and avoid and prevent future attacks. parents across the United when the attacks occurred. Parents are urged to actively appearing anxious. Adults • Learn about 9/11 so you also tend to bring out the best States faced the delicate The 9/11 Memorial & listen to kids' concerns, noting should be aware of their tone can situation of discussing 9/11 Museum recognizes how their body language and when discussing 9/11 and truthfully. The images of 9/11 help and support family, with their children. Many difficult such conversations validating their emotions. · Don't avoid discussions. a concerted effort to remain who lived through the tragedy Emphasize the ways this televisions with a sense of the following tips that can Children who don't want to calm and not appear anxious. may not know the answers to happened on 9/11 and express disbelief and horror on serve as broad guidelines to discuss 9/11 and terrorism Answer questions honestly, questions kids may ask. In to kids that their own acts of September 11, 2001, and facilitate discussions about should not be forced to do so. but also in a way that is anticipation of arents were forced to explain e inexplicable events of that ay to their youngsters.

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• Listen. The museum notes avoid discussing 9/11 and Ask children if they have any 911.memorial.org to learn and intolerance.

that some children will want terrorism in general solely concerns and provide more about 9/11 so they're. The 23rd anniversary of to discuss 9/11 and terrorism because of the difficult subject appropriate, realistic better prepared to answer 9/11 may inspire children to commemorate the twentieth and some won't. Discussions matter. The museum urges reassurance. Let kids express kids' questions. Resolve to ask questions about the anniversary of 9/11, many should not be forced if kids do parents to invite their feelings and focus on find answers to questions attacks and other acts of anniversary of 9/11, many should not be forced if kids do parents to invite their feelings and focus on find answers to people who were children or not want to talk about 9/11 conversations if children how to cope with those together if need be. adolescents on the morning of and parents can let kids know express an interest in learning feelings rather than • Emphasize hope. Acts of various strategies to ensure September 11 now have they're ready to listen about terrorism and 9/11. Ask children of their own. Parents whenever kids want to talk. They do not constructive and supportive.

may need help explaining the may need help explaining the distribution of their own. Parents whenever kids who want to speak can be like to know?" or "How does share what's been done since deep sense of despair. But 9/11 to keep the country safe parents can explain to

answer

percent

of

provide

make it through calls safe and

first

questions in people who are inspired to such compassion may help to

terrorism. Parents can employ





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A timeline of Sept. 11, 2001

for California. The planes attacks.

would forever change the five hijackers. help people fully understand plane.

short flight to Boston Logan within the cabin.

• 9:03 a.m.: Five hijackers rash Flight 175 into floors

North and South Towers of schedule that day. the World Trade Center on the New York City is under way. political calendar, as polling • 8:42 political calendar, as polling • 8:42 a.m.: United total number of New York stations opened at 6 a.m. for Airlines Flight 93 takes off City Police Department

filled with more than 76,000 48,700 pounds of fuel. pounds of fuel.

are alerted by flight above the 91st floor. attendant Betty Ann Ong hijacked. This call lasts are sent to the North Tower.

morning of Daniel M. Lewin, who was North Tower. September 11, 2001, 19 sitting in front of him in first • 8:52 a.m.: A flight terrorists hijacked four class. Lewin is likely the first attendant aboard Flight 175 commercial airplanes bound person killed in the 9/11 reaches a United Airlines

September 11 would become International Airport. The 175 infamous date in flight has 49,900 pounds of members. American and world history, fuel and is carrying six crew and the events of that day members, 53 passengers and Authority informs people

anniversary of 9/11, the turned off. This device is there is no need to evacuate. following timeline, courtesy meant to allow air traffic of the National September 11 controllers to identify and Authority Police Department Memorial & Museum, can monitor the flight path of a orders

late-summer morning two hijackers of Flight 11 expands the order to include decades ago.

• 5:45 a.m.: Two of the message to air traffic World Trade Center pass through controllers alerting them to complex. Portland the attacks. The hijacker was Maine. The men will take a with passengers and crew South Tower.

they will join three other time, roughly 80 people have 77 through 85 of the South hijackers and board already begun gathering on Tower. All onboard the flight American Airlines Flight 11. • 6:00 a.m: Two of the Tower of the World Trade number of people inside the hijacked planes, American Center for a financial building. Two of the three Airlines Flight 11 and United technology conference. The emergency stairwells are Airlines Flight 175, will conference is one of many impassable eventually crash into the events on the Trade Center elevator cables are severed,

complex in New York City. Traffic Control Center alerts elevator cars. The day was a significant one the military that a hijacking

from Newark International • 7:59 a.m.: American Airport. The flight was due to scene to roughly 2,000. In Airlines Flight 11 takes off take off at roughly the same addition, the FDNY issues a from Boston with 11 crew time as the other hijacked fifth alarm and deploys members, 76 passengers and planes, but was delayed due several hundred additional five hijackers on board. The to routine traffic. Seven crew firefighters to the scene. plane, which will eventually members, 33 passengers and crash into the North tower at four hijackers are on board. Bush is informed that a caused by the crash. the World Trade Center, is The flight is filled with second plane has crashed

• 8:46 a.m.: Five hijackers

operator in San Francisco departed from airports in • 8:20 a.m.: American and reports the flight is Boston; Newark, NJ; and Airlines Flight 77 takes off being hijacked. By 9 a.m., D.C. from Washington Dulles various passengers on Flight have called family

• 8:55 a.m.: The Port inside the South Tower via a world. As the world • 8:21 a.m.: The public address system that commemorates the 20th transponder on Flight 11 is the building is secure and

• 8:59 a.m.: The Port evacuated. One minute later how events unfolded on that • 8:24 a.m.: One of the Captain Anthony Whitaker

• 9:02 a.m.: An evacuation International Airport in attempting to communicate order is broadcast in the

> trapping many people above • 8:37 a.m.: The Boston Air the impact zone and inside

• 9:03 a.m.: A second call for mobilization brings the officers responding to the

into the World Trade Center. Aviation

• 8:15 a.m.: United Airlines crash Flight 11 into floors 93 attendant Renée A. May calls all civilian planes in United Flight 175 takes off from through 99 of the North her mother and tells her that States airspace to land. Boston with nine crew Tower of the World Trade hijackers have seized control Departures also are members, 51 passengers, Center. Hundreds, including of Flight 77. When May's call prohibited. and five hijackers on board. everyone on board the flight, is disconnected, she calls

that Flight 11 is being paramedics and firefighters Trade Center is evacuated.

unreachable. In the Florida, U.S. President and six crew members emergency 911 operator in from Washington, D.C. moments before Ong's call, George W. Bush is notified perish, and 125 military and Westmoreland County, one of the hijackers stabbed that a small plane has hit the civilian personnel on the Pennsylvania.

• 9:12 a.m.: Flight grounds all flights, ordering seconds.

• 9:45 a.m.: Evacuations at history. This flight also is loaded with are killed instantly. The American Airlines.

76,000 pounds of fuel.

8:19 a.m.: American emergency stairwells, reports of additional emergency stairwells, reports of additional trapping hundreds of people hijacked planes, the Mayor's and Senate are in session at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. lands. Within two and a half are alerted by flight above the outst floor.

79,45 a.m.: Evacuation at instory.

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70,000 pounds of fuel.

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• 9:59 a.m.: The South Tower collapses • 9:42 a.m.: The Federal burning for 56 minutes. The burning for 102 minutes. Administration tower collapses in just 10

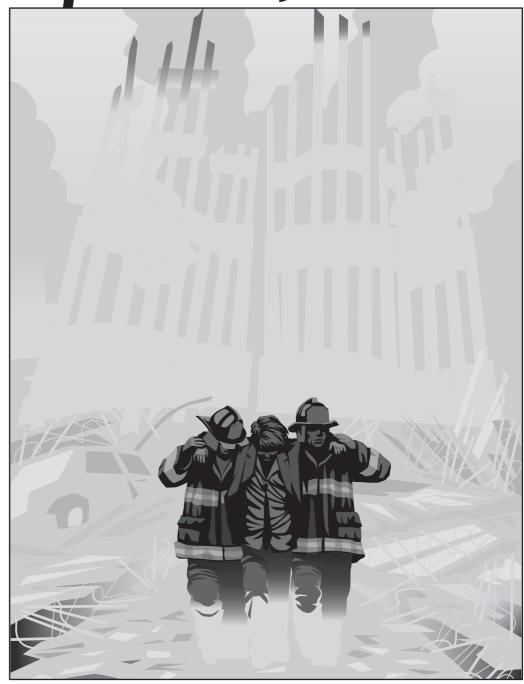
government procedures are implemented for the first City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani known time in American urges the evacuation of lower

* 8:46 a.m.: Police, Management at 7 World begins. crew members on poaru peen cleared of the second of the fighters. Trade Center is evacuated. • 9:58 a.m.: Flight 93 is perish. Passengers and crew 4,500 commercial had stormed the cockpit, and general aviation planes. Emergency the time the evacuation All 33 passengers and seven hours, U.S. airspace has crew members on board been cleared of roughly • 9:37 a.m.: Hijackers flying so low to the ground had stormed the cockpit, and general aviation planes. roughly 25 minutes and Ong • 8:50 a.m.: While visiting crash Flight 77 into the that passenger Edward P. the plane ultimately crashes reports that the cockpit is an elementary school in Pentagon. All 53 passengers Felt is able to reach an just 20 minutes' flying time

• 10:15 a.m.: The E Ring of the Pentagon collapses.

• 10:28 a.m.: The North after Tower collapses More than 1,600 people are killed as a result of the attack • 9:59 a.m.: Continuity-of- on the North Tower.

• 11:02 a.m.: New York Manhattan.



9-II headlines around the globe



attacks against the United States on Terror Hits Home September 11, 2001 shook the world. People across the Terrorists Attack New York, including women and children from all walks of life, reacted to the Bastards! attacks with sadness, horror, America shock, and Newspaper front throughout the States and the world reflected those emotions on September 12.

The New York Times: Destroy Twin Towers And down perpetrators of world's Hit Pentagon In Day Of worst terrorist attacks Terror

• New York Post: Act of War: World Trade Center destroyed; many dead

• New York Daily News: It's War

• Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: **Horror Mounts** • The Washington Post:

Terrorists Hijack 4 Airliners, Destroy World Trade Center, Hit Pentagon; Hundreds Dead • The Boston Globe: New

day of infamy: Thousands feared dead after planes hit towers, Pentagon

• Chicago Tribune: 'Our nation saw evil': Hijacked jets destroy World Trade Center, hit Pentagon; Thousands feared dead in nation's worst terrorist attack

 The Dallas Morning News: War at home: Shaken nation awaits tally from Pentagon, Trade Center attacks; Bush vows to track down terrorists and 'bring them to justice'

• Houston Chronicle:

• Los Angeles Times: World Trade Center Razed; men, Pentagon

• San Francisco Examiner: Α Changed

anger. • Seattle Post-pages Intelligencer: None of us

United will ever forget' • USA Today: 'Act of war': Terrorists strike; death toll

'horrendous' • The Australian: War Of U.S. Attacked: Hijacked Jets Terror: Bush vows to hunt (London): War on America

• The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, Australia): World Terror: Hijacked Jets Hit Post- Trade Centre; 10,000 Dead

10,000 feared

suicide attacks

Attacked

• The Age (Melbourne, Australia): War on America The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Australia): US

The Sydney Morning

dead in

Herald: Terror war on US:

• The Daily Telegraph



Australia): America Attacked



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Remembering 9-11



President George W. Bush addresses the nation

hijackers took control of four country is strong. field near the town of shattered steel, but they will be open for business, as Shanksville, Pennsylvania cannot dent the steel of well. after passengers and crew American resolve. attempted to regain control of America was targeted for those who are behind these the plane from the hijackers. attack because we're the evil acts. I've directed the full All passengers and crew on brightest beacon for freedom resources of our intelligence board all four flights died on and opportunity in the world. and September 11, and thousands And no one will keep that communities to find those of others on the ground lost light from shining. their lives that day as well. It shaken nation.

attack in a series of deliberate in any way they could. condemning these attacks. and deadly terrorist acts. The victims were in airplanes, or first attack, I implemented American people, I thank the despicable acts of terror.

On the evening of collapsing, have filled us with precaution to protect our September 11, 2001, United disbelief, terrible sadness, citizens at home and around States President George W. and a quiet, unyielding anger. the world from further Bush addressed a nation that These acts of mass murder attacks. earlier that day witnessed the were intended to frighten our deadliest terrorist attacks in nation into chaos and retreat. government continue without world history. That morning, But they have failed; our interruption.

was under those conditions the very worst of human distinction that President Bush delivered nature. And we responded terrorists who committed the following speech to a with the best of America - these acts and those who with the daring of our rescue harbor them. Good evening. Today, our workers, with the caring for I appreciate so very much fellow citizens, our way of life, strangers and neighbors who the members of Congress who our very freedom came under came to give blood and help have joined me in strongly

in their offices; secretaries, our government's emergency many world leaders who have businessmen and women, response plans. Our military called to moms and dads, friends and Our emergency teams are local rescue efforts.

agencies airplanes, ultimately crashing A great people has been which had to be evacuated two into the Twin Towers at moved to defend a great today are reopening for the World Trade Center in nation. Terrorist attacks can essential personnel tonight, New York City and another shake the foundations of our and will be open for business into the Pentagon in biggest buildings, but they tomorrow. Our financial Washington, D.C. A fourth cannot touch the foundation institutions remain strong, hijacked plane crashed in a of America. These acts and the American economy

> The search is underway for law enforcement responsible and to bring them Today, our nation saw evil, to justice. We will make no between

offer

functions of our ***********

NEVER FORGET

their those who grieve, for the walk through the valley of the time. None of us will ever military and federal workers; is powerful, and it's prepared. condolences and assistance. children whose worlds have shadow of death, I fear no forget this day. Yet, we go America and our friends been shattered, for all whose evil, for You are with me." neighbors. Thousands of lives working in New York City and and allies join with all those sense of safety and security were suddenly ended by evil, Washington, D.C. to help with who want peace and security has been threatened. And I Americans from every walk of in the world, and we stand pray they will be comforted by life unite in our resolve for

This is a day when all The pictures of airplanes Our first priority is to get together to win the war a power greater than any of justice and peace. America God bless America. flying into buildings, fires help to those who have been against terrorism. Tonight, I us, spoken through the ages has stood down enemies burning, huge structures injured, and to take every ask for your prayers for all in Psalm 23: "Even though I before, and we will do so this

forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

Thank you. Good night, and





September 11, 2001 were people." perpetrated on American soil and in American airspace, but the tragedy that unfolded citizens of 78 countries terrorist attacks that took leaders comments that reflected the targets in the United States. September 11, 2002, Schroeder reflect how shaken Washington, D.C., and a a.m. on the people in the United In the immediate aftermath remain open civilized world, against our as a National Day of Prayer the people who lost their own freedom, against our and Remembrance for the lives. own values, values which we

The terrorist attacks of share with the American Victims of the terrorist

Did you know Each September "They were not only attacks landed in rural Pennsylvania. schools

attacks. But many people felt there should be an annual event dedicated to preserving 11, the memory of the victims on 9/11 affected countries communities across the and the heroism of the first across the globe. The attacks United States commemorate responders. A bill to make on 9/11 claimed the lives of the lives lost during the 2001 September 11 a national day of mourning was introduced People around the world place on American soil. On in the U.S. House of mourned those who perished September 11, 2001, four Representatives on October in the attacks, and various commercial airplanes were 25, 2001. The bill passed the made hijacked and sent to various Senate unanimously. On global impact of the Two planes crashed into the country recognized the first senseless acts of violence that towers of the World Trade Patriot Day. On this day, the were perpetrated on 9/11. Center in New York City, one U.S. flag is flown at half-The comments from then-plane crashed into the U.S. mast. In addition, a moment German Chancellor Gerhard Pentagon Building near of silence beginning at 8:46 is observed the world was in the fourth plane was intercepted correspond with the attacks. aftermath of the attacks. from the hijackers and crash- While not a federal holiday and businesses memorial States, our friends in of the attacks, President ceremonies are held for the America," Schroeder said, George W. Bush declared 2,977 victims, including an "but also against the entire Friday, September 14, 2001 annual reading of names of



Learn about the Flight 93 **National Memorial**

the cockpit, prompting the COVID-19 pandemic. hijackers to crash the plane into the field, which is less Flight to Washington, D.C.

and crew onboard Flight 93 art number of lives. All from among 1,100 entries. passengers and crew on board September 11, 2014.

Stonycreek Township in passengers

passengers and crew stormed closures related to the plan-your-visit/webcams.

Advisory 93 professionals Though everyone aboard the leaders, chose a design was thwarted, saving untold Nelson Byrd Woltz Architects

Flight 93 were awarded a Memorial includes the Tower Memorial Plaza and view the Congressional Gold Medal on of Voices, a 93-foot-tall impact site, including a grove The Flight 93 National holds 40 wind chimes, one to were damaged by the crash. A Memorial is located in represent each of the 40 gap in the tree line is still and County, members who perished in the "scar" of the crash.

At 10:03 a.m. on September Pennsylvania, roughly two crash. The tower is located on 11, 2001, the last of four miles north of Shanksville. an oval concrete plaza that planes that were hijacked The memorial was opened to includes two curved concrete earlier that morning crashed family members of the benches facing the opening of into a field near the town of victims on September 10, the tower. The tower is Pennsylvania. 2015, and is now open to the surrounded by concentric The people behind the 9/11 public seven days a week, 365 rings of white pines and attacks later claimed the days a year from sunrise to deciduous plantings. A live hijackers who commandeered sunset, though visitors are webcam of the Tower of the plane intended to crash it urged to contact the Voices can be viewed at into the U.S. Capitol Building Memorial in advance due to h t t p s : / / in Washington, D.C., but potential restrictions or www.flight93friends.org/

Visitors to the Flight 93 In September 2005, the National Memorial also can visit the Memorial Plaza. The than 20 minutes' flying time Commission, which included Memorial Plaza features the family members of the Wall of Names, which is made The efforts of passengers victims as well as design and up of 40 white polished and marble stones inscribed with were nothing short of heroic. community and national the names of the passengers and crew who were aboard flight perished in the crash, proposal submitted by Paul Flight 93 on 9/11. The the attack on the U.S. Capitol Murdoch Architects and Memorial Plaza extends onequarter mile alongside the area where Flight 93 crashed. The Flight 93 National Visitors can walk along the musical instrument that of eastern hemlock trees that crew visible and serves as a lasting







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Learn about the 9-11 Memorial

sight of two planes crashing countries. into the North and South The 9/11 Memorial is from the surrounding city. Towers of the World Trade located on the western side of The Memorial Plaza also

9/11 Memorial was designed etched in bronze. by architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter sites, 400 swamp white oak the 9/11 Memorial Walker. The 9/11 Memorial trees were selected from Museum can be found at and Museum notes that Arad nurseries located in New www.911memorial.org.

Among the more indelible chosen in a design Washington, D.C. These trees to emerge on competition that featured are located throughout the September 11, 2001 was the 5,201 submissions from 63 Memorial Plaza, providing a

Center. Still photos and video the formal World Trade includes one Callery pear footage of those planes flying Center where the Twin tree. That tree was discovered into the Twin Towers were Towers once stood. Two at Ground Zero weeks after the first images of the attacks enormous reflecting pools are the attacks and it was severely many Americans saw, and no part of the Memorial Plaza, damaged. The tree, now one who watched events which is where the North and known as the Survivor Tree, unfold that morning will ever South Towers once stood. The was nursed back to health by forget those images.

Though both the North and South Towers fell on that day, North America. Around the Department and returned to today the site where each edges of the pools, the names the World Trade Center site tower once stood is a serene of people who were killed in in 2010, where it still stands retreat in the bustling lower the 9/11 attacks in New York, as an enduring symbol of neighborhood the Pentagon, on Flight 93, resilience and perseverance. that was shaken to its core on and in the 1993 bombing at the day of the attacks. The the World Trade Center are and open daily from 10 a.m.

and Walker's proposal was York, Pennsylvania and near

peaceful respite separate

The 9/11 Memorial is free to 5 p.m. More information In recognition of the crash about the 9/11 Memorial and



Learn about the **Pentagon Memorial**

At 9:37 a.m. on September submissions. 11, 2001, five hijackers The Pentagon Memorial part of the memorial. The crashed American Airlines sits on two acres of land just wall increases in height from All 53 passengers and six memorial includes 184 crew members perished in benches that are dedicated to

Keith Kaseman. Their design same view. was chosen from 1,100

Flight 77 into the Pentagon in outside where Flight 77 3 inches to 71 inches to Arlington County, Virginia. struck the building. The represent the ages of the the crash, and an additional each of the victims. The maple trees were clustered 125 military and civilian benches are organized in a throughout the memorial, personnel on the ground were timeline of their ages, and these trees feature foliage killed in the fire caused by the stretching from the youngest that changes to orange and 3-yearvictim, The hijacking of Flight 77 Falkenberg, to the oldest, 71- eventually grow to 30 feet, was part of the broader attack year-old John Yamnicky. providing a canopy of shade on 9/11, which remains the Each bench is engraved with over the memorial. deadliest terrorist attack in a victim's name and arches world history. The Pentagon over a shallow reflecting pool free and open seven days a Memorial was created to of water, lit from below. The week year-round, though honor the 184 people whose benches for the passengers visitors are urged to contact lives were lost at the who were aboard the plane at the Memorial in advance due Pentagon on 9/11, as well as the time of the crash are to potential restrictions or their families and all those positioned so visitors will face closures related to the who sacrifice to protect and the sky when reading the COVID-19 pandemic. More preserve the freedom of victim's name. The benches information about the Americans.

dedicated to the victims who Memorial is available at The design of the Pentagon were inside the building are https://washington.org/find-Memorial was developed by positioned so their names dc-listings/national-911architects Julie Beckman and and the Pentagon are in the pentagon-memorial.

A curved wall known as the

Age Wall also is a significant 184 victims.

Eighty-five Dana red each fall. The trees will

The Pentagon Memorial is

Trade Center was attacked

Photographs and video footage of two airplanes flying into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001 are forever etched in the memories of Americans. At 8:46 a.m. on the morning of September 11, five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower. Seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 was crashed into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. Both buildings would ultimately collapse, killing untold numbers of innocent people. The attack on 9/11 was the second terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in less than a decade. On February 26, 1993, approximately 1,200 pounds of explosives in a rental van parked in the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center was detonated by a small cell of terrorists linked to a local radical mosque and an Islamist terror network. The 9/11 Memorial & Museum notes that the explosion created a five-story, 150-feet-wide crater. The attack injured more than 1,000 people and killed six, including Monica Rodriguez Smith, who was Two memorials, a fountain ultimately pregnant. The day of the and a brass plaque bearing commemorate those who lost attack was her last day of the names of the victims of their lives. Each memorial



work before maternity leave. the 1993 attack, were was destroyed in the attacks

on September 11, 2001, but a small piece of the fountain was recovered in the aftermath of 9/11. That piece was rededicated on February 26, 2005.





