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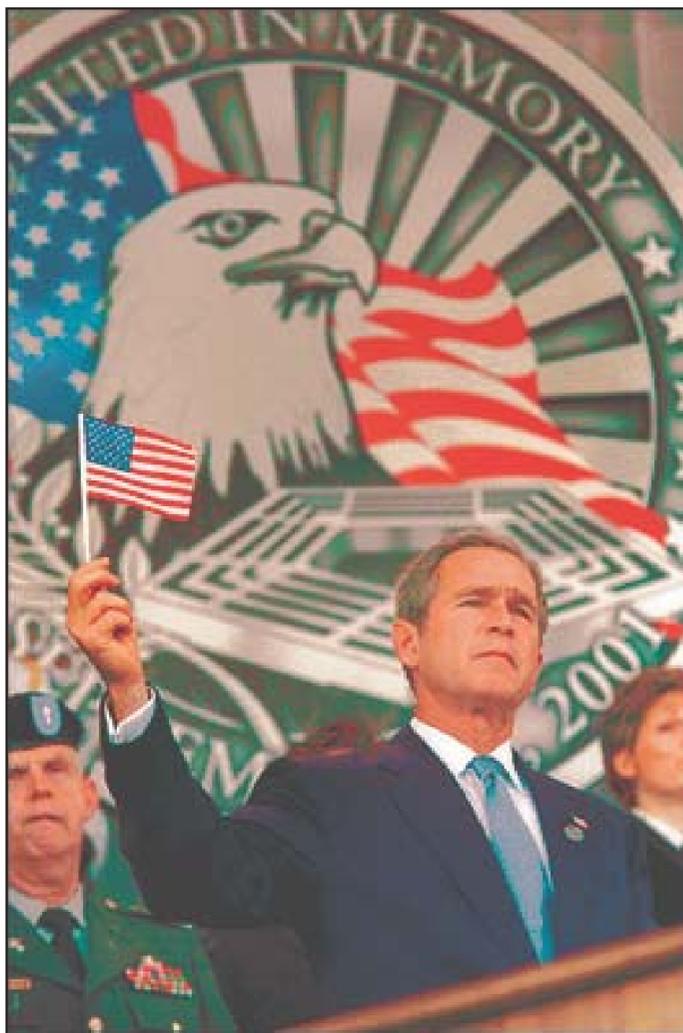
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# Patriot Day 2002

## Commander in Chief proclaims National observance in memory of victims of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks



White House photo by Paul Morse

*Speaking to an audience of thousands at the Department of Defense Service of Remembrance Dec. 11, 2001, President George W. Bush pays tribute to those who lost their lives at the Pentagon. Bush proclaimed the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks as Patriot Day in memory of those who lost their lives in the attacks.*

On this first observance of Patriot Day, we remember and honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

We will not forget the events of that terrible morning nor will we forget how Americans responded in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the skies over Pennsylvania — with heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage; and with prayer and hope.

We will always remember our collective obligation to ensure that justice is done, that freedom prevails, and that the principles upon which our Nation was founded endure.

Inspired by the heroic sacrifices of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens, our Nation found unity, focus, and strength.

We found healing in the national outpouring of compassion for those lost, as tens of millions of Americans participated in moments of silence, candlelight vigils, and re-

ligious services. From the tragedy of September 11 emerged a stronger Nation, renewed by a spirit of national pride and a true love of country.

We are a people dedicated to the triumph of freedom and democracy over evil and tyranny. The heroic stories of the first responders who gave their all to save others strengthened our resolve. And our Armed Forces have pursued the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and else-where with valor and skill. Together with our coalition partners, they have achieved success.

Americans also have fought back against terror by choosing to overcome evil with good. By loving their neighbors as they would like to be loved, countless citizens have answered the call to help others.

They have contributed to relief efforts, improved homeland security in their communities, and volunteered their time to aid those in need. This spirit of service continues to grow as thousands have joined the

newly established USA Freedom Corps, committing themselves to changing America one heart at a time through the momentum of millions of acts of decency and kindness.

Those whom we lost last September 11 will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our Nation.

As we mark the first anniversary of that tragic day, we remember their sacrifice; and we commit ourselves to honoring their memory by pursuing peace and justice in the world and security at home. By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has authorized and requested the President to designate September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2002, as Patriot Day.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance

services and candlelight vigils.

I also call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day.

Further, I encourage all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time, or another appropriate commemorative time, to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

GEORGE W. BUSH

## 9-11 commemoration message to soldiers

One year after the events of September 11, 2001, the Army pauses to remember and honor the victims of the attacks against our nation in New York City, in Washington D.C., and in Pennsylvania.

11 September is a day to reflect on their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families as we pay respect to our fallen comrades, our dearest friends, colleagues, loved ones both military and civilian, and others who lost their lives in those senseless acts of terrorism.

And we also remember those who have been lost in operations since that date in the war against terrorism, a necessary and successful campaign quickly mounted in response to those attacks.

Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have given their last full measure of devotion to our great country, to the defense of freedom, and to the fight against tyranny. We will not forget, and will long honor, their devotion to this country and the principles we hold dear.

For over 227 years now, soldiers have defended freedom. And today, soldiers are again fighting on behalf of the nation as part of America's joint warfighting team prosecuting the war on terrorism.

We can all be justifiably proud of the Army's achievements as the vanguard of democracy and liberty. Those achievements included the actions of Army civilian employees and family members who reacted so bravely and without hesitation to the attack on the Pentagon.

They included the actions of our Army Special Operations forces — first on the ground in Afghanistan — as they linked up with leaders of the Northern Alliance and launched our campaign against terror by creating the conditions for our joint and combined victory — ridding Afghani-

stan of Taliban and al-Qaeda oppression.

They were apparent as soldiers from the Guard and Reserve mobilized for Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, in the determined actions of soldiers fighting in previously unheard of places like the Shah-e-Kot Valley during Operation Anaconda, and in all of the sacrifices and the selfless service of all members of the Army team both at home and abroad over the past year.

So today we honor those lost a year ago, those lost in the long days since September 11th, and all of their families — we know we do not soldier alone.

We acknowledge the enduring contributions of the Army during the past year, and we look forward with determination and resolve as we continue to fulfill our nonnegotiable contract with the American people — to fight and win our nation's wars, decisively.

You are respected by our allies, feared by our opponents, and honored and esteemed by the American people. Your courage, dedication to duty and selfless service to the nation are the hallmarks of the United States Army.

We will never be able to tell you enough how very proud we are of you; the Well-Being of our Army family — soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and their families — is always foremost in our prayers and in our actions. Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices, and for your abiding devotion to duty.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, God bless our magnificent Army, and God bless America.

Eric K. Shinseki      Thomas E. White  
General, U.S. Army    Sec. of the Army  
Chief of Staff

## One year ago today...

### Marks assumes command

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

There are some things in life that you just can't predict or prepare for. We can try to predict the weather for the day, but sometimes the sun continues to shine despite the forecast of rain in the horizon.

I'm pretty sure on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks, when he woke up, he kissed his wife Marty and told her what a great day to be in the Army and to be a soldier.

I'm also pretty sure he polished and laced his boots pretty much the same way he'd done the past 25 years of his career.

In the early hours of dawn, he was probably memorizing his prepared speech he'd soon be delivering to the masses of soldiers on Brown Parade Field as the incoming commander of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

This day, so far, was perfect.

But that's why it's hard to predict the weather. The warm rays of sunshine became a total eclipse of pain, sorrow and despair as word came to Marks from his daughter about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Frozen and shocked next came the news of a plane slamming into the Pentagon.

As Marks commented, "I threw away my prepared speech for assumption of command. What became relevant was truly making sure that we, as an Intelligence Corps and an installation, understood the magnitude of the events that had taken place on the East Coast,

the blatant assault of our national heritage and what we hold pure as true and free."

So what does a leader say to more than 6,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines on the installation he's inheriting to get them through the shocking ordeal that took place the morning of his assumption of command?

How does one maintain his composure and not break down after witnessing an unspeakable evil against our nation?

That's what so funny about the weather. Despite the torrential rain and lightning the storm may bring, we have a rainbow in the sky to remind us that everything is going to be alright.

Marks did what any good leader would have done. You dig deep into your spirit and continue to march forward. I'm reminded of an old colonel I worked for who always said, "You have to have fire in the eyes and a solid intestinal fortitude. You have to have guts."

Although the Infantry is famous for the battle cry, "Follow Me," I'm sure the Ranger-tapped general adopted the slogan and put this installation on his back to meet the challenges of the days ahead as commander.

As Marks reflects on the first year of command, I'll go out on a limb and say he's proud of the resolve this community has displayed since that tragic day.

The year in command has had rainy days, but more days of sunshine. As far as predicting tomorrow's weather, let's just say the forecast with Marks looks brighter than yesterday.



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

**Brig. Gen. James "Spider" A. Marks addresses the crowd during his assumption of command of Fort Huachuca on Sept. 11, 2001.**

# “A faceless enemy has declared war on the United States. So we are at war.”

-- George Bush  
President, United States of America  
Sept. 11, 2001



Photo by Stuart Ramson

## Timeline for September 11, 2001:

In the worst attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor, the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., were attacked Sept. 11, 2001. Four airplanes were hijacked and crashed during the attacks.

### 7:59 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767, departs Boston for Los Angeles with 92 people on board.

### 8:01 a.m.

United Flight 93 departs Newark International Airport for San Francisco with 45 people on board.

### 8:14 a.m.

United Airlines Flight 175, a Boeing 767, departs Boston from Logan International Airport for Los

Angeles with 65 people on board.

### 8:45 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 11 crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

### 9:03 a.m.

United Airlines Flight 175 crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

### 9:31 a.m.

President Bush calls the crashes an “apparent terrorist attack.”

### 9:40 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 77, crashes into the north side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., collapsing a side of the building. It was en route from Dulles Airport to Los Angeles with 64 people.

### 9:50 a.m.

Two World Trade Center – the second tower hit, collapses.

### 10:29 a.m.

One World Trade Center collapses.

### 2:51 p.m.

The U.S. Navy sends missile destroyers and other equipment to New York and Washington, D.C.

### 5:25 p.m.

A third building, 7 World Trade Center, collapses, damaged from the morning’s crashes.

# United in Freedom

## Soldier's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday saddest of his life

By Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Donald Sparks  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

On the eve of his highly anticipated 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, Pfc. John Rivera was making plans on how to celebrate his arrival of being officially "legal" all over the world.

Visions of partying and buying his first drink at a bar lingered in his thoughts the night of Sept. 10, 2001.

"This was my first year being legal," Rivera said. "So I wanted to go out to the bar, whip out my ID and say 'yeah, I'm 21,' but that all went to a halt."

His plans were drastically changed after watching the horrific events unfold on television on Sept. 11, 2001.

As he danced down the hallway in Riley Barracks singing a birthday song, he'd yet to discover what was unfolding on TV.

"That morning I walked down the hall with one of the biggest smiles anyone may have seen their whole life," Rivera said. "But that smile was taken away, and my mouth dropped when I saw the World Trade Center on fire as I walked past the day room."

"Now that great day in your life, when you turn 21, I will never get that back because some ignorant people decided

to sucker punch us in the back."

Rivera, then attending the Electronic Warfare Intercept System Repair course, became disappointed because this was not the way he envisioned his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and knew right then and there his unit was going to be put on lock down.

Because of failed communications following the aftermath of the terrorist attack, Rivera wasn't able to contact family or friends back home at Evergreen Park, Ill., causing some panic with his mother and friends.

"I didn't get to talk to my mom for a day-and-a-half later," he said. "When I finally got a hold of her, she was crying and upset that I joined the Army. I'm the only son, so she was upset."

His friends sent him dozens of e-mails wishing him well, prayers and hopes of a safe return home. After he was able to speak to them on the phone, they praised him for being in the Army and Rivera mentioned some are considering joining the Army now.

Just as the thousands of soldiers who joined the Army and swore to defend the Constitution of the United States of America, Rivera had no idea it would be this early in his military career to prepare for war.

"When the terrorist attack happened,

I didn't think there was a chance of me going to war right then and there," Rivera said. "But I realized that MI has to go and be there. It hit home real quick then that I might have to go after I graduate."

As long as Rivera, now assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 112<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, wears the uniform, he's committed himself to being the best soldier he can be to defend America's freedom.

"As soon as that happened, I told myself that I was going to try to do my job as well as I can," Rivera said. "I want to make sure there is support out there in my field. From that day forward I studied a little bit harder and learned my systems faster."

Looking back one year later, Rivera still frowns upon his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, but he's going to try to look at his birthdays in the future as a celebration of life and freedom.

"So many people were injured and killed," he said. "I thank God everyday I didn't know anyone who was killed there. I also thank God everyday that I'm healthy, my wife and my son are healthy and to look over those families who lost a loved one."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Pfc. John Rivera, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 112<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, watched in horror as the World Trade Center collapsed on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday last Sept. 11.

## Despite act of unspeakable evil, American spirit remains unconquerable

Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart  
Scout News Editor

On that muggy September morning, I stared at the television in my office with my mouth literally hanging open. At first I thought I was looking at footage of the Oklahoma City bombings but my heart sank as I realized that I wasn't.

Even though I didn't have time to discuss the surreal events with a co-worker because I had to get back to formation for the post change of command, that turned out to be one of the longest days of my life.

Thoughts of "who did this?" and wondering if the culprits were home-grown ran

through my head. I also wanted to know what exactly happened.

Sept. 11 is a day that will go down in history because of those horrific attacks, but I've come to look at it as the day my generation came face to face with the reality of pure, unmitigated evil. America had been violated on her home shore, not once, or twice but three times.

One of my best friends, who is also a Muslim and a soldier, was in a daze. She openly wondered what Koran did the attackers read out of? To her it was insane, senseless violence.

I felt the impact as a mother and as a soldier. I only allowed my daughter to view the news very briefly during that time and

simply told her, "Some bad men did it."

The importance of being a soldier, and more importantly the privilege of being an American was never more apparent until after those events. Sept. 11 was my generations turn to be "tried by fire."

But when I see my daughter place her right hand over her heart when the Reville is played in the evening, and faithfully recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day after she gets home from kindergarten, I realize that evil will never win because the American spirit is unconquerable.

Our nation was birthed in prayer, sweat, blood and tears and looking back at the annals of our history, calamity has only served to strengthen our resolve and bol-

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ster our perservance.

Freedom is not free, but I think that we as a nation are more determined to guard it and pay the price for it.

## 'Please tell me this is another "War Of The Worlds" hoax!'

The attack on the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. left many of our readers confused and angry. Following is a sampling of voices of the horrific event that changed their lives forever:

**Melissa Brown, NEWTEC**

"When 9-11 happened, I was not sure how, if at all, it would affect me. I was watching TV at home when the second plane hit.

Between Sept. 11 and Feb. 11, my office building - the AMOCO Building in Chicago, was evacuated four times.

Three times were for bomb threats, but the fourth was because a package was found at one of the security booths in the building. Each time we had to walk down 63 floors to evacuate. The building itself contains 80 floors.

It got scary. I found myself, instead of doing work, staring out the window. Every time a plane would go by my window I got paranoid. I was eventually laid off from work. I took the next five months off and spent it with my kids.

When something like that happens, you don't realize how it's going to impact you - you just don't have a clue.

**Valerie Dann, Fort Huachuca**

When 9/11 happened, my son-in-law woke me up and practically screamed at me that I had to turn on the television.

He said I would not believe what was happening. He was right!! As I watched, speechless, dumbfounded, and totally shocked, the first thing that came to mind was, "LORD in Heaven, please tell me this is another "War Of The Worlds" hoax!

It wasn't, and I cried silently as I watched the horror that struck home. This happened in other, less fortunate countries, not my homeland. Not the United States!

Since that nightmarish day, I have watched as almost every American (and even non-Americans) gathers together in a strong

show of patriotism.

Flags went up everywhere; symbols of our great American pride were displayed on everything, and everyone. I have also seen a rise in hatred toward anyone that even hinted at being from "over there."

That made me very angry and sad also. It is like blaming ALL pit bulls dogs because a few were taught to kill, maim, and hate. This isn't what GOD meant for us.

What also makes me sad, as we reflect upon our greatest sorrow since "D-Day," is that over the past few months, I have not seen quite as much outward show of our patriotism. That I do not understand!

Do we only show our patriotism and American Pride when something tragic happens? Is patriotism a seasonal thing that only shows itself on special occasions like Independence Day, elections, etc?

I for one am just as proud today (if not more so) of being American and showing it in whatever way possible, every day of the year and will continue to do so.

**Martin E. Shapiro, Sierra Vista**

Has America really changed since Sept. 11? I don't think so, or not very much now. For days, weeks and months after this attack, we changed. But it's been a year and we Americans have a tendency to forget; almost tantamount to forgiving.

Very few people now display their patriotism. We also don't seem security conscious very much as well. Or we have reverted back to the, "it can't happen to us" mentality.

After the attack, everyone hated (at least I did) the terrorists who perpetrated this heinous crime. We were all 'gung ho' to go after the terrorists and those who supported them. Not many feel that way now.

I remember Sept. 11 as if it were yesterday. I was watching the morning news before leaving for work. My heart sunk! I had tears in my eyes. I knew terrorists were responsible. And I hated them. I still hate, them.



Photo by U.S. Navy Photographer's Mate 1st Class Preston Keres

A New York City fireman calls for 10 more rescue workers to make their way into the rubble of the World Trade Center, Sept. 15, 2001.

## United we stand, divided we fall

By Ashlee Baker  
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Exactly one year ago, I saw something that struck fear and anger into my heart. An American icon crumbled to the ground right before my eyes.

It was a symbol of our nation's greatness, an emblem of our country's pride and a mark of power. The twin towers, filled with thousands of people working or sightseeing; just like any ordinary day, unaware of the tragic fate that was about to befall them.

On this "ordinary day," the Twin Towers were taken from us. Thousands of lives snatched away from us by an invisible hand, which took the shape of two commercial airplanes. As I watched the news reports, I knew that I was seeing something horrific. It actually reminded me of a horror movie. But this was no movie; it was real.

I can't begin to express the pain, fear and chaos I felt deep down in the depths of my soul that day and even now. I still don't understand why someone would destroy so many lives and then have the nerve to say it was in the name of God.

Now that being said, I will also admit that things didn't fully sink in for me until I actually visited Ground Zero. As I stood

gazing down into the big, gaping hole that once held the Twin Towers, I felt the sense of emptiness get bigger and bigger. It was as if that huge hole expressed in perfect detail how my heart felt.

Even though just thinking about what I saw made me want to fall to my knees in sheer sadness, I have to say that I saw a ray of hope; yes, a beacon of light that had shone through the darkness.

It was the memorial; all those prayers, T-shirts and letters filled with sympathy and love for those lost in the 9-11 attacks and their families. It never occurred to me just how strong and united we had become.

Until I saw the memorial, I didn't realize the people who did this were only trying to split our country apart. After all "united we stand, divided we fall" right?

However, all they accomplished was to bring our country closer. What is clear to me now is that every single obstacle our country has faced we've beaten.

Even when the odds were against us we've pulled through and I know that if we stick together through thick and thin, we will beat *this obstacle* and we will emerge stronger and better.

After all, like I said before, "United we stand, divided we fall!!!"

# Construction workers raise new structure, raze hopes of enemies

By Staff Sgt. Nate Orme  
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WASHINGTON — A perfect exterior reflects the midday sun where less than a year ago devastation and chaos reigned.

The exterior belongs to the newly rebuilt section of the Pentagon where only last September 11 it lay destroyed in the aftermath of a terrorist attack by Islamist radicals using a commercial plane as a bomb.

The rebuilding of the Pentagon was necessary. But the speed and dedication by which it was done made this construction project different — this was personal, according to many of construction workers.

“The timetable was set based on the worker’s reaction to what happened. It was really the worker, not just a management decision,” said Rachel Decker, a communications specialist with the Pentagon Renovation Program. “It was really the closest the workers and management could get to fighting the war on terrorism.”

Less than a month after the attacks, Hensel Phelps Construction Company of Chantilly, Va. was again awarded the contract for the Pentagon construction, this time not to renovate, but to rebuild what its workers had barely finished renovating.

The rebuilding goal has become known as the Phoenix Project, symbolic of the mythical bird that was reborn from the ashes of its own immolation. The name seems to have come from the workers, said Decker, but added, “No one really knows for sure.”

The Phoenix Project crew borrowed the words “Let’s Roll” for their motto, spoken last year by Todd Beamer to his new friends as they moved to stop the terrorists on Flight 93 over Pennsylvania from carrying out a similar attack as was committed at the Pen-

tagon.

The second renovation has actually used the aftermath of the attacks to improve the building’s design. Using information gathered through interviewing survivors, the new project has a host of improvements over the first renovation, said Brett Eaton, a renovation project manager.

There is now a redundant water supply system to help ensure water will reach in an emergency. Interviewed survivors said that exit signs were not visible because of the thick smoke.

Now, photoluminescent exit signs are located along the base of doorways so that in an emergency, personnel can see them if they are crawling under the smoke. Also, intermediate corridors have been added that allow for more pathways of escape during an emergency, Eaton said.

The new design concepts will also be incorporated into the rest of the original ten-year Pentagon Renovation Project, added Jean Barnak, Wedge 1 deputy project manager. The sections of the Pentagon are referred to as wedges, of which there are five.

At the time of the attacks, the Pentagon was already three years into a multi-billion dollar renovation of the 1940’s era complex. It was a small mercy that much of the section of the building attacked was empty at the time, as it was the first part to be renovated.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nate Orme

**A bulldozer landscapes the area outside the Pentagon where the terrorist attack took place last 9/11. The area is designated as the location for a memorial to the victims of the attack.**

Still, 183 Americans died there, including 59 passengers on the plane. While much lower than the number of World Trade Center victims, it exceeds the number killed in the federal building attack in Oklahoma City, previously the worst act of terrorism on United States soil.

The pristine outer walls of the new wedge come from the same Indiana limestone quarry and were cut by the same company, Bybee Stone Co., that supplied the original façade in 1941. Bybee also used the same vintage equipment used to cut the original masonry in order to get the texture just right, since newer equipment gives a much more polished look, said Eaton.

One of the stone slabs is etched with the following words from a message from the President:

“Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings but they cannot touch the foundation of America.” — September 11, 2001

Bybee workers also signed the stone. It complements another stone, also etched with the date September 11, 2001. This stone was set in a ceremony June 11, and a commemorative time capsule was placed behind it. The stone is not newly cut, but rather, it is one of the original stones, purposely left charred on its exterior.

Working 24-hours-a-day with a peak of over 1000 workers, the plans to get the Pentagon back on track to meet its original renovation timeline are being met, according to project managers.

“They set us back some, but not signifi-



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Cedric H. Rudisill

**This aerial photograph of the Pentagon taken on Sept. 14, 2001, shows some of the destruction caused when the hijacked American Airlines flight slammed into the building on Sept. 11.**

cantly. We were able to restore the section in one year that took us three years to complete, Decker said. “It was a combination of factors - the worker motivation, and management.”

The goal of rebuilding within a year was thought too ambitious by some very good planners, but even that goal was exceeded by a month, said Deputy Project Manager Michael Sullivan, on the Pentagon Renovation Program Website. Over 3000 of the original 4600 displaced are already able to move back in, Decker said.

When the Pentagon community again assembles this September 11, it will not only mark the one year remembrance of its members lost in the attacks, it will also know that America not only rebuilds quickly, it rebuilds even better than before.

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DoD photo by Grant Greenwalt

**Reconstruction of the Pentagon continues nearly around-the-clock as construction crews pour concrete for floors and walls on Feb. 6, 2002, to replace those damaged in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the building.**