

9/11 REMEMBERED

WORLD TRADE CENTER, THE PENTAGON, SHANKSVILLE, PA.

TIMELINE OF THE ATTACKS

7:59 A.M.

American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston Logan International Airport, bound for Los Angeles. Eleven crew members, 76 passengers and five hijackers are on board.

8:15 A.M.

United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston for L.A. Nine crew members, 51 passengers

8:19 A.M.

Flight attendant Betty Ann Ong alerts American Airlines ground personnel to a hijacking underway on Flight 11.

8:20 A.M.

American Airlines Flight 77, en route to Los Angeles, takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport. Six crew members, 53 passengers and five hijackers are on board.

8:42 A.M.

United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark, New Jersey, after a delay due to routine traffic. Seven crew members, 33 passengers and four hijackers are on board the San Francisco-bound flight.

8:46 A.M.

Five hijackers crash American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of 1 World Trade Center (North Tower). Dispatchers send emergency personnel to the scene.

8:50 A.M.

During a visit to an elementary school in Sarasota, Florida, President George W. Bush is alerted that a plane, which his staff at first believes to be a small craft, has struck the World Trade Center.

8:59 A.M.

The Port Authority orders the evacuation of both towers. The order goes out over the South tower broadcast system at 9:02.

9:03 A.M.

Five hijackers crash United Airlines Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of 2 World Trade Center (South Tower).

9:05 A.M.

Bush learns a second plane has hit the towers. Twenty-five minutes later, he leaves the school, boards Air Force One and heads for a secure location.

9:37 A.M.

Five hijackers crash American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon.

9:59 A.M.

After burning for 56 minutes, the South Tower collapses in 10 seconds.

10:03 A.M.

Four hijackers crash Flight 93 in a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew storm the cockpit.

10:15 A.M.

The E ring, or outer ring, of the Pentagon collapses.

10:28 A.M.

After burning for 102 minutes, the North Tower collapses.

EARLY AFTERNOON

First responders, search and rescue teams and volunteers converge on Ground Zero to begin rescue operations. The last successful rescue will occur midday on Sept. 12.



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“When I talk about there was total destruction, how many computers do you think were in that building? Hundreds? You didn’t see anything, not even a key. How many toilets do you think were in that building? There was no porcelain. It was all dust and mangled metal. That’s about what it was.”

— **Tom Horner**, a former member of the Johnstown Fire Department and a Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Unit, remembers his experience at Ground Zero.

“I wrapped my arms around this huge column (inside the Marriott hotel) and I held on with all my might because the wind, as the building collapsed, all that air had to go somewhere, and I was in the path of it.
“And that wind lifted me off the ground, so I was horizontal, like a flag in a hurricane. It blew the helmet off my head and I was holding on with all my strength. And that was my moment where I prayed and I prayed, ‘God, I’m not afraid to come to you. In fact, I look forward to it one day, but please not now. I just want to hold my family one more time and tell them I love them.’ Within a matter of seconds, the wind stopped, the noise stopped, I fell back to the ground and I was alive.”

— **Tim Brown**, who, on 9/11, was a New York City firefighter working at the World Trade Center as part of Mayor Rudy Giuliani’s Office of Emergency Management, recalls his experience when the South Tower collapsed.



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NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

180 Greenwich St., New York, New York

- **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Monday and many Tuesdays
- **Museum admission:** \$24-\$36
- **Museum tour (includes admission):** \$48-\$60
- **Official 9/11 memorial guided tour:** \$24
- **Memorial + museum tour (includes admission):** \$85
- **Early access museum tour (includes admission):** \$75
- **Youth and family tour (includes admission):** \$33-\$36
- **Website:** 911memorial.org

WHAT TO SEE

- The twin reflecting pools sit within the footprints of the former World Trade Center Twin Towers. Names of the victims are inscribed around the edges.
- The slurry wall, an exposed 70-foot structure, is the largest exhibit in the museum. It was originally built to hold back the Hudson River.
- The last column is a 36-foot-tall, 58-ton steel beam from the South Tower’s core. The column’s removal on May 30, 2002, marked the end of the recovery and cleanup efforts at Ground Zero.
- The survivors’ staircase provided a crucial escape route for people on the day of the attack.
- O’Hara’s Restaurant and Pub and FDNY Ten House are both located near the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. The bar is a common destination for first responders visiting the area. Engine Co. 10 and Ladder Co. 10 lost six members combined during the attack.



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THE NATIONAL 9/11 PENTAGON MEMORIAL

1 Rotary Road, Arlington, Virginia

- **Hours:** Open 24 hours a day; free admission
- **Website:** pentagonmemorial.org

WHAT TO SEE

- There are 184 cantilevered memorial benches on site, one for each victim who died at the Pentagon during the attacks.
- The age wall slopes from three inches in height, representing the youngest victim, who was 3 years old, to 71 inches for the oldest.
- The Pentagon, which was dedicated Jan. 15, 1943, is the headquarters of the Department of Defense.
- The granite zero line marks the time when American Airlines Flight 77 struck The Pentagon. The engraving reads: “SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 9:37 A.M.”
- Arlington National Cemetery is located near the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. The Pentagon Group Burial Marker is located in Section 64.



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FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

WHAT: 2,000-acre memorial to the passengers and crew of Flight 93.

- Built on the site of a reclaimed strip mine where the plane crashed on Sept. 11, 2001.
- Designed as a living memorial to the event that will continue to change as trees and other native vegetation continue to grow over time.

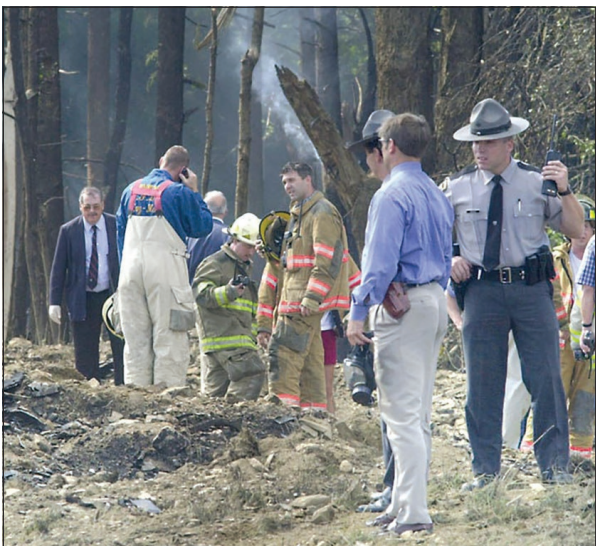
DESIGN: Architect Paul Murdoch

COST: \$60+ million

VISIT: nps.gov/flni



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The crash site boulder is shown at Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville.



THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO
First responders work at the site of the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 near Shanksville on Sept. 11, 2001.