

Even Soldiers Cry

A live account of how 9/11 moved and changed us

Posts from members of Paratrooper.net

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Forward

It is with great reluctance that I write this forward. I believe the words of these men and women stand completely on their own.

However, as a civilian, I *would* like to say something.

There is a mystery to most of us about the military. Sometimes it seems silent; at other times it seems menacing; and still other times, it moves us to tears.

That mysterious silence about the military really isn't that hard to understand. While we are rushing from fad to fad, eating fast food, watching 30 second commercials, 5 minute music videos, using lightning fast modems, driving faster cars, keeping tighter schedules...while we live this fast paced American life, the soldiers of our military sit quietly in the background, protecting us. They never sell themselves out to the media. They simply do not have to. And their example in maintaining their integrity is one that we should take note of.

They also endure cutting words from protesters; low pay, months away from their families, harsh elements, disrespect from teenagers, and much more. They, once again, do this silently and with tolerance.

We, as Americans, have a responsibility to support our military. Our freedoms and rights; the \$200,000 home, the job, the schools, your car, video games, coffee shops, the newspapers we read...ALL of it can be taken away. If we want all of our "things" and all of our "rights" to be protected, then we have to step up to the plate.

After 9/11, we had a renewed sense of patriotism. We suddenly understood that our firefighters, policemen and EMTs were heroes. And we cheered as our soldiers went off to battle evil. We, hopefully, learned a lesson on that day...one that I hope we never forget.

The job these soldiers do is not pretty. They are trained to desensitize themselves to the enemy in order to be able to kill. They use rough language and politically incorrect terms in that effort to desensitize. But they are not monsters. They are insightful, sensitive, caring and, sometimes, even a little emotional. They do not relish the thought of killing. What they relish is the thought of protecting, of attacking evil, of driving off those who wish to do their country harm. And it is NOT pretty or sexy. It is simply what HAS to be done.

We must always remember that even after the patriotic songs begin to grow quiet, even as the flags start to come down, even as we become complacent again...even then, our soldiers will STILL be there. They allow us to become comfortable; to relax; to feel secure and safe. They also allow us the right to speak our minds, to protest, and to disagree.

You can hate what these men and women HAVE to do to protect you, but we can never stop supporting and loving our soldiers.

After all, they loved us enough to be there.

Marsha Sears

Introduction

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 08:26:45

About a half hour ago 2 passenger jet aircraft crashed deliberately into each of the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

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Rigger82

Paratroopers use the air and planes as a means of delivery... to the enemy we bring our usual motto, "Death from Above," but to millions over the course of our 60+ year history what we bring is the hand of freedom, of peace. We bring swift retribution to those who would oppose us and we bring calm to chaos to those that ask for it or are subjugated and unable to ask.

To watch as "Death from Above" was redefined into someone's twisted sense of righteousness was heartbreaking. But conflicted with that heartbreak, a well of vengeance and purpose springs, as paratroopers of old and paratroopers of today suddenly feel the overwhelming responsibility to do what we have been trained to do; to carry out America's resolve; to defend her borders and her honor without regard for our own lives until such a threat is no longer; to be "America's Guard of Honor" as the 82nd motto exclaims.

The feelings expressed in these posts represent that horror, that sense of a call to service and our frustration at being unable to suit up and join our active brethren. We have the knowledge and training to know what must happen and what price that can ultimately cost. This is where the distinction of the veteran soldier and the civilian public is clear. We understand the civilian world as we watched with our families and we know what War really means. The protected will likely never know the real price of freedom. In one instant, we knew that the price would again begin to be paid by our blood or that of our brothers in arms currently serving. While we understand that the price **MUST** be paid, we don't relish the process. All this, sacrificed for freedom... something that so many take for granted each and every day.

We are paratroopers, we hold ourselves to a higher standard, and we demand more of ourselves and of those around us because our lives depend on it. Each of us leaves our country's service for different reasons and at different times, but being a paratrooper **NEVER** leaves us. We have a bond, a brotherhood and a singular attitude until that day when GOD calls us to our final drop zone.

Mark Christianson (**RIGGER82**)

82nd Airborne

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"The nation which forgets its defenders
will be itself forgotten."
- **President Calvin Coolidge**

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price,
bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend,
oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."
John F. Kennedy, 35th US President Inaugural address January 20, 1961

Prologue

Posted - 20 Sep 2001: 21:53:08

This is a call up. We need to pray the Spec Ops prayer or the Lord's Prayer or whatever you pray. I am sure you already have been before God many times this week. But let's make a stick of MEN who will fight on Earth, but are prepared to ask the SUPREME Commander in Chief for wisdom and guidance. So I call you to be in church on Sunday ready to listen. And on Tuesday let's be praying together around the world at 0848 ... praying for one or two soldiers who are brothers of ours, be praying for each other, heck pray for a whole division.

RangerBollman

Posted - 07 Feb 2002: 10:11:27

I got this in an email thought I'd share it here rather than the joke column so more of you could enjoy it...

Little David comes home from first grade and tells his father that they learned about the history of Valentine's Day. "Since Valentine's Day is for a Christian saint and we're Jewish," he asks, "will God get mad at me for giving someone a valentine?"

David's father thinks a bit, then says, "No, I don't think God would get mad. Who do you want to give a valentine to?"

"Osama Bin Laden," David says.

"Why Osama Bin Laden?" his father asks in shock.

"Well," David says, "I thought that if a little American Jewish boy could have enough love to give Osama a valentine, he might start to think that maybe we're not all bad, and maybe start loving people a little bit. And if other kids saw what I did and sent valentines to Osama, he'd love everyone a lot. And then he'd start going all over the place to tell everyone how much he loved them and how he didn't hate anyone anymore."

His father looks at the boy with newfound pride. "David, that's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard."

"I know," David says, "and once that gets him out in the open, the 82nd Airborne could blow the **** out of him."

AIRBORNE82

August 18, 2001

Posted - 18 Aug 2001: 09:15:03

Just back from vacation and I wanted to mention something that's been on my mind. The town we visited has, like many others across the country, a small monument to their veterans of various conflicts. On the plaque dedicated for WW2 were just under six hundred names; many with a small star indicating the person had lost his life. This ville only had a couple thousand residents during those years... The men from the region were very poor, mostly decedents from coal miners. Yet despite being on the lower rung of the economic bracket, many of them volunteered. This was an event repeated in small towns throughout the country at the time. Very telling of our national character...

khyros

Posted - 19 Aug 2001: 01:36:32

Not to undermine the American Patriot from Small-Town, USA, but remember when this was. The U.S. was just coming out of the depression. A lot of these dudes didn't have much to look forward to at the time. Money was short, jobs scarce...food was what you could shoot that day. But then again...this was common all over the U.S.

When the bugle sounds, you can always count on the American to snap to, and volunteer.

Back then, MOM, The flag and Apple Pie were all that mattered.

DeadVet <http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/commo/> - top

Posted - 19 Aug 2001: 14:24:23

That's why Tom Brokaw called it 'The Greatest Generation.'" They truly are.

RangerBollman <http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/commo/> - top

Posted - 21 Aug 2001: 18:17:07

Yeah, they were known as the greatest generation, but as was pointed out already, they came out of the depression and grew up in hard times, etc. I am not taking anything from them to be sure, but the times and environment helped make them who they were.

Those of us, who followed, especially us boomers, grew up in relative prosperity and knew easier times for the most part. Today, 50 some years hence we have gotten a

bit soft both in mind and body, but regardless, I believe if another war of that magnitude engulfed us, we as a Nation would pull together with our staunchest allies (which you can count on one hand) and be triumphant. Just something about the American psyche, which refuses to die.

Ironically, it may take something like that to give us a good swift kick in the pants to get us together as a Country once again..."If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, riddle them with bullets!"

Hooah! ...King, I'm sorry and I promise I won't use your slogan again (at least not here:-), but I like your slogan! couldn't help myself! Now drop down and give me 10!

skysoldier9

<http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/commo/> - top

Posted - 21 Aug 2001: 19:10:59

They were the "Greatest Generation", but nothing has challenged this country, in such a magnitude as WWII did, since then. Also, let us not forget all the anti-war protests of the Vietnam era. Those protests soured many Americans toward the military and the US Government.

Don't take my words the wrong way, because I consider myself a patriot of this great land of ours. I also say to anyone that doesn't like the U.S., that they can go to another country they think is better, but they can't come back once they leave. I just wanted to point this out.

"You can talk about us, but you can't talk without us!" - Signal Corps

SGT_Don_Reising

<http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/commo/> - top

Posted - 23 Aug 2001: 22:11:11

Just a bit I want to add here. This is just an opinion, but if people today you consider patriotic, we are in for a hurting.

I have been on Recruiting duty (ugghh) for the last 2 years and 11 months (almost done yippee) and there's not much I am impressed with about how people feel about defending the country. The average young person I come across daily could care less about it. He/She feels it is not their job to do it, that it is a basic right that is given to them, not earned.

It may be different elsewhere, but here in sunny Southern California, you get to the point where you want to start busting some heads with the attitudes you get. Don't worry, I keep my professional mentality, but I can't wait for this to end. See you on the other side, military side, that is.

G-jet

<http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/commo/> - top

Posted - 23 Aug 2001: 22:22:22

Skysoldier9,

I hear ya. If the sh*t hit the fan tomorrow, patriotism would emerge from the ashes. The Olympics is a perfect example. Every four years, there are a shi*load of people in taverns, the streets, etc, chanting USA, USA. Just think of how it would be if we were in the sh*t.

The only thing that pi**es me off is that people only feel that way every 4 years. Why not every day like me?

ABNSSG_TEX <http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/commo/> - top

Posted - 23 Aug 2001: 23:32:12

Has anyone else noticed that most people seem to think that nothing bad ever really happens in the world- until something bad happens to them?

The people I am talking about, generally, have no vested interest in preserving our great nation, but insist that it is their God-given right to burden the rest of us with their pseudo- intellectual, coffee house, cocktail party sensibilities and moral codes. They feel smug about their noninvolvement in the armed forces and insist that anyone that does is a barbarian.

To these people, I say:

" The laws of our great nation do not allow me to subject you to the kind of treatment you would receive in other countries for running your punk*ss mouth in such an irresponsible fashion. Many soldiers, both men and women, have willingly sacrificed themselves so that you could enjoy the right to make an *ss of yourself whenever you choose."

G-jet, ROCK STEADY! Among all of the flower power espousing, delusional boobs are young people who want to join up for the same reason people have always enlisted. Not every soldier puts on a uniform out of patriotism. Some join to: avoid jail; be educated; escape the bondage of hereditary, poverty, blow sh*t up, get those stylish uniforms for 'free', etc. H*ll! Man, I insisted on being a parachute rigger to ensure that I would be a parachutist! The extra pay I received was just icing on the cake.

For whatever reason we joined- we served. And would not hesitate to do so again if it were necessary. Don't be discouraged, man! We are counting on you! Be strong for those kids that will need to see in you a definitive reason for joining the Fight For Democracy!

RIGGER!!!!

September 11, 2001

First Report

Posted – 11 Sep 2001: 08:26:45

About a half hour ago 2 passenger jet aircraft crashed deliberately into each of the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

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RIGGER82

Posted – 11 Sep 2001: 08:29:11

Let's pray for those who are in the buildings!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted – 11 Sep 2001: 08:46:21

Just came in... Fire reported at the Pentagon in Washington DC.

RIGGER82

Posted – 11 Sep 2001: 08:49:08

Plane reported down at the Pentagon... if it's connected or not to the NYC incident is unclear. Pentagon evacuation is in process.

RIGGER82

Posted – 11 Sep 2001: 08:55:38

What the f...ck is going on? I heard that it was Palestinians.

God help you guys!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 08:59:22

Confirmed report.... American Airlines Flight 11 out of Boston bound for Los Angeles was hijacked... it's assumed one of the planes involved in the attack.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:02:45

HOLY ****.

The southern tower of the World Trade Center just collapsed.. . It's GONE.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:06:19

I'm hearing reports that the White House is burning? What info do you have?

gfergie

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:07:19

No reports of White House problems... just the Pentagon.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:08:59

Eye witness... 9:35 EST two-engine plane from south deliberately crashed into the Pentagon building.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:23:35

Reports of buckling in the North tower of the World Trade Center... fears that it may collapse.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:29:06

Reports of a car bomb explosion outside the State Department Building in Washington DC.

This is unconfirmed as of yet.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:31:26

We just lost the remaining tower of the World Trade Center...

There is no longer a Twin Tower World Trade Center.

If you have family or friends in the area, our hearts and prayers go out to them.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:34:58

We're hearing another plane has been hijacked about 20 min ago in the Newark area. Have you got anything on that?

gfergie

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:46:28

GENTLEMEN, THE ARAB WORLD HAS DECLARED WAR ON OUR BELOVED COUNTRY AND WAY OF LIFE. OSAMA BIN LADEN, THE ISLAMIC JIHAD, HAMAS, AND SADDAM HUSSEIN, MUST BE ERASED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

PEARL HARBOR IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THIS DELIBERATE AND WELL-PLANNED ACT OF WAR. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO!??

I'M ONLY 35 AND READY TO BOARD THE C-17s. THIS COULD TAKE US INTO WORLD WAR III.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:48:42

Confirming two American Airlines planes hijacked... the one in Boston and the other out of Dulles Airport and both appeared used in the attacks on the World Trade Center towers...

90+ crew on one and 60+ crew on the other.

I'm here in Chicago and they have suspended trading, evacuated the Sears Tower and many of the government buildings downtown.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:57:55

2RangerRios, I'm 27 and I'm not American, but I'm ready to join you in your fight!

Airborne all the way!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:01:42

This looks serious, boys. This is a concerted attempt by an organization that crosses political and religious boundaries. Attacking the PENTAGON inside of restricted airspace goes way past the definition of a terrorist attack. The huge clouds of smoke are causing me serious concern. Now there are unconfirmed reports of a crash at Camp David. Get ready!

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:03:38

Gentlemen, here at XXXXXXXXXX we are already on the move!!! Aircrews are launching as I write this. We will support this tragedy until the bitter end.

Hopefully mine and C17Heavydrops sortie will be over some ARAB country dropping the Rangers on their fvcking heads!!!

GOD BLESS THE VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!!!!

Mortarman11c

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:10:35

The earlier calls that it was the Palestinian Democratic ... have been withdrawn, the contact was anonymous and the actual leaders of that organization have denied responsibility.

We have friends in NY and in Washington and I'm hoping to hear from all soon.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:12:25

Rigger, Do we have any contacts on line in the middle east to give us a sitrep? My guess would be an attack on our force over there next!

We need to get a step ahead of them now!!!

gfergie

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:14:55

2CARLITO, THE BULL S-H-I-T IS OVER. NO MORE TALKING OR DIPLOMACY, THIS IS AMERICA AND THEY HAVE KILLED OUR PEOPLE. WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO JUSTIFY WAR!!!! BUSH REALLY NEEDS TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS AND DEPLOY OUR FORCES AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. I FEEL SORRY FOR THE COWARDS WHO DID THIS. IF THEY WANTED A WAR THEY HAVE ONE. RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:38:07

If any of you out there can give blood, do it... The casualties from this will quickly exhaust the Red Cross' supply. Remember, if you've received the anti-botuli or anthrax injections you can't donate.

Right now, I feel worthless, sitting here at work in front of a computer...

Perhaps the time has come to break out all our toys in storage at Johnson Atoll and Yumatilla...

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:49:36

Men, about 50,000 people have jobs associated with the WORLD TRADE CENTER. A couple of hundred innocent jetliner passengers have also been executed by these animals. An unconfirmed CNN report has a radical Islamic Jihad group claiming responsibility. We need to have a least 4 carriers crank up and head towards the MIDDLE EAST 'ASAP'!!!!

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:16:28

2RangerRios,

I'm with you. And I'm totally agreed with your statement.

Jesus, I have friends in NY. And I can't get them on phone! **** them. Somebody has to pay for that!

Let's go!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:21:03

Men, some of our emergency response heroes have been injured as one of the World Trade Center towers tumbled to the ground.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:23:24

Who's at fault? Consider this, no nation would be stupid enough to support this attack because they know our response would be devastating.

Of potential suspects, the only one with the organization and infrastructure to coordinate something is Osama Bin Laden's Jihad. Some anonymous nut claiming to be from the PLO claimed responsibility and Arafat refuted the report and condemned the attack. The Palestinians receive most of their funding and support from U.S. citizens so this would be like cutting their own throat and is very unlikely. Besides, if the PLO could carry out these well-planned attacks, Israel would've been hit much worse in the past few years.

No doubt, those responsible and their associates should have their culture wiped from the face of the Earth, however we should be damn certain who's at fault before we drop the hammer.

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:31:39

By the way, the towers at this point seem to have been taken down by secondary devices. Following normal terrorist procedures, these were probably planted to kill or injure emergency and police personnel. By the early casualty estimates, this will have been the most devastating attack on the United States since our inception.

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:34:44

From what I'm finding out... all military installations are at Threat Condition Delta and assistance crews are in route to help.

On a personal note... a friend of the family works across the street from the WTC and we finally heard from him a short time ago... we are very relieved, but still concerned for all those still left unaccounted for.

I agree that if someone does come forward, the country that houses that group better start opening its borders to US troops or else there might not be much left, but pave able area.

Here in Chicago, the local malls are closed, various businesses, construction on main routes in and out of the city has been stopped to allow free flow of traffic and many of the larger schools have been released.

This is the U.S. nightmare scenario. Our only hope is that someone is actually stupid enough to take credit for it and give us a clear enemy to focus on... apparently the

taliban (in Afghanistan) has said that they have denounced the act (apparently to assuage attention from them and Osama bin Laden). Whether it's true or not is open to debate... time will tell.

RIGGER82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:09:08

The bottom line is that Bin Laden has been implicated before on terrorism against the U.S. and its interests. Why are Afghan leaders scrambling to dissociate themselves from Bin Laden only a few hours after the attack on America? Do they know something by now we are not privy to yet????

Any countries that shelters or harbors these animals beware.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 13:58:21

In the last few weeks Bin Laden released a tape in which he basically said that they were going to up the ante by making larger attacks against Israel and the U.S. The Taliban is playing the deniability game hoping to prevent an attack on them. They are trying to say that it was probably "internal enemies".

Also, the Hamas and Islamic Jihad have condemned the attack but blame it on U.S. policy.

Anyone who assisted with this attack and who is inside this country is either a spy or a traitor, depending upon his or her citizenship status.

Airborne All The Way

509Trooper

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 16:48:06

... It has been confirmed that many emergency management personnel were entering the Twin Towers for search and rescue operations as those huge structures began to tumble to the ground. Many were trapped and killed. Please say a prayer for those heroes and their families.

In the military is not the only place we see heroes in everyday life.

THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE...RLTW!!!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:00:27

Rios, you are right. The radio this morning reported that there were 200 firefighters MIA at the Towers. That does not include police and EMS personnel.

Airborne All The Way

509Trooper

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:42:43

Men, I hate to keep adding fuel to the fire, but there are wide reports now of dancing in the streets of many Arab Middle Eastern countries. Until we get more accurate information on these supposed 'celebrations' I won't say more. However, by tomorrow we may not only get more accurate reports, but we may also get video and our foes will be better defined from our friends over there.

I don't think its smart to be jumping up and down when the lives of so many Americans have been affected by this. Then again, people in those Arab countries may have little regard for American life.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 18:29:34

Hey guys,

Here in Atlanta the downtown area is looking like a ghost town around the federal buildings. The traffic is heavy coming out of Atlanta headed northbound.

I hope Hossra and the other Paratrooper.net members in the D.C. area are safe. I guess we all know this is the end of stress cards, expensive headgear, and unethical leadership. I suspect that after today our whole way of life will change.

Already the price of oil is up from \$6 to \$32 dollars a barrel and other countries are taking advantage of the economic damage done to us. However, the world will see why we are the only Superpower left in the world.

We will dig out, bury our dead, and then we will have a reckoning. No turn the other cheek, no pacifist B.S., NO HALF MEASURES. The last country to attack us this way was introduced to atomic weapons, I don't think we can do any less than to ensure that every enemy, potential enemy or lunatic understands that the price of attacking us this way is too horrible to contemplate.

Here at the Sheriff's department we have our flags at half-mast, black tape across our badges, and heightened security.

I believe Lee Greenwood said it best...God Bless the U.S.A.

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

September 11, 2001

*“Last night my wife gave birth to our
second son.”*

- Airborne82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:45:23

Last night my wife gave birth to our second son. This morning I wake up to half of NYC being blown away, the Pentagon being hit and a flight crashing very close to some family I have in western PA.

When are our leaders gonna take control of this? We should be (RIGHT NOW) bombing the sh*t out of every country that harbors, funds, and provides a safe haven for these terrorist *ssholes. Who cares who's responsible? If they harbor terrorists, let's rotate our ordnance. If you squeeze someone's balls hard enough you will get who's responsible.

This is an act that almost makes the attack on Pearl Harbor insignificant. I hope this time we kick ass and take names; not just fire a few cruise missiles in.

God Bless those who have lost loved ones at the hands of these cowards.

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:50:48

Murph:

I think it's safe to say that the response to this is going to be more than a few cruise missiles or smart bombs.

In Tom Clancy's Clear and Present Danger, narcoterrorists assassinate the FBI director, and the president says, "I'm through 'sending messages.' I want them to get the message whether the phone rings or not!"

I can't help but agree...

martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 16:35:56

Congratulations on the birth of your son, Murph! Don't let the day's events put a damper on your family's joy. Thank your wife and count your blessing. You are a wealthy man!

We are all doing our part to make the world safe for our children. God Bless!

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 16:49:26

Congratulations on the birth of your son! It's nice to have some good news on a day like today.

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 16:55:16

Murph,

Congratulations on the birth of your child. Best wishes to you and your family.

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 02:50:09

Congratulations on the newest addition to your household.

longarm

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 13:53:13

CONGRATS

Ertman

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 14:45:04

Congratulations!!!!

I'm sure the new trooper hit a perfect PLF!

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 00:28:26

A new life in the middle of chaos and destruction, there is hope after all.
Congratulations and God Bless

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 01:34:26

In our time of anger and dismay we have the future, a small bundle of hope and our future.

Congratulations on the newborn.

I bet you a beer that if you play your cards right, the first word will be AIRBORNE!
Any takers?

Muddy_Rigger

Posted - 16 Sep 2001: 23:19:45

Thanks all, been out of the loop for a few days with the wife rotating home and all.

You all can be sure his first word will be Airborne! So it'd be a fool's bet with Muddy!

Household 6 and myself appreciate all the fine words and well wishing you all passed along.

AIRBORNE!

AIRBORNE82

September 11, 2001

“Dear God, what is happening?”

- martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:04:26

To everyone:

Like all of you, I'm glued to the tube. At first it just didn't seem real. Wasn't it like a movie? You kept waiting for it to stop, or for Arnold or Sly to come in with guns blazing and make it all right.

As I watched, I knew I'd seen it all before. The anger and the shock and the rage were building up, but I was still in control. Hell, I went to class this morning.

The professor, a former civil rights attorney from New York, had us observe a moment of silence for the victims, and then he cancelled class. Reluctantly, he said, because "that's exactly what these people want." But how can we discuss subtle nuances of the law when the supreme act of lawless cowardice has just occurred?

But as I watched, it still didn't penetrate me. We'd seen this before, right? Oklahoma city, the US embassies in Africa, the 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks, they all look the same: Rubble and confusion and fire. More confusion and conflicting reports from the pentagon. A bomb here. Another there. This one's a hoax, that one's not. We'd seen it all before. Not as bad, not by a long shot, but something to be mourned.

Then the cameras stopped showing the file footage of the buildings collapsing, the endless repeats of the airliner smashing into the tower over and over like some computer game. They shut it off for just a minute, and went live.

And what did they show?

F-15's flying. U.S. Air Force fighter planes flying Combat Air Patrols over New York City.

Think about that. U.S. Planes are flying Combat Air Patrols over the United States' biggest city.

Even in WWII, when Japanese balloon bombs started forest fires in the West and killed a few people, even when U-boats were sinking merchant ships within sight of the New Jersey beaches, we never had to fly CAP over New York City.

When I saw those planes flying over the city, I lost it. I wept.

Dear God, what is happening?

martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:16:01

Martin, keep the faith brother. America will survive...we will get our revenge. We'll work through this. The Eagle has been bloodied, but we sure as hell ain't been beat. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

Mortarman11c

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:30:03

martinjmpr, I hear you and I'm sorry. America will overcome this. I hear you about the combat air patrols but it had to be done since we are down for the count now, but we will get up and survive this and bring the perpetrators to justice. RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:17:43

Martinjmpr, as our previous brothers of the silk have said...Keep the faith. We, as a country, have overcome many problems ..Big and Small, and we shall overcome this.

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 03:36:35

When I first heard we were under attack and saw the effects of the attacks on the news, well I thought we were under a military attack. I couldn't hear a word that the news reporters said ... I just saw the WTC smoking / burning and then I saw the pictures of the pentagon, I felt a level of rage overcome me that I've never felt in my entire life.

I turned off the TV and grabbed my .45 and shotgun and I headed to friend's house a few miles down the road and told him to grab his sh*t and let's go I'll take you onto the base with me. When I later found it was a terrorist attack, I almost puked it made me so sick.

My Cousin Tom lives in New York and is a Fire Fighter, I haven't heard from him and haven't be able to contact him ... I can only hope that he wasn't one of the many men killed in the buildings' collapse, and I can also only hope that I get a chance to help avenge the people who've died and lost a loved one in these attacks WWR - GBA

SemiAuto

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 22:18:52

While outside working on a customer's home today (I do pest control), for the first time in days, I heard the roar of a jet engine and instinctively looked to see where it was & where it was heading, then it occurred to me how quiet it had been lately. I nearly wept, but fought it back, as my rage is probably the only thing keeping me going right now.

I need it like I need oxygen, because if I stand in front of a company of young MP's this weekend, with tears in my eyes and fear in my heart, they will forget everything about soldiering I have taught them. I need my rage now, and when the bombs fall and CNN shows footage of dead women and babies and says "Is n't war awful?" my rage will let me say, "Justice is served". Will I be ashamed of my feelings later in life? Maybe, but I'll deal with that later.

I have a short message for you rag-bastards; a message that was delivered over 50 years ago in the snow of the Ardennes forest,

"I am the 82nd Airborne, and this is as far as the bastards are going."

ABNSSG_TEX

September 11, 2001

The Fight

*“Frankly, I don’t think ANY response is
out of line...”*

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:59:56

All ISLAMIC activity in the U.S. needs to be placed under surveillance.

NO, I'm not saying do what we did to Japanese Americans during WW2; our world is a lot more complex than it was 59 years ago. But these people have too much access into our infrastructure and here you see the result. Our borders and people need to be better protected! SAD!

This was a HUGE plan (extra ordinarily large operation) designed to KILL and send a clear message to the United States. These people were also well funded and supported outside and inside our borders.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:16:25

Not confirmed. The Army side of the Pentagon was hit by a Jumbo Jet. Again, not confirmed.

There is a blood shortage now both in the D.C. and N.Y. areas. If you have the ability to donate head over there now.

The World Trade Center is no more. Both towers have been destroyed.

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:19:49

Whoahhhhhhh!!!! Rios you are way the f*uck out of line!!!

Your post encourages the hysteria, which inevitably leads to the discussion of prison camps, religious persecution and other fascist concepts. It is exactly this line of reasoning that led to the persecution of Japanese Americans during WW2.

Remember to keep a calm head. The whole point of an attack of this kind is to disorient our country. Don't be guilty of wasting ammo shooting at anything and everything that moves.

Where WAS the N.S.A. on this one? They are supposed to be listening to everything and everybody.

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:26:55

RIGGER!!! You want to talk about being OUT OF LINE. Look at all the DEAD you dumb a-s-s. We are about to confirm those responsible and everything so far is pointing in one direction.

WAKE UP before you are in a body bag too.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:32:08

Rios: Man, I totally understand your feelings, but don't you see that is exactly what the b*stards want? They want us to react out of fear and hatred; they want us to lash out at all Islamic peoples. If we do, then they can point to our actions and say "see? America really **is** and evil nation!"

True Islam is like true Christianity: It preaches tolerance, respect and peace. Hitler was a Catholic, does that mean that what he did was representative of Christianity?

PLEASE understand that I share your feelings of rage and helplessness, but in order to remain a great and moral country our response needs to be FOCUSED on the SOB's who did this. Real Muslims who follow the Qur'an are just as devastated by this as Christians and Jews who follow the Bible.

Remember that military power isn't just violence, is CONTROLLED, DIRECTED violence.

But I hear you, Brother.

PS: New York has a large Muslim and Arab population. How many of them do you think were killed in today's attacks? This is not the Judeo-Christian world vs. the Muslim world (at least I pray it doesn't become that), this is a war against the forces of chaos and darkness and terror.

Martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:33:40

Rigger, I agree, rangerrios you are way out of line here. I don't want to see people running around the streets trying to gather up everyone who look to be of Middle Eastern decent.

We must remain calm & take care of all our injured & dead. Let's all take a moment to say a prayer for all those involved.

When we find who was behind all of this, we will bring the full might of this sleeping giant together & show these cowards what hell is like.

gfergie

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:40:25

Rios-The dead are in the Arms of the Lord, you delusional, addelepatad racist.

I forgive you in your time of anger and grief. But be warned that any sort of half-*ssed retaliation by the U.S. places us in severe jeopardy of looking like a blind flailing giant.

Who's a dumb*ss? Do you really think you are going to find out who is really responsible on the f*cking network news? Shut off your computer and join the civilian idiots, because that is what you are starting to sound like. You should know better, man.

Be angry- I AM! But don't be stupid!

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:40:30

In class today: The most liberal, leftist, pacifist student came up to me, shaking with rage, and saying "It's war. Give me a gun. I'm ready to go!"

Even just in terms of casualties, this is MUCH worse than Pearl Harbor.

God Help us all.

Martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:43:09

martinjmpr,

I DID NOT DRAW FIRST BLOOD. This is not war against all Islamic people, but they need to WEED OUT these animals from their societies before the WRATH of those who WILL respond to this come upon them too. Those who committed it our now

gone but those who were part of the planning are still enjoying life. They are cowards and send others to do their dirty work for them. We ask the countries where they are operating from TO TURN THEM OVER IMMEDIATELY FOR TRIAL, AND MORE THAN LIKELY EXECUTION. If not those countries that harbor these individuals will suffer too.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:44:53

Let's all be cool. I'll shoot beside any of you, but first I wanna ID a target. It's natural be enraged at this point, but good military OPS need time and planning. Let the FBI do their work, so we warriors can do ours.

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:45:24

Sorry, everyone. I don't cotton to being called a dumb*ss by ANYONE. It is quite clear that I am not alone in my desire to catch the real culprits instead of torturing every Muslim I see until someone spills the beans. Rios and everyone- forgive my angry outburst.

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:49:27

RIGGER!!! Beware, I may not know who did this, but you started attacking me FIRST and called me a RACIST. If I must shut down my computer you must do the same and quit talking garbage. If you have a glass ceiling you should not throw rocks.

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:51:59

Frankly, I don't think ANY response is out of line right now. 50,000 people worked in the Twin Towers!!!! FIFTY THOUSAND. 2400 were killed in Pearl Harbor. You do the math.

Not to mention all the collateral damage to the people on the ground, as well as those lost in the passenger aircraft, etc.

I really hope Bush is as strong as I think he is, and has the clear-mindedness his dad did during the Gulf War era.

If anything, the thing that bothers me the most is the large number of people around me who really don't care, or are even cracking jokes about it. It just shows how selfish, complacent, and damned useless a lot of citizens have gotten.

DRAFT THEIR A\$\$es! It's time to go turn the enemy's country into the world's flattest parking lot.

kingofsting

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:59:29

First crews in Bravo alert. Me and C17Heavydrop are on crew #2. We'll be gone within the next 24-36 hours. Medivac flights at first. Fly in heavy equipment and take out casualties. Keep the faith people.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

Mortarman11c

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:10:51

Rios, Rigger!!! It's time to grow up and play nice. Shake hands and direct your anger at the bastards who did this. We don't need to waste time and energy arguing amongst ourselves. If you two want to continue this personal attack on each other create a new forum where you can argue alone. I know you feel the need to vent, but controlled anger is much more effective than blind rage. Either way, direct it at "them" not each other.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:19:30

Troopers, let me clarify something here. RIGGER!!! is accusing me of throwing all Muslims here in the same category and it definitely may sound like that in my prior posts this morning and I was pissed.

However, the truth is that the individuals who perpetrated this (may or may not be Muslim or Islamic) are the ones who threw in all the casualties of this cowardly act in the same basket. Some Muslims may have died in the act, too, but that is an acceptable price tag for losers such as these who think they are in heaven now when actually they are burning in HELL.

So far CNN is reporting that U.S. intelligence is investigating the possibility that this could have been an act carried out by Americans, such as it happened during the Oklahoma City bombing, but they are also actively investigating the following groups as we speak:

- Osama Bin Laden group
- Hezbollah
- Islamic Jihad
- Hamas
- PLO

Time will tell and I believe that with all the Intel muscles that are being thrown at this, it will be sooner rather than later.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:23:18

ForceRecon,

I hear you and I apologize. At a time like this you are absolutely right.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:25:50

What is this all about? Is there a bull's eye on my back or something?
I don't need a bibliography, thanks.

Rios- True, you never rationalized persecution- you called for it outright! I bear you no ill will because of your ethnicity. Puerto Rico and her people are wonderful. My point is that in the hostile climate you proposed, YOU would become a target too. Mobs seldom take the time to discuss the finer points of due process and the truth with their victims. Once the mob mentality gets going, it does not care if you are from Puerto Rico or Brooklyn. If you are a suspect, your mistreatment is justified to them. Be smart enough to figure that out.

Lots of love and luck to our active duty troops! Swift journey and Godspeed.

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:31:27

Look dude I called a truce and you keep attacking my background. Stop blowing smoke up my a-s-s. No one here called for MOBS but you.

Stop using my hometown to justify your stupidity and double standards.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:39:38

Am I mistaken or did Rios say ALL Islamic activity should be monitored? That would mean placing all Muslims in the same category would it not?
ForceRecon- BULLSEYE!

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 13:48:58

WILL YOU TWO KNOCK IT OFF!!!

That's not a request! Drop it here and now, I don't care who called whom what. Let it be! Focus your anger at the bastards that did this. Now, PLEASE Let that be the END OF IT!

I do think that we should hold the Middle East as a whole responsible in a way. Hold them responsible for harboring terrorist fugitives. Give them an ultimatum, give them up or we bomb them out. Plain and simple. NO NEGOTIATIONS!!!

The Local Arab Community here (the largest in the US) has issued a statement that said in part, "Please don't hold us responsible or take your anger out on us."

In a way I believe this. I know many Arabs (Chaldians) that are not worthy of American Citizenship. The majority actually. BUT, there are, however, some that are very worthy. I know quite a few Arabs, especially some Iraqi's and some Kuwaiti's that love America. I was told by an Iraqi Storeowner back when I joined in 94, that if

I kill Hussein, I get free liquor and beer for life. I have a couple of Arab friends that are good people, but we are in a scary situation, and the rest of the world is watching.

Has anyone in here seen the movie "The Siege?" That was an excellent movie. HOWEVER, the answer is NOT to hoard all Arab Americans into Camps. That's what the bastards want us to do. I, however, do believe that Martial Law should be placed into effect in the designated AO's.

Bush has the world watching him now, more closely than ever before. I can only hope that he does the right thing and retaliates in a way that sobers the rest of the world and makes them realize the world in which we truly live in.

I have already called my local recruiter to find out about a possible med. waiver for me to Re-enter Active Duty. If we go to war, I cannot and will not sit by on the sidelines and watch from the safety of home. (How safe is home really?) I always wanted my CIB.

I WANT JUSTICE, I WANT BLOOD!!!!!!!!!!

longarm

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 16:00:54

I am pissed off just like everyone else, but after the Oklahoma City bombing everyone thought it was someone from the Middle East, so I think we should all sit tight until we know for sure who was behind this cowardly deed.

I agree it was probably someone from over there and probably the leading suspect, but to accuse someone of this, without knowing, isn't right. We all want revenge, but let's get the right people. I, as much as anyone, want to see the sky darkened with B-52's over the enemy, but we want to hit the right target also.

As far as what Rios said, I would have been disappointed if anything less would have been said.

Rios is a warrior and his warrior's blood is up. I would go to war with him any day and I have never met him. I know what he has done in the military and that is good enough for me. I know what he said was from anger not from racism. I accept what he said as a warrior, not a political correct statement from a civilian.

War is not pretty and that is what we should have been fighting for the last ten years against these cowards. Our political leaders have been afraid to fight them the way they fight us. It will be interesting to watch how our current leader faces the enemy.

You can't stop this kind of terrorism without putting men on the ground. Is our leadership willing to really hurt the enemy and do that? You can't identify the dead enemy leadership with a cruise missile; you have an AIRBORNE RANGER STAND OVER HIS DEAD BODY AND IDENTIFY HIM!

No more fighting between us, we all want the same thing, REVENGE!

Ranger2

September 11, 2001

Civilian Heroes

*"They were soldiers
when they needed to be."*

- martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 17:37:27

Where was the security?

The terrorists had to have had guns to pull this off.

This is a day of infamy and mourning, but I am tired of our continued inaptitude. We had better get competent quick and find those responsible and institute massive retaliation.

We are dealing with a "mentality" that breeds their sons to become "human-bombs" and murderers; not combatants, but innocent women and children. Not for God and Country, but a piece of ass! (70 each to be exact). The CIA, FBI, etc.? Well, Castro and Saddam are still walking around, ditto Osama Bin Laden and the pig Arafat who "The World" awarded the Nobel piece prize!

I hope Bush and "our leaders" get the job done because if they don't we are in for a lot more of this stuff. As an American, one who has put his life on the line for his Country, I demand massive retribution when those responsible are found. 10,000 lives for each American killed! This may sound savage, but it will work to prevent future occurrences.

It took two bombs to convince the Japanese, but it eventually did end the war. United we stand, divided we fall!

skysoldier9

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 17:41:15

There was a CNN correspondent on one of the flights. She had contact via cell phone prior to the crash. She stated that the men responsible, at least on her flight, had only knives and cardboard cutters, razors, when they took over the flight.

Brave lady, reporting via phone as long as she could. Pray for her.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 17:48:40

What!?! They had no guns, only knives? I can't believe out of those 4 flights and with all the men on board they didn't unify and jump the punk ass terrorists.

I'm frigging sick!

skysoldier9

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 17:54:53

Had the passengers known what was in store, they probably would've charged the terrorists. Quite possibly, that's what occurred on the one that crashed in PA.

My question is: were any air marshals onboard, or are they only on international flights?

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:01:00

quote:

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Does the US even use Sky Marshals? I thought they discontinued that program.

Last I heard the Israeli airline (El Al) has armed sky marshals on their flights. They are armed with low-velocity .22 cal semi autos, and I guess the idea is that if they have to use them they just keep pumping rounds in until the hijacker drops. I also believe that they have **never** had an aircraft hijacked.

In 1987 when I flew to Germany, I remember seeing the El AL building at Frankfurt airport. It looked like a bunker, was topped with barbed wire, had an armored vehicle parked out front and was guarded by security people with submachine guns.

Needless to say, nobody messed with them.

martinjmp

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:01:56

skysoldier9, I hear you. I WOULD HAVE BEEN ALL OVER them AS*HOLES. If they would've had guns I would have definitely gone down trying.

In one jetliner, it seems that the MEN did have a PAIR, since it went down before reaching Camp David, the Capitol Building or the White House, which could have been the intended targets for that particular bird.

Pray for the men who more than likely fought the terrorists on that aircraft. They are heroes.

On the second jetliner (767) that slammed into the south Twin Tower, it is reported that about 56 passengers, about a crew of 8 and an undetermined number of terrorists were on that aircraft.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:08:28

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If that's what happened they deserve the MOH. I don't care if they were civilians, they were soldiers when they needed to be.

I just got off the phone with my dad, and he brought up an intriguing thought that hadn't occurred to me: The 4th plane crash (the Pennsylvania crash) was about 1 hour after the other ones. IOW, it was AFTER we already knew what happened at the Pentagon and WTC.

Maybe it was shot down? No one has mentioned the possibility, but is it that far fetched? It was hijacked more than an hour before it crashed, and there was at least one person on the plane reporting about the hijacking.

I can only imagine the horrible moral dilemma that the NCA must have had to make, but is it too far outside the realm of possibility that they might have had to make a terrible decision and order the plane shot down?

martinjmp

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:08:29

I believe we are looking at 30,000+ in MIA, KIA and walking wounded.

I hope someone from the "stablishment" checks out this page and sees this-----

Keep an eye on the West Coast now. What a way to top another attack, better than the first.

Man, what a waste. A freakin' punk ass beeatch high jacks a plane with a butter cutter (course I would rather be shot than cut) and obliterates our head shed and towers. It will most definitely get worse before better.

AbnDaddy

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:16:22

As I've said many times before and martinjmpr reiterated, the Israelis are the best special ops in the World. We need to emulate them more (in my opinion.)

I can see that perhaps if, as was said here, that the men on the plane didn't know what was in store that they might not react until too late, but hopefully now that we are awake we will have "sky-marshals" on every flight and armed with appropriate weapons.

This most unfortunate event(s) will hopefully unite us as the greatest Country on Earth. We've been asleep and complacent for too long! Revile, revile!

skysoldier9

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:21:05

martinjmpr, that is a possibility, but if the bird was ordered shot down maybe the information would have filtered out already.

As we have already discussed, maybe a struggle inside the aircraft could've brought it down.

The Pentagon is reporting about 100 KIA/WIA at that location. Hope that hossa is ok.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:21:44

As former or current military personnel, many of us in very specialized units, we are used to giving up some of our civil liberties, freedoms, and creature comforts in order to protect this Nation. Maybe now the rest of America will be less likely to complain when someone steps on their toes a little in the name of National Security.

We need to take a very hard line approach to security matters in this country. It should become instant policy that Airlines no longer will allow carry-on items. Everything goes into cargo, and every bag is opened and searched prior to being placed into the plane. X-rays are not enough obviously. Physical searches of all property coming on board are in need here. And every metal detector "hit" needs to be investigated.

I have gone through the detectors and watched as other passengers stated, "Oh, it's just my belt" and the security person just let's them go. This needs to stop.

And the cockpit of the aircraft needs to be sealed, prior to take-off, by airport security personnel and not opened until it reaches its destination. And it should take a key on the inside and a key on the outside to open the door.

These measures may seem extreme, but just look at what remains of the N.Y. skyline. 2 buildings are missing due to a serious lack of airport security measures. Extreme times call for extreme measures.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:24:06

Ashcroft is speaking now.

Am I the only one who gets angrier every time I hear this referred to as a "Tragedy"?

When a tornado wipes out school, THAT'S a tragedy.

When a volcano buries a town, THAT's a tragedy.

When a hurricane flattens a community, THAT'S a tragedy. **This was not a tragedy!**

THIS WAS AN ATROCITY!

Call it what it is!

martinjmpr

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:25:46

Has anyone heard from Mortarman11c since the attack? He may have to fly the deceased, etc. so he needs prayers and words of confidence.

Anyone else that is called up (NG, Res.) it is time to do your duty. All other volunteers, God Bless.

I agree with the Sky Marshals, never should have been done away with. Sky rage is becoming all too common. I hope it is not time to turn our flag upside down for a nation in distress, but instead let the enemy see it on the bellies of our planes as we decimate their breed.

AbnDaddy

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:33:37

Members of Congress just sang "God Bless America" on National TV..... brought a tear to the eye.

Now let's sing "24 empty torpedo tubes, a mushroom cloud, and it's Miller Time!!"

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 18:44:29

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Better to die a thousand times with glory, than to live once without honor---Socrates---

Her name was Barbara Olsen, a good conservative (not a CNN correspondent). She wrote "Hell to Pay" about Hillary Clinton. Her husband is Ted Olsen, the US Solicitor General. A classy lady who stood toe-to-toe with creeps like Geraldo, etc.... She

wasn't actually reporting, she was calling her husband to tell him she was being hijacked. Her plane hit the Pentagon. I'll miss her greatly, as will many.

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 19:06:31

Police Officers' Bodies Found at WTC

Nearly six months after terrorists brought down the World Trade Center, the bodies of two police officers, Officer John Perry and Sgt. Michael Curtin (a former Marine), were removed from the site draped in American flags.

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 19:41:43

R.I.P.

rangeroffspr

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 19:55:06

God Bless Brothers. 10-7, 10-42 End of Watch

Ertman

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 22:12:14

Six months after 9/11 ground zero is still smoldering and bodies are still being recovered. 10th Mountain, 101st Airborne, 75th Rangers: GIVE 'EM HELL!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 23:20:38

quote:

God Bless Brothers. 10-7, 10-42 End of Watch

Ertman, my thoughts exactly.

Rest in Peace Brothers. You will never be forgotten. Never fear or worry about your families, we, your Brothers in Blue will look after and care for them just as we would our own families. May you finally rest in peace.

longarm

September 11, 2001

Nightfall

"Folks, I'm still here..."

- Mortarman11c

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 16:24:19

Terrorism is a threat to every country in the world. Regardless of which terrorist group did this unspeakable act, we need to respond quickly and violently against every terrorist organization we have a file on.

And if the rest of the world will not step up and help, f*ck them. They're like lizards, cut off a part and another grows in its place. We have to kill the whole body not just select parts. And if the countries that support these terrorists get in the way, we declare war and take them out too.

It's time for the world to see just how powerful we really are.

It's time for the gloves to come off.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 16:39:25

This event, and how we react to it will define our national character for the next century...

My brothers, you are right that our retribution must be just and terrible against those responsible. However, we must not act in rage but instead with cold, calculating precision.

When the time to strike comes I seriously doubt it will be surgical (as if there is anything surgical about a 2000 lb bomb...) Even if a group with no particular national affiliations did this, they had to base out of somewhere. The country in which their staging area is located should also be counted amongst the foe.

Realistically, no matter how intensive our response, it is highly unlikely we will inflict as many casualties as we suffered this morning.

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:03:37

quote:

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...then we just keep killin' until we're even.

Anyone not have the stomach for that? I'll take your place. Damn their souls!

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:05:37

Troopers, some sort of fighting is erupting in Afghanistan. Could it be that we are already retaliating???? It is nighttime there now. AAA has been reported being unleashed into the air in Kabul.

If anyone finds out more report it here ASAP!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:10:47

Watching it on CNN ...reports an air Attack on the airport and surrounding areas

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:12:43

Watching it as we speak. AAA definitely going up. Video tracked what appeared to be a missile coming down into the city and then an explosion. Stay tuned, it's going to get interesting.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:18:05

Reports now state that this attack on Kabul could be internal conflict from the Northern Alliance. Nothing confirmed at this time...

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:19:00

Afghanistan should be the first one over there to help us. Let's count the score right quick. Afghanistan, we supplied them and trained them and kept them from becoming Russian Citizens. Then there's Kuwait, no need explaining there, we gave them back their country, then there's Saudi Arabia. By being based there, we have kept the wolf away from their door for over 10 years now. There are only a few countries left over there. I hope the Musad helps us out because, as everyone knows, no one knows more about terrorists than them. I do however think that Saddam has a part in this. Maybe a small part, maybe a large part, who knows. But, he smells of this. What about his sons? They are more ruthless than he is.

longarm

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:19:45

Apparently, it is not U.S. or NATO retaliation but CNN is not sure. It could be some sort of internal rivalry that may or may not be associated with the attack on America today. Bin Laden's cowards could also be part of what is going on in Kabul. As ForceRecon stated, stay tuned to find out what the real scoop in Kabul is.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:22:14

CBS report the U.S. Government stated that we DID not attack.

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:26:11

Here's some interesting news, apparently after the attack on the Pentagon, Sec. of Def. Rumsfeld went straight to the affected area and assisted in triage. The man got his hands bloody helping the fallen instead of running for cover...

khyros

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:34:56

President Bush will address the Nation at 2100hrs ET. The Pentagon is about to address the Press as we speak. CNN reports no confirmation or denial in regards to

American action in Kabul from military personnel outside Pentagon. Several Senators and former U.S. Cabinet members believe a strike on Bin Laden and the Taliban is in order even if they are not directly responsible.

Terrorism beware, you just pissed off the wrong giant.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 17:36:57

President Bush just denied U.S. involvement in Kabul....

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 18:38:43

How much is enough? When are we as a country going to stand up and demand justice?

When are we going to demand that government do a better job of taking out known terrorists? Why do we have to wait for unspeakable tragedy?

I am sick to death of hearing about the full resources of our government being brought to bear. Bin Laden sits in a cave in Afghanistan. For God's sake, reporters have actually interviewed the FU****. Our leaders have a short list of possible suspects and yet sat idle and let it happen, then thump their chests and make speeches of brave men and women. It makes be sick to my stomach.

It is probably sick to think this, but I actually prayed that someone in power would send the boys between Gruber and Ardennes. For crying out loud, an attack on the Pentagon is an act of war! Nothing less.

It is my profound hope that we do more as a nation than launch a couple of tomahawks at a milk factory.

In the midst of my rage, I express my deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of those innocent people killed today.

ssgrg

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 18:45:24

Fox News reporting that Presidential Address will begin at 2030hrsET. Norman Militia, Transportation Secretary, stated that U.S. passengers would now see a significant increase in airport security measures. Curbside baggage check in is no

longer allowed, more stringent searches of baggage will occur, random ID checks; larger amount of surveillance personnel will be in the terminals.

All great ideas, but it's a little too late!!

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 19:11:52

I don't think this is over yet and I'm really surprised that misplaced former Soviet tactical nukes haven't been used yet. I suspect the POTUS will make clear to the world that any more attacks against us will result in Strategic response.

The sky marshals are still, around but only on overseas U.S. flag carriers; all of these flights were domestic flights. This points to an ongoing operation to document our weak spots and coordinate an attack. Does anyone truly believe that any one group acting on it's own could do this?

Nah, this is the work of some group with active backing of a foreign government. I've got my CAR-15 and combat load onboard the Jumpmastermobile.

To all LEOs on this site check your six and remember we are all targets as we represent not only "government," but also protectors of our citizens.

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 19:38:35

quote:

I've got my CAR-15 and combat load onboard the Jumpmastermobile, to all LEOs on this site check your six and remember we are all targets as we represent not only "government" but protectors of our citizens.

Stand in the door!

Today was a range day for me and my team. Deadly serious, no smoking and joking, just test fires and checking zeros. Some of the other deputies are finally taking "thinking tactical" seriously. Maybe some of them will even wear their armor tonight. My vehicle is fully loaded and ready to roll.

Ertman

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 19:44:56

quote:

If you never thought it was possible for terrorist to steal or make a thermo-nuclear device, sneak it into a major U.S. city, and detonate it, THINK AGAIN. They have gotten bold and they are capable of that too.

If our response is not swift it is OPEN SEASON ON AMERICANS. SAD!

RLTW!

RR, That's a sobering thought. It is very true though.

I say we cut the head off of terrorism by whatever means necessary. You attack my country, then we kill your friends and family, with you watching, then we kill you slowly. I am all for many an Arclite Mission. Justice needs to be met. I want blood.

longarm

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 21:08:58

ERTMAN, take care. I was at the Oklahoma City bombing in "95" with my cousin who was an OCPD LT. This is thousands of times worse. Needless to say, we are all in shock today and will be for a while, but when the reality sinks in and the casualties are totaled up, many are going to have some serious stree to deal with. BTW, I'm wearing my armor and have been spot-checking my deputies to make sure they are too! Remember we only have 1*

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 21:12:54

They are now saying 100 to 800 casualties at the Pentagon. I don't understand these estimates, but that is what I heard.

The plane that went down near Pittsburgh could have been headed to take out the White House. Reported by Fox.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 21:20:40

Folks, I'm still here, but things are happening fast. C17Heavydrop got here via land vehicle from Atlanta in less than six hours. We both are on crew#2 for our squadron. Crew #1 will launch in the morning. We'll go out within hours shortly after that. Looks like we're going to be taking in heavy equipment and relief supplies and then possibly medivac the more seriously injured out to other hospitals.

Glad you're concerned about me, but I'm just doing my job. Just say a prayer or better yet, go donate some blood or give a couple of bucks to help out those victims.

When we launch we're taking a laptop, so when I'm out in the system, I'll report in.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

Mortarman11c

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 21:25:36

Mortarman, glad to hear you are okay. We'll keep you and all the other crews in our prayers. Sky6 has a lot of Americans to watch over in the days to come. If you make it to Atlanta and need a hootch give me a call or e-mail.

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 21:47:24

Mortarman, if you get to Hunter and need a place to crash let me know. ###-###-####, ask for the Training Office. If I am not there, have them page me.

Ertman

Posted - 11 Sep 2001 : 22:35:43

As the sun has gone down over all of America, many Americans will find it hard to sleep. I know I will.

Many Americans will have nightmares this evening and many evenings to come. The U.S. needs to put the Nation's mind at ease. We need to show the American public that no one gets away with this. I do not feel that we can waste time on a long, drawn out investigation. We have extensive lists of terrorist groups operating around the globe. It's time we hit them before they can hit us again.

New info.... Van stopped on the George Washington Bridge, possibly full of explosives, several men in custody. No other Intel at this time..

Good night America, and God Bless.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

September 14, 2001

The List

“One of those names is familiar to me.”

- khyros

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 16:55:42

I just saw this and want to pass it along ...

http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001/b09142001_bt428-01.html

DOD ANNOUNCES NAMES OF ARMY UNACCOUNTED

The Department of Defense announced today the names of 74 Army personnel identified as unaccounted for following the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon.

Ms. Samantha Allen, Department of the Army civilian, 36, Hillside, Md.
Spec. Craig Amundson, U.S. Army, 28, Kansas
Master Sgt. Max Beilke, U.S. Army (Ret.), Department of the Army civilian, 69, Laurel, Md.
Ms. Carrie Blagburn, Department of the Army civilian, 48, Temple Hills, Md.
Lt. Col. Canfield Boone, U.S. Army, 54, Indiana
Ms. Donna Bowen, Department of the Army contractor, Verizon Communications
Sgt. First Class Jose Calderon, U.S. Army, 44, Puerto Rico
Ms. Angelene Carter, Department of the Army civilian, 51, Forrestville, Md.
Ms. Sharon Carver, Department of the Army civilian, 38, Maryland
Mr. John Chada, Department of the Army civilian, 55, Manassas, Va.
Ms. Ada Davis, Department of the Army civilian, 57, Camp Springs, Md.
Lt. Col. Jerry Dickerson, U.S. Army, 41, Mississippi
Ms. Amelia Fields, Department of the Army civilian, 36, Dumfries, Va.
Mr. Gerald Fisher, Department of the Army contractor, Booz-Allen
Mr. Cortz Ghee, Department of the Army civilian, 54, Reiserstown, Md.
Ms. Brenda Gibson, Department of the Army civilian, 59, Falls Church, Va.
Mr. Ron Golinski, Department of the Army civilian, 60, Columbia, Md.
Ms. Diane Hale-McKinzy, Department of the Army civilian, 38, Alexandria, Va.
Ms. Carolyn Halmon, Department of the Army civilian, 49, Washington, D.C.
Ms. Sheila Hein, Department of the Army civilian, 51, University Park, Md.
Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr., U.S. Army, 40, Florida
Mr. Jimmie Holley, Department of the Army civilian, 54, Lanham, Md.
Ms. Peggie Hurt, Department of the Army civilian, 36, Crewe, Va.
Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland, Jr., U.S. Army, 45, California
Sgt. Maj. Lacey Ivory, U.S. Army, 43, Missouri
Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson, U.S. Army, 48, Wisconsin
Ms. Brenda Kegler, Department of the Army civilian, 49, Washington, D.C.
Mr. David Laychak, Department of the Army civilian, 40, Manassas, Va.
Maj. Steve Long, U.S. Army, 39, Georgia
Mr. Terrance Lynch, Department of the Army contractor, Booz-Allen
Ms. Teresa Martin, Department of the Army civilian, 45, Stafford, Va.
Ms. Ada Mason, Department of the Army civilian, 50, Springfield, Va.
Lt. Col. Dean Mattson, U.S. Army, 57, California
Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, U.S. Army, 53, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mr. Robert Maxwell, Department of the Army civilian, 53, Manassas, Va.
Ms. Molly McKenzie, Department of the Army civilian, 38, Dale City, Va.
Maj. Ron Milam, U.S. Army, 33, Oklahoma
Ms. Odessa Morris, Department of the Army civilian, 54, Upper Marlboro, Md.
Mr. Ted Moy, Department of the Army civilian, 48, Silver Springs, Md.
Ms. Diana Padro, Department of the Army civilian, 55, Woodbridge, Va.

Spec. Chin Sun Pak, U.S. Army, 24, Oklahoma
Capt. Clifford Patterson, U.S. Army, 33, Alexandria, Va.
Mr. Scott Powell, Department of the Army contractor, BTG Inc.
Ms. Debbie Ramsaur, Department of the Army civilian, 45, Annadale, Va.
Ms. Rhonda Rasmussen, Department of the Army civilian, 44, Woodbridge, Va.
Ms. Martha Reszke, Department of the Army civilian, 36, Stafford, Va.
Ms. Cecelia Richard, Department of the Army civilian, 41, Fort Washington, Md.
Mr. Edward Rowenhorst, Department of the Army civilian, 32, Fredricksburg, Va.
Ms. Judy Rowlett, Department of the Army civilian, 44, Woodbridge, Va.
Mr. Robert Russell, Department of the Army civilian, 52, Oxen Hill, Md.
Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class William Ruth, U.S. Army, 57, Maryland
Ms. Marjorie Salamone, Department of the Army civilian, 53, Springfield, Va.
Lt. Col. Dave Scales, U.S. Army, 45, Cleveland, Ohio
Ms. Janice Scott, Department of the Army civilian, 46, Springfield, Va.
Mr. Michael Selves, Department of the Army civilian, 54, Fairfax, Va.
Ms. Marion Serva, Department of the Army civilian, 47, Stafford, Va.
Mr. Don Simmons, Department of the Army civilian, 58, Dumfries, Va.
Ms. Cheryle Sincock, Department of the Army civilian, 53, Dale City, Va.
Lt. Col. Gary Smith, U.S. Army (Ret.), Department of the Army civilian, 55,
Alexandria, Va.
Ms. Pat Statz, Department of the Army civilian, 41, Tacoma Park, Md.
Ms. Edna Stephens, Department of the Army civilian, 53, Washington D.C.
Sgt. Maj. Larry Strickland, U.S. Army, 52, Washington
Maj. Kip Taylor, U.S. Army, 38, Michigan
Ms. Sandra Taylor, Department of the Army civilian, 50, Alexandria, Va.
Sgt. Tamara Thurmond, U.S. Army, 25, Alabama
Mr. Willie Troy, Department of the Army civilian, 51, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
Lt. Col. Karen Wagner, U.S. Army, 40, Texas
Ms. Meta Waller, Department of the Army civilian, 60, Alexandria, Va.
Staff Sgt. Maudlyn White, U.S. Army, 38, Christianstead, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Ms. Sandra White, Department of the Army civilian, 44, Dumfries, Va.
Mr. Ernest Willcher, Department of the Army contractor, Booz-Allen
Maj. Dwayne Williams, U.S. Army, 40, Alabama
Mr. Edmond Young, Department of the Army contractor, BTG Inc.
Ms. Lisa Young, Department of the Army civilian, 36, Germantown, Md.

Search and recovery operations continue. Any additional names will be released once next of kin have been notified. This list is in addition to the two previous announcements on individuals unaccounted for from the Navy and Defense Agencies. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

rebel

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 21:09:17

At least one of those names is familiar to me. Rest in peace...

khyros

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 22:29:46

My CO when I ETSed is on this list as well...

themadmedic

"Larry is still with us"

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:01:02

I'm not a praying man, but here's a wish that Larry ***** was not on duty this morning. If he was, I hope he was on an outer perimeter.

Anyone with a contact number, could you get confirmation of his well-being?

Rauch

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:24:33

Glen, I was thinking of you as all this was going down in your state. I'm sure, soon enough, they will be asking for out side help and you may be called upon to go there & help out.

I've been out of touch so long, where is Larry stationed at? From the reports on other boards on this net, the south side of the pentagon was hit. That houses the special ops' leadership.

We are now learning what it was like for our fathers when Pearl Harbor was hit.

Keep in touch brother & say prayers for all of those involved.

gfergie

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:37:37

John ***** was close but just got a close shave. His wife said he called and wasn't hurt.

ksumner

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:49:05

We should all take a moment and say a quick prayer for the loss of life this morning and that our brother Larry is still with us.

If anyone is in touch with him, please let us know.

mgonz3

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:50:32

Ken,

Thanks for the update.

gfergie

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:45:55

Thoughts and prayers for the safety of our brothers, and their families.

More prayers for all the loss of life our nation has suffered.

ABNSupply Guy

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 15:38:09

FROM LARRY'S SISTER MOMENTS AGO!!!

"Hi. I'm Larry's sister. I spoke with him within the last hour. He was on the job and okay. Thanks for your concern."

Newland

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 16:04:07

Good for him! Although we rarely hear from him it would have been an early loss of one of our more flamboyant members. FOREVER COHORT!

I had called John's house that day and got no response as with the rest of the city, good to hear that he's okay, too.

My apologies to everyone for Boston being the "host" city for all of this crap (musta been sleepin' on LPOP). I've been concerned for some years as to the geographical location of New England to the rest of the country. If looked at logically, this entire area of the country could effectively be sealed off just by creating havoc in New York.

Not to say that this is a consideration.....just feeding your heads

GRUNDIG

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 16:26:48

Its great to know our brother is fine in this time of tragic ignorance on the part of the terrorist. Lil' Bush is in charge, just as his Daddy was in charge while we were there. He'll pull us through and take care of fools in other nations. It's not old (draft dodger) Bill who ran in times of trouble and hid under his momma's sheets when the light went out.

My prayers go out to him as well as the rest of the nation.

RodeoRuss

"Has Anyone Heard From Hossra?"

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 09:33:26

I've been trying to call him, but Commo is down here in DC; even cell phones.

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:33:28

Well, I'm still trying to get to friends.. we have a friend who lives in Manhattan and works in the Financial district... no word yet... and then, of course, we have our friends here from D.C. that I'm trying to confirm are safe.

I'm attempting to get to Hossra and since SFC has posted here... I can assume he's ok.

Rigger82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 11:22:39

NBC just reported (12:15 p.m.) that at the Pentagon, the airplane impacted on the side opposite of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Unfortunately, they hit on the side where the Special Operations guys are, including the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Operations. God Bless you Hossra, I hope you're okay!!!!

Mortarman11c

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 12:36:35

Wright Patt Air Force Base is at Threatcon Delta. My dad is down for the night as well as one of my co-workers husbands. Military.com emailed me an update and said all military personnel are being recalled. Can anyone confirm this? Is it all Guard, Reserves and Active? God Bless us all if it is true. God bless those whose lives have been lost. I watched it all live from start to finish. Hossra, if you are out there, God Bless you.

mazzi

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 08:22:43

I just got off the phone with Hossra's wife and he is fine. He was out of the area, but his office was destroyed. Thank you, God.

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 08:24:44

SKY-6.... HOOAH!

Rigger82

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 09:03:02

Man, that is good news. We could have lost our friend Hossra due to this attack. God bless him and his family. I pray for the other 800 people lost in the Pentagon.

ENI...RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 09:28:50

Praise God! Hossra, you're the first person I thought about when I heard that the Pentagon had been hit.

The days to come will be incredibly difficult for us all. Hossra, like so many others, has lost people very close to him. Let us all continue to keep these victims, their families, and their friends in our prayers. And while we're at it, let's pray for our leaders and our military men and women and their families.

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

armadillo

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 10:47:21

AMEN!!!! Some good news at last...

Some emergency workers and police have been rescued from the rubble as well...

khyros

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 13:58:49

Just talked to the man himself...all is well, and everyone in his office is safe, too.

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 14:05:51

Jonn, thanks for the update. Hossra, when you get a chance to read this I am glad you and the others in your office are all right. I am saddened and angered about those that were injured and killed, but relieved that you are safe.

Airborne All The Way

509Trooper

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 14:10:25

Hossra... a big AIRBORNE to you. Glad to hear you're ok. Had me worried for a bit there.

Rigger82

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 23:03:12

Hossra, glad to know that you and your staff were not injured! I know you are out there taking care of your fellow workers, soldiers, and countrymen. Be safe. We need your voice and insights more than ever, buddy. You and your staff are in our prayers.

By the way I can still jump, shoot, and hump, so if you have any pull...

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 23:35:57

Greetings,

First and foremost, I want to express my thanks to God for protecting, at least, Hossra and SFC, who I believe were, or would have been the closest of our members to Ground Zero. It was so good to log on and eventually find out that you guys were ok.

As time goes on, we are going to see most of this country band together, as our Paratrooper.net group always did, and rise above these cowards and defeat them.

For those of you that are still in the military, keep in mind that our thoughts and prayers are with you as the next few weeks and months begin to unfold. Those of us that are now civilians, and are physically able to do so, will most certainly be right beside you if and when the time comes that such measures are needed.

I am personally heavily involved in the Fire Service/Emergency operations community, and have been since my ETS in 1984. I can assure you that our Fire Service Community is also suffering greatly as a result of this cowardly act. The New York City Fire Department lost hundreds of it's bravest. These men and women lost their lives while they were responding to help others in their time of need. These people were not part of the original incidents. They elected to place themselves in harms way, in order to insure that others will live. Selfless acts such as this, allows me to place these guys in the company of our brave military personnel that put their lives on the line each and every day to protect the people of this world. Especially those soldiers that lost their lives on September 11, 2001 in Washington DC.

Folks, I've been saying something each and every time I wrote, since the initial time I ever signed on here. Those few words were never an empty phrase to me. The words that I type at the end of every message that I post, "KEEP THE FAITH" should be more important to us now than they ever were before. We will collectively survive this terrible time, and rise up and surpass these cowards.

KEEP THE FAITH

Desperado

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 10:36:59

Hossra, I'm glad to see you are OK and your staff, too. We pray for all the lost and injured. God's speed to all of us who will answer the call to eradicate the earth of this human cancer.

Grunt, Medic, Airborne!

GruntMed

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 20:33:18

HOSSRA,

When we saw what had happened on the TV, I thought of you and a few friends that work there. I am now and have been, for 7 weeks, on mission cycle here at Ft Bragg. We are some very PISSED OFF PARATROOPERS who are ready to do what is necessary to bring this rabid animal to the gates of hell.

It is now 2128 and I am still at work, you do the math. This incident has changed our lives forever; I hope some good comes from the blood of the civ. casualties. I am glad that you are ok!

It is time for a good old fashion ass kickin, and I got a pair of boots that are ready to do some kickin!

Muddy_Rigger

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 21:21:26

Muddy_Rigger,

Godspeed to all of you. Make us proud. There are many vets here that are still very capable to jump and fight that could be right behind you if they let us.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 23:17:11

Thanks, there is always a need for a stick pusher! I will ensure you, if my skills are required, that I will keep my feet and knees together and hit the "x"ring!

Even if I am a Loggy!

Muddy_Rigger

Letter received from Hossra

March 10, 2002

Like all, I was shocked by the first plane attack and enraged/scared for my friends and colleagues after the second and third plane attack. I had a friend of mine who was a DoD law enforcement officer drive me as fast as possible back to the Pentagon. I could not contact anyone at my Office or my wife because all the phone lines into and outside D.C. were out.

We got to the Beltway where all traffic into D.C. was blocked. Thank God my friend was a law enforcement officer -- he got us through three blockades. When, however, we reached about a mile from the Pentagon, his badge could not get us through so I showed my DoD Badge and business card (showing that I was with DoD SpecOps), and convinced a cop to let me run to the Pentagon.

When I got there, I found a lot of tense, heavily armed guards for the SECDEF at the River Entrance. After (slowly) pulling out my ID, they let me in. Inside was SURREAL.

I could not see my hands for all the smoke. Few people were in the building. My first thought was to try to make it to my Office since the pictures on TV made it clear that, if my Office was not completely destroyed, it sure was damaged. I was worried about my colleagues and, afterwards, wanted to get to the Ops Center to help. I don't know why except to say that, as a paratrooper, I wanted to run TO the center of the fight and chaos NOT away. My wife and (leg) friends STILL do not understand that. :)

When I made it to my Office (or what was left of it), I was shocked. The damage, the smoke and, yes, the loss of life, was something that I will never forget.

I went to the center of the Pentagon, a 5-acre open space commonly and darkly referred to as "Ground Zero". I will never forget seeing that. Dozens of injured being treated by the most professional, cool medics, service members and civilians. Enlisted giving cool, calm orders to Officers (even a General) to help -- "hold that IV", "put that person over there". No complaints about rank -- just getting the job done.

When, after several hours, I went back outside the Pentagon, I was struck by the SILENCE. No traffic from I-395 or other roads. No airplanes AT ALL.

Suddenly, we were all yelled at by armed soldiers to get the hell away from the Pentagon. There was a report of another incoming plane (later, it turned out to be a news helicopter). I will never forget the cheers that rang out when, suddenly, an F-16 roared overhead. Like a lion protecting her cubs. I still get choked up about that memory.

Anyway, (I had finally gotten through to my wife, made sure that she and our son were in the house and safe), I took the Metro home and spent hours calling my staff, my friends and family to find out if all were OK and to let them know that I was safe.

I then got onto Paratrooper.net. I am not ashamed to say that that was one of the times that I cried. To see the messages of concern from my BROTHERS -- people

who may not have met me in person, but cared about me. That feeling of brotherhood, comradeship -- it does not exist ANYWHERE else in the world. I let my brothers know that I was OK -- but I can tell you that from then on, working on helping in this global war on terrorism has been easy knowing that we -- all of us -- are in this together.

THANK YOU PARATROOPERS -- FOR BEING THE BEST OF WHAT AMERICA STANDS FOR. I AM HONORED TO COUNT YOU AS MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

Airborne !!!!

Hossra

"What About Sham?"

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 13:28:29

Anyone know about Shammie?
He works on Wall Street.
I left a message on his home machine...

Newland

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 13:39:40

According to news reports, all Wall Street offices have been shut down and the workers there have been sent home. However, neither the subways nor the taxis are running and most people working in the City don't drive to work.

Airborne All The Way

509Trooper

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:08:29

I didn't know Sham worked there, or Buzzard either. I, of course, extend my well wishes to them, as well as to everyone who has suffered due to this event. Perhaps this is the catalyst our country needs to get off it's collective ass and bring the Bin Ladens of this world to task for the many injustices they deal us.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I, for one, have the feeling I'll be wishing, in the not too distant future, that my service to my country was just beginning.

Rauch

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:29:44

I placed a call to Sham's home a few moments ago and got the answering machine. I have asked that he call me when he gets a chance to let us know he's Ok.

He does work in the city and I'm sure he's safe (he's too tough a bastard to be out of the game).

I'll post any information as soon as I know.

Rigger82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 14:48:46

Shamdog,

Speak up brother; you have a lot of worried people out here.

ABNSupply Guy

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 18:37:26

Confirmed!

Just got phone commo from Sham, he is ok and home.

He witnessed the second crash and bugged out (smart troop)... he's been working his way home all day and now he's calling everyone to let them know he's ok.

PS. He was about six blocks away when it all went down this morning. God DOES like Paratroopers.

Airborne!

Rigger82

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 21:10:28

To Shammy and Larry and Buzzardman, way to duck and move fellas! I'm glad each one of you is still with us. Larry please be careful out there on your appointed duties. The city needs you more now than ever!

Shammy and Buzzardman the babies are at home.

Each and everyone of you and family members are in my prayers, as well as those that have paid the ultimate price by an act done by faceless cowards who can't stand and fight.

Be Safe. Be Careful to you all and your loved ones.

Your Friend and Brother,

Todd Baird

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 06:05:40

Yep... and to wrap this up... Shammie called me right before Bush spoke... Said he saw plane # two hit and figured it was time to sham-daddle down the highway...

Newland

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 16:09:29

My prayers go out to everyone in the areas in which these attacks had taken place. As well as the rest of the nation in the days to come. Good show Shammy - Larry - Birdman

RodeoRuss

Posted - 16 Sep 2001: 20:21:59

What about me?

Shamdog

September 12, 2001

Candles and Volunteers

*“Don't give into the despair
or sorrow ...”*

Posted - 12 Sep 2001 : 21:55:16

I got this in an e-mail thought I'd post it here.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR UNITY!

Though terrorists may have struck out at us as Americans, let us come together and show our unity. Let us show that though we may have been hurt, they cannot dim the light which burns in the hearts of all Americans. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2001 AT 10:30PM (EASTERN TIME), walk out your door and light a candle or lantern to show the world that our spirit burns bright. Gather with your loved ones, friends and neighbors and let your light burn in the night to show that we are united and that we remain strong.

Please pass this on to anyone you know. Print it up and pass it to anyone who may not have Internet access. Post it on message boards, clubs, news stations - anywhere and everywhere there are PROUD AMERICANS.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR UNITY!

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 01:57:15

I've already forwarded this to a few people. Will forward this to more as I get to my home PC in the AM with my address book.

I put in my Lee Greenwood CD and played my favorite song (GOD BLESS THE USA) on Tuesday, and today. I can't help from getting teary eyed. I want vengeance so bad I can taste it.

longarm

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 06:59:26

Our local newspaper (delivered and on the stands) has an insert this morning -- a heavy-duty paper 11x17 Flag -- with the request that it be put in our front windows. Yesterday, a table was set up at the local grocery to collect cash donations to the American Red Cross -- within six hours over \$80,000 had been collected....

After my late dad retired from the Army (but remained on Reserve status), I would panic every time a situation in the Cold War became "hot", and he would reassure me by saying 'Honey, they won't call this old man until the enemy lands on the beaches of Lake Michigan!' Well, it was New York and not Chicago - but the enemy landed and they're going to regret that they did....

God Bless, Blue Skies and always only the softest of landings

AirborneMom

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 15:00:41

I feel a great sense of pride, even though we are among a tragedy, at the way American people are pulling together. I, too, have experienced the teary-eyes when seeing and hearing patriotic songs and actions by our countrymen.

I thought I was going to burst with pride when I heard that they recovered 5 survivors in the wreckage. On the radio I could hear the rescue workers cheering as they pulled them to safety. I was also comforted today by 2 paratroopers on the Delaware Memorial Bridge, one guy came up next to me at the toll gates with Airborne sticker on his window and the other one was in front of me. I would guess a WW2 vet by his age. It was just nice to know that I was among my brothers.

Out here, AIRBORNE

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 15:20:21

Here in Phoenix, AZ, a group of people got together at Bank One Ball Park to collect food, clothing, toys, and any other materials that could help the people of NY and Washington. There was only one problem, how to get it there?

A long haul trucker picked up their story on the local news. Once he was unloaded he drove to the Ball Park and opened the doors. He told them to load everything they could get and he will leave for NY this afternoon. Gas stations across the country have already donated the fuel he will need to get there. Just one more story of how Americans pull together in times of crisis. Another failure for the terrorists!!

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 21:38:11

New time for the candle lite vigil follows...

7:00pm ET Friday 14th of Sept 01

Hope we can all take part and show them that we're still the United States of America!

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 22:40:15

I tried listening to Lee Greenwoods "Proud to be an American" to get my spirits up, but it didn't work too well.

Instead, I watch the scene from the movie "Rules of Engagement" where the Marines mow down all the rag-bastards in a hailstorm of bullets. THAT made me feel a little more focused.

Do what ya gotta do, but don't give in to the despair or sorrow.

OUT

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 11:43:08

"Brother, if you don't mind, there is a cloud of glass coming at us, grab my hand, lets get the hell out of here."

Author: tim330i (---.ne.mediaone.net)

Date: Sep-14-2001 01:43:45 AM

My name is Usman Farman and I graduated from Bentley with a Finance degree last May. I am 21 years old, turning 22 in October; I am Pakistani, and I am Muslim. Until September 10th 2001, I used to work at the World Trade Center in building #7. I had friends and acquaintances who worked in tower #1 right across from me. Some made it out, and some are still unaccounted for. I survived this horrible event.

I'd like to share with you what I went through that awful day, with the hopes that we can all stay strong together; through this tragedy of yet untold proportions. As I found out, regardless of who we are, and where we come from, we only have each other.

I commute into the city every morning on the train from New Jersey. Rather, I used to. I still can't believe what is happening. That morning I woke up and crawled out of bed. I was thinking about flaking out on the train and catching the late one, I remember telling myself that I just had to get to work on time. I ended up catching the 7:48 train, which put me in Hoboken at 8:20 am. When I got there I thought about getting something to eat, I decided against it and took the PATH train to the World Trade Center. I arrived at the World Trade at 8:40 in the morning. I walked into the lobby of building 7 at 8:45, that's when the first plane hit.

Had I taken the late train, or gotten a bite to eat, I would have been 5 minutes late and walking over the crosswalk. Had that happened, I would have been caught under a rain of fire and debris, I wouldn't be here talking to you. I'd be dead.

I was in the lobby, and I heard the first explosion; it didn't register. They were doing construction outside and I thought some scaffolding had fallen. I took the elevators up to my office on the 27th floor. When I walked in, the whole place was empty. There were no alarms, no sprinklers, nothing. Our offices are, or rather, were on the south side of building seven. We were close enough to the North and South Towers, that I could literally throw a stone from my window and hit the North tower with it.

My phone rang and I spoke with my mother and told her that I was leaving, at that moment I saw an explosion rip out of the second building. I called my friend in Boston, waking her up and told her to tell everyone I'm okay, and that I was leaving. I looked down one last time and saw the square and fountain that I eat lunch in, was covered in smoldering debris. Apparently, I was one of the last to leave my building, when I was on the way up in the elevators; my co-workers from the office were in the stairwells coming down. When I evacuated, there was no panic. People were calm and helping each other; a pregnant woman was being carried down the stairwell.

I'll spare the more gruesome details of what I saw, those are things that no one should ever have to see, and beyond human decency to describe. Those are things

which will haunt me for the rest of my life, my heart goes out to everyone who lost their lives that day, and those who survived with the painful reminders of what once was. Acquaintances of mine who made it out of the towers, only got out because 1000 people formed a human chain to find their way out of the smoke. Everyone was a hero that day.

We were evacuated to the north side of building 7. Still only 1 block from the towers. The security people told us to go north and not to look back. 5 city blocks later I stopped and turned around to watch. With a thousand people staring, we saw in shock as the first tower collapsed. No one could believe it was happening, it is still all too surreal to imagine. The next thing I remember is that a dark cloud of glass and debris about 50 stories high came tumbling towards us. I turned around and ran as fast as possible. I didn't realize until yesterday that the reason I'm still feeling so sore was that I fell down trying to get away. What happened next is why I came here to give this speech.

I was on my back, facing this massive cloud that was approaching, it must have been 600 feet off, everything was already dark. I normally wear a pendant around my neck, inscribed with an Arabic prayer for safety; similar to the cross. A Hasidic Jewish man came up to me and held the pendant in his hand, and looked at it. He read the Arabic out loud for a second. What he said next, I will never forget. With a deep Brooklyn accent he said "Brother, if you don't mind, there is a cloud of glass coming at us, grab my hand, lets get the hell out of here". He helped me stand up, and we ran for what seemed like forever without looking back. He was the last person I would ever have thought, who would help me. If it weren't for him, I probably would have been engulfed in shattered glass and debris.

I finally stopped about 20 blocks away, and looked in horror as tower #2 came crashing down. Fear came over me as I realized that some people were evacuated to the streets below the towers. Like I said before, no one could have thought those buildings could collapse. We turned around and in shock and disbelief and began the trek to midtown. It took me 3 hours to get to my sisters office at 3 avenue and 47th street. Some streets were completely deserted, completely quiet, no cars, no nothing... just the distant wail of sirens. I managed to call home and say I was okay, and get in touch with co-workers and friends whom I feared were lost.

We managed to get a ride to New Jersey. Looking back as I crossed the George Washington Bridge, I could not see the towers. It had really happened.

As the world continues to reel from this tragedy, people in the streets are lashing out. Not far from my home, a Pakistani woman was run over on purpose as she was crossing the parking lot to put groceries in her car. Her only fault? That she had her head covered and was wearing the traditional clothing of my homeland. I am afraid for my family's well being within our community. My older sister is too scared to take the subway into work now. My 8-year-old sister's school is under lockdown and armed watch by police.

Violence only begets violence, and by lashing out at each other in fear and hatred, we will become no better than the faceless cowards who committed this atrocity. If it weren't for that man who helped me get up, I would most likely be in the hospital right now, if not dead. Help came from the least expected place, and goes only to

show, that we are all in this together ... regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. Those are principles that this country was founded on.

Please take a moment to look at the people sitting around you. Friends or strangers, in a time of crisis, you would want the nearest person to help you if you needed it. My help came from a man who I would never have thought would normally even speak to me. Ask yourselves now how you can help those people in New York and Washington. You can donate blood, you can send clothing, food, and money. Funds have been setup in the New York area to help the families of fallen firefighters, policemen, and emergency personnel. The one thing that won't help, is if we fight amongst ourselves, because it is then that we are doing exactly what they want us to do, and I know that nobody here wants to do that.

My name is Usman Farman and I graduated from Bentley with a Finance degree last May. I am 21 years old, turning 22 in October; I am Pakistani, and I am Muslim, and I too have been victimized by this awful tragedy. The next time you feel angry about this, and perhaps want to retaliate in your own way, please remember these words: "Brother, if you don't mind, there is a cloud of glass coming at us, grab my hand, lets get the hell out of here." ¹

LET'S JOIN TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND DONATE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

STRIKE, HOLD!

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 22:09:33

Looking for another way to help the rescue efforts? Already given so much blood you look like a prune?

Well, the engineer company at the military district of Washington, from Ft. Belvoir, VA is working right now at the Pentagon.

They are in need of plain black sweatshirts, and boot inserts...

Not familiar enough with the area to have any ideas on who might be contacted to assist with the donation. Currently, US Cav, Galls, and Ranger Joes are being contacted as well as the local department stores.

If you can help-either by asking an organization or business to help-or by sending a sweatshirt on it's way...it would be appreciated.

¹ This article was circulated as an email. The author is listed as the email address it originated from. The source has not been identified. The accuracy and authenticity of the article have also not been proven. It was included in this publication to illustrate how quickly emails were circulated and re-posted during this time of crisis. Whether the article is true or not, "maple.leaf" felt its content was important enough to be re-posted on this forum.

If there are any other questions, you can contact me at themadmedic@email.msn.com -- I would appreciate it, and I know that my brother and his those with him on the ground right now would appreciate it.

themadmedic

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 23:36:53

Help is on the way brother. Check your E-Mail.

KEEP THE FAITH

Desperado

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 14:52:14

Thanks to all of those who have responded!

themadmedic

September 12, 2001

Allies Across The Water

"Nice to know we're not in this alone."

- martinjmpr

England

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 23:08:42

From the BBC:

Quote:

In an unprecedented move the US National Anthem will be played during a special changing of the guard ceremony to be held at Buckingham Palace at 1130BST on Thursday.

Nice to know we're not in this alone.

martinjmpr

Posted - 12 Sep 2001: 23:43:09

God Save The Queen!!!!

KEEP THE FAITH

Desperado

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 05:59:51

Julian Borger in Washington, Richard Norton-Taylor and Ewen MacAskill in London and Ian Black in Brussels
Thursday September 13, 2001
The Guardian

"The US yesterday mobilized support from Britain and its other western allies for a crusade against Islamic terrorism in the wake of Tuesday's devastating terrorist attacks on New York and Washington in which thousands of people died. For the first time in its 52-year history, Nato last night invoked Article 5 of its charter, which declares that an attack on any member state is an attack on all, implying automatic European backing for US retaliation.

Nato is now drawing up an emergency plan for a massive attack on Afghanistan if proof emerges that Osama bin Laden, the wanted Saudi-born terrorist sheltered by Afghanistan, was responsible for the attacks.

US justice department officials said yesterday that there was a growing body of evidence pointing towards his involvement. However, many US experts on terrorism, including the former CIA director, James Woolsey, and the former Nato commander in Europe, Wesley Clark, said they believed that Tuesday's terrorist operation also had state sponsorship, and mentioned Iraq as a suspect.

US defense officials stressed that the culprits would be punished. "We have a very large hammer that can be brought to bear in a number of ways at any time," one official said. "That's not a threat, it's a fact."

By invoking Article 5, Nato has committed each member to take "such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area".

Investigators believe that four separate cells were involved in the hijackings, including trained pilots who had learned their skills at private flying schools in the US.

Nato's historic move came amid reports that the intended targets for one of the hijacked aircraft were the White House and the presidential aircraft, Air Force One.

The ruling Taliban government in Afghanistan will now come under intensive pressure from Washington to hand over Bin Laden or face the consequences. Until now the Taliban has steadfastly refused to extradite him.

Under contingency plans being prepared, an assault would involve tens of thousands of ground troops, equivalent to the scale of the force deployed in Kosovo, Nato defense sources said last night.

Such a taskforce, which might take weeks to assemble, would not preclude an initial US cruise missile attack, they said. The Nato sources said any multinational offensive would almost certainly involve British forces. It would also require the active support of Russia.

President George Bush warned Americans that they faced a long, hard struggle against their terrorist enemies, but promised that the country would not stand-alone. He promised to "rally the world. We will be patient. We'll be focused, and we will be steadfast in our determination," he said. "This battle will take time and resolve, but make no mistake about it, we will win."

Colin Powell, the US secretary of state, said that Washington wanted to build a "global coalition" to fight terrorism that would include not only Nato and Russia, but also China and Muslim states.

Mr. Bush spoke to Tony Blair during the day, and indicated there would be no knee-jerk reaction. Mr. Blair and Mr. Bush concurred that the vital thing was to move forward together in a united action."

STRIKE, HOLD!

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 07:42:59

I tell you - it was pretty surreal watching a bunch of British Red-Coats playing "The Star Spangled Banner" outside Buckingham Palace this morning....

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 10:14:44

As the Red Devils of Colonel Frost ran out of ammo at the Arnhem bridge around 20SEP44, while surrounded by numerically superior Nazi forces said: GOD SAVE THE KING!!! (and Queen!). Rangers Lead the Way!!!

RangerRios

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 10:36:30

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid_1541000/1541355.stm

Rigger82

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 10:51:12

Thank You UK...
thanks for that news page Rigger82

raven82

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 19:01:56

Who is Osama Bin Laden?

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/south_asia/newsid_155000/155236.stm

STRIKE, HOLD!

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 22:55:23

Gotta LOVE those Brits!!!!

It would be a little freaky having U.S. forces on Russian soil in a friendly show of assistance. I guess times do change.

I am however skeptical as to how long France, Italy and the other pseudo-socialistic nations will stand by us once CNN starts showing pictures of dead women and children following our strikes.

Just remember the images of those towers being hit by 767's and coming down when CNN starts to show "The horrors of war".

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 07:13:55

Silence as UK and Europe mourn US dead

http://news.bbc.co.uk/olmedia/cta/events01/world/amer/us_attack/1100silence_14sep.ram

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 17:06:48

Hi Folks,

I'm back, I don't even know what to say, and I didn't even believe it at first. My thoughts, and the thoughts of everyone I know are with the U.S. at this awful time.

I have no idea what's going to happen about military action, but I'm sharpening my K-Bar in case the reserves over here are called. These 'people' have attacked us *by* doing this foul deed. We're ready to fight.

The footage from Palestine nearly made me throw up. I'm just catching up on the news as I type, all the reports I saw bar one were in Czech and German.

I'm gonna check out the other posts and stuff now.

LewisG United Kingdom

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 17:20:18

LewisG,

You were the ally of U.S. paratroops and Rangers during the black beret fiasco. We know where your heart is and I would go to war with you any day.

Take care brother...RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 18:22:04

Welcome back Lewis!

I'm with RangerRios on this one... I'm right there with you. Your "UK" has stood like a rock with us through this. Does not surprise me at all.

God Bless the UK and all of our other friends out there.

raven82

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 00:00:20

Welcome back Lewis!

My attitude towards other nations in this matter is as simple as this, you can stand with us, or fall before us.

I'm glad our distant cousins are with us, as they are the ones I trust most.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 19:54:33

Because of the temporary Web site problems this is a little late, but.....

I have to say that I was so PROUD of Tony Blair and the British for stepping right up and standing with us during this time of tragedy. Makes an American proud that we fought side by side in 2 World Wars together.

You Brits that are in this club let me say that if you are ever in Wisconsin the beer tab is on us and my wife will top it off with a Chinese dinner or 2 or 3 and plan on sleeping it off at our place. (seriously)

My wife and I were riding the Triumph the day after "THE SPEECH" and a couple rode up beside us on a Harley with a big American Flag flying off the back and said "Go England" looking at the Union Jack Sticker on the side of our Bike.

Don't under estimate how much we Yanks appreciate your country standing beside us.... It means so much...

raven82

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 20:10:01

It was pretty cool how Bush took time out to thank the Brits at his speech. I'll go to war with them anytime. Thanks Great Britain, and it is good to know you guys are there!

CCE82

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 21:48:01

You guys hear that some British hooahs already got into a firefight with Taliban forces?

If anyone has any Intel on that please post. Where did this firefight take place and what kind of unit was it?

I hope it was SAS or some para infantry unit (or Royal Marines).

If they are in such a hurry to meet Allah, we can arrange that.

HOOAH...RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 22:14:54

British SAS recon/LRRP team fired upon by Taliban militia inside Afghanistan:

www.cinemayhem.com/Cineforum/Forum16/HTML/000998.html

www.msnbc.com/news/629304.asp?cp1=1

This considered the first skirmish of this new war on terrorism and those who harbor them. Say a prayer for our paratrooper brothers now operating deep inside

Afghanistan gathering Intel on the ground. Apparently, the SAS team was able to exfil or withdraw without casualties. HOOAH!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 22:26:45

HOOAH! Our British cousins draw first blood. Pints on me if they can make it to Texas!

All I heard was it took place somewhere along the northern border.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 22:28:45

Rios,

I read somewhere else it was 4-man reconnaissance SAS squad in a firefight with Taliban.

LRSU

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 22:33:55

I just saw a little on Fox news that stated the Taliban took 80 KIA. Hmmmm, 80 killed by a 4-man SAS recon team, sounds 'bout right.

God Save the Queen!

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 04:23:57

(Listening to the BBC as I write this morning because unlike most American media sources the BBC reports "fair and honest" towards America and our President.)

When President G. W. Bush took office many in the media said "Hey, Clinton was great friends with Tony Blair and now we won't have that close alliance with Britain

because Bush is a Cowboy and knows nobody; Clinton is worldly and Bush is only a Texan etc. etc. Blah! blah! blah!..... " You know, the same stupid biased crap that comes out of the liberal medias mouth in this country. I don't know about the rest of you, but Prime Minister Blair looked pretty comfortable, confident and "at home" with President Bush to me.

My guess is that Prime Minister Blair and his wife would have a whole lot more fun riding horses with George and Laura down in Texas than putting up with Bill and sour mouth Hillary and their snooty arrogant attitude. I could just see those 2 trying to act British (or what they "think" the British act like). I'll bet they even tried to fake a British accent when they were with the Blairs.....

After Bill and Hillary spent a week in the UK and later saw AUSTIN POWERS 1 and 2, they just couldn't shake that British accent they picked up.

raven82

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 06:56:33

Hi all,

It makes me proud to read your posts about the UK/US alliance, once the two of our countries get together, I doubt any force on earth could stop us.

As for the SAS, all I know is what I read in the papers, but I discount the majority of it as pure speculation. After the Princess Gate siege in 1980, all someone has to do is mention the SAS and the papers are all over them like a bad rash.

The story I read was that the 4 man patrol was accompanied by the Afghan resistance group and got contacted somewhere along the Northern Border. As I say, the media is full of sensationalist articles about the SAS, which makes it hard for them to go about their business as quietly as they would like. Most of the articles are nothing but rubbish.

I'm not saying they aren't there, but a firefight with the Afghan resistance and the Taliban could easily be regarded by the media as immediately having to do with a bunch of SAS guys with stealth fighters in their rucks and nuclear submarines in their pockets calling on UFO gunship support and getting out of the area on unicycles.

I'm sure the SEALs etc. get the same treatment on your side of the pond.

LewisG United Kingdom

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 07:52:07

Well, at least, it's a start.

Gentlemen, does anyone have any more info on the Talibans armed forces? I'm trying to put together a briefing for my CO and not having much luck with it

tuome

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 10:32:29

From what I understand the Taliban is more of an armed militia than an actual organized military. They have some equipment leftover from the Soviets, and the CIA and what they can get on the black market. They are known to have a few transport planes and helicopters, but with the availability of maintenance and parts I don't know how many are operational. Their infantry is probably well armed with AKM 74's and RPG's and such. Don't know what kind of formations they can field. Their territorial militia is probably armed with a mix of AKM 47's and 74's. That's about all I can do. Check out the CIA home page. They have a link to get a lot of information on any country.

witch

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 12:24:42

Lewis G,

THAT was THE best description of an SOF unit by a layperson I've heard yet!

ROFLMAO

Spacedman

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 21:52:22

Lewis,

What exactly are the procedures for calling in UFO gunship support?

Damn, that sounds cool!

Where do I sign up?

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 25 Sep 2001 : 08:51:47

Lewis and all Brits in the Club,

When our country absorbed this attack, we were able to stand strong.

We all know about the much larger destruction the British lived through during WW2.

To have "The Lion" standing beside our country through this made most Americans (that understand history) feel much better, not to mention much stronger.

raven82

Posted - 02 Oct 2001 : 21:18:34

Watching BAND OF BROTHERS tonight (episode 5 CROSSROADS), they showed the 101 helping some of the Boys from 2 Para get out of Arnhem and back to the 101 base camp. That Maroon Beret Camaraderie was alive and well when they were eating and drinking together. The 82nd and 101 should have double timed to Arnhem and beat the living sh#t out of the Germans, putting the pressure on Colonel Frost and his men.

raven82

Posted - 02 Oct 2001 : 23:16:05

raven82,

Some 82nd guys, after capturing their bridges at Nijmegen wanted to hump the 11 miles to Arnhem to help British paras there, but Gavin reminded them that he needed every swinging dick to hold the bridges they had just captured. The 82nd boys were pissed at British tankers who decided to take a break and wait for their infantry to catch up with them before continuing on to Arnhem. The stalling by the British tankers was the final nail in the coffin for the British paras fighting at Arnhem. However, the stand by the paras is legendary even in the minds of the Germans who fought them for three days with armor and superior numbers of infantry, mortars and artillery.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 03 Oct 2001 : 08:08:53

After Tony Blair's speech yesterday, I say "Tony Blair for Prime Minister of the USA".

THAT'S the speech Bush should have made last week in the Congress!!!

Shamdog

Posted - 03 Oct 2001 : 08:24:54

Tony is finally out of Clinton's rumpus room and on the job. Good to hear strong words from him. We're going to need the help from all over and I'm glad to see that the support isn't drying up after a couple weeks.

Now, we need to jerk a knot in the Taliban's ass. They've been thumbing their noses at us long enough and diplomacy is OVER. Time to tape our message to a bullet and see if they come around to our way of thinking.

Ok, drag the Gen. Patton quotes out... its about that time for the no nonsense military action he used to administer, no apologies, no remorse and no crap from anyone.

Rigger82

Posted - 03 Oct 2001 : 12:55:52

I've always felt that we should have an official British heritage week here in the USA, could be in mid-October to coincide with the anniversaries of the battles of Hastings (14th), Trafalgar (21st), and Agincourt (25th)...

khyros

Posted - 03 Oct 2001 : 23:09:01

All right already, enough of the Great Britain fan club, don't forget that it is only part of the United Kingdom, how about Scottish Heritage Week!

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

Posted - 04 Oct 2001 : 07:31:32

Jumpmstr,

That's why I said British instead of English... Actually, I once made the mistake of referring to all of Britain as England whilst in a small pub in Scotland. Was practically force-fed haggis while undergoing vigorous instruction on Scottish history by the locals...

My ancestors were actually Welsh, a pair of brothers who came over in the late 1600's. Neither had much choice. Apparently the older one was conducting business as a highwayman over there and fled before he was captured. The younger brother was given so much flak (guilt by association, I suppose) that he finally departed for friendlier shores. By the time he arrived here in New England and started the family, the older one had already been hung for horse thieving...

khyros

Posted - 04 Oct 2001 : 09:03:04

Welsh, eh? Oh well, we all have problems.....

Where was the pub you were at? Thank heavens it was haggis you got, its really nice. If you were in Glasgow, you may have been given a slice of deep fried pizza! (Fattest city in the UK according to a recent poll!)

I don't know if a UK heritage week would go down too well over in the States. Just think of the other ethnic groups. You'd have to do a French heritage week for the folk in Louisiana, and who'd want to celebrate that?

LewisG United Kingdom

Posted - 04 Oct 2001 : 10:41:24

There are already two weeks allotted for the celebration of French heritage on the Gulf coasts of Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and (north) Florida. It's called Mardi gras.

RIGGER!!!!

Posted - 04 Oct 2001 : 11:50:26

quote:

It's called Mardi gras.

Ah, of course, I forgot.

LewisG United Kingdom

France

Posted - 13 Sep 2001: 08:46:49

On France TV 2 this morning, Prime Minister Jospin and President Jaque Chirac has vowed 100% support for The United States. They also stated that 91 French citizens that were on the 92nd floor of the first Tower took a direct hit and are missing. They were employees of BANK AGRICOLE and their North American office was on that floor.

raven82

Australia

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 08:50:31

CNN also reported that a bunch of Australians were killed in the attacks also. This is not just an attack on us, but the world in general.

It is comforting to see NATO do something for which it was created. Let's see what happens now.

tuome

Israel

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 02:39:51

I'm honestly saddened. Saddened that no one here has yet pointed out that the first country to step up and help us was Israel, and no one here mentioned it.

They announced that Sept 12th was a National Day of Mourning for the entire state of Israel. That's more than many countries have done for us yet. They even had their

day of Mourning before we did!

They didn't wait for us to ask for help. They loaded a plane up and had it loaded full of rescue personnel before they saw the FAA shut down the skies. They were going to ship us well-trained personnel because they knew what we were going through.

Not only that, many of Israeli security has been before Congress, testifying before them over the years to get us to improve our airport security.

Let's not forget, Israel was there first. They didn't wait with their help.

Lone Ranger

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 06:33:04

LoneRanger,

Most Military Types I know have a deep respect for Israel and their Military. The reason they were "kind of" overlooked is probably because most of us Yanks have strong ties with England/UK, Canada, France, etc. I can't get Israel Radio on Short-wave or TV Cable. I do get France 2, The BBC and Radio Canada daily.

I think most guys and girls here read your post and said "Hey! Yea, they know what to do in this situation"

raven82

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 23:02:37

I think a lot of us overlooked Israel because it was a foregone conclusion that they would be there for us, just as we are always there for them (except in the Clinton years).

But you are right, we do owe them a HUGE thanks. And thank you for pointing out our shortsightedness.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 23:45:33

Raven82, you wouldn't be a commo guy, would you?

Yes, we have strong ties with England and France, especially with Canada. But we also have very strong ties with Israel. They make the news more than any of the other countries, especially with their fights with the Palestinians and other Arabs.

It's just that no one mentioned them. Everyone else got praise for his or her pretty memorial services and symbolism (which IS very important). Israel did their ceremonies AND sent help, yet no one here mentioned it.

Lone Ranger

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 06:02:34

LoneRanger,

No I am not a commo guy, Abn Inf. I was with the 1/17th Cav when with the 82nd.

What I meant when I said "strong ties" was more in the ethnic way. We seem to visit, relate, understand and make friends with fellow Brits, Canucks and even Frogs far more often.... Well, at least, "I" get along well with the French. Others don't seem to.

We don't make much contact with Israelis Troops or people. If Elite types like we have on this web site did have the chance to meet other Soldiers from Israel more often, I am sure they would be mentioned in the same breath as our Brit, Canadian, French Brothers.

raven82

Poland

Posted - 20 Sep 2001 : 19:17:06

In WTC died also 30 polish citizens and in Pentagon our 3 officers was close to death. In Warsaw (Poland) , US Embassy is "occupied" by hundreds of people with candles, U.S. Flags and flowers. Three days after the attack in whole Poland in each window you could see the lighting candles.

In the sign of our brotherhood with USA, our National Security Bureau Chief said that in fact "Poland as a NATO member is in state of War with terrorism" and Polish Armed Forces are prepared to fight arm to arm with US soldiers. More than 70% of our citizens are agreed for War.

This war will be war of the Special Forces and intelligence. We have both. And my pal from Special Unit "GROM" said that they are waiting for fight.

Michal "Chmiel" Chmielarz
10th aabn 6th AABde 93-95
State Protection Office 96-2000

Chmiel Poland

Canada

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 09:27:22

We should appreciate this one. This is from a Canadian newspaper, it's worth sharing.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

"America: The Good Neighbor."

Widespread, but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon, not once, but several times and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They

are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."²

Glad to see that there are people in the world who appreciate what we do for them.

mpworkingdog

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 15:45:04

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth."³

This Canadian too!! God Bless You Brother for sharing that with us.

STRIKE, HOLD!

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 21:08:46

Well, here is some news for all of you that think I bash you Americans. No, also I received a call from my troop officer that tomorrow our Base is having a small memorial service. I do feel bad for you all, but my view is my view. From living in Windsor, Ontario and my visits to and from Americans.

² Editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. It was printed in the Congressional Record:

³ From "TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES: America: The Good Neighbor," editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. Reprinted in the Congressional Record:

I have some good friends there! My Sqn was on stand by with the DART team, ADR team. So brothers if we go a NATO force. Us as the Div Recce Sqn would go in first. And as a troop warrant, I am always the #1, if not JM stick commander. So don't take it wrong folks.

SGT D. CD CDS com

Cdnparatanker Canada

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 23:16:39

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Cdnparatanker:

You can't have it both ways. You can't come onto this forum, bait us with your barely intelligible insults and then get all pouty about us not liking you.

There are, I dare say, a lot of us on here with different opinions, but we don't have to needle each other and make insulting or condescending statements like you've made.

I realize your grasp of the English language may not be all that great, but that doesn't give you an excuse to come onto this board and make an ass of yourself.

I think I speak for all of us here when I say we can dish it out, and we can take it. **You're** the one who gets petulant when we respond to your jibes with justifiable anger.

So if you can't take the incoming rounds, why don't you just duck your head until it all goes away? As I understand it, that's pretty much what "UN observers" are trained to do, anyway.

PS: If doing a tour in Cyprus makes you a "middle east expert" then I dare say there are a lot of "Iraq experts" on this board.

martinjmpr

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 04:21:16

REGARDING THE "TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES"

Everybody -

Please note: I'm not saying that I thought the author of that piece had all of his facts right - obviously he didn't. But I agree in principle with the basic sentiments he was expressing. And I believe that was his sole intent - as it was mine. Nor do I believe it was the author's intent to cast insult or defamation on any of America's long-established allies and friends.

I also remember the many Canadians and other members of the Commonwealth who came to the aid of Britain in her hour of need in 1940. And although we all joke about how the Americans always show up late for the party, including now, at the end of the day we do stand shoulder to shoulder when it counts and bellow "NO MORE!".

Also, Concerning the French - yes, they may seem like reluctant or even ungrateful allies at times. But do remember, 94%!! of the French population expressed their support for the U.S. taking action against the perps.

In fact, as recent developments show - this is not a unilateral U.S. problem. NATO has invoked Article 5. This will not be a case of limited action. This will not be a repeat of the flak taken over bombing Libya. THIS IS WAR. The French fought their share of the battle in the Gulf - and I'm sure they'll stand with us now.

Hell - there have even been pro-U.S. demonstrations in Germany!! When the hell has that ever happened before???

Guys - taking pot shots at each other or our Allies is exactly what the Terrs want us to do. Don't waste your ammo - save it for the REAL enemy!

STRIKE, HOLD!

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 08:26:53

martinjmpr, cdnparatanker and all,

Let's stick together through all of this.

I travel frequently to Canada and France and I know of the rivalry/comments/differences/misunderstanding etc. between our 3 Nations. I also know that most French and Canadians really like Americans more than many people realize.

It seems to me that Canada and France simply want to keep their own identity and culture and not become more "Americanized" than they already are. The UK and USA are not the only people on earth that have a strong sense of pride and patriotism towards their country and culture.

America has helped many countries, but we need "all" of our friends and Allies more than ever now.

raven82

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 20:04:26

I was just thinking what the CIS will do. They have their own problems. In a way it would help the complete cause, if they joined. But will there be some who will take the other side. Only time will tell. I still disagree with your foreign policy, but maybe we fight together for a common goal.

Sgt D. CD, CDS com.

Moto of the Recce corp: To See, but not Seen

Cdnparatanker Canada

Russia

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 14:15:29

Listening to a few of last nights news programs, it seemed that there was some concern over the possibility that some of the nations surrounding Afghanistan would balk at having our military forces staging there. In response to those possibilities, it was stated that Putin would allow U.S. Troops and equipment to stage in Russia and that he would cruise the boarder with us.

Scary thought, U.S. and Russian military going after the same target.

Can't say that much would be left after the dust settles!!!

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 13 Sep 2001 : 17:15:22

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Well, they certainly know the terrain!

Plus, I'm sure some of their older troops might still have a few scores to settle...

martinjmpr

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 03:23:36

Well, no action for me yet... fricking phone call to report in got my blood pumping, but there is plenty of time of things to get jumping.

When I heard Putin say that Russian emergency personnel were on standby to deploy to the U.S to offer help, I felt about 7 stages away from shedding a tear. Then I saw all those Russians putting flowers and such at the U.S Embassy gates and crying. I dropped down to about 4 stages away from shedding a tear. But when I heard that we might end up having a joint military operation with Russian military personnel and Americans fighting together, well I was having trouble choking back the tears.

It was a very powerful image/message to see our former enemy showing that they are one of our largest allies during a time of a horrific atrocity on a scale never before seen in America, and a time when many countries are quick to offer kind words, but little to no action. It was very moving, the things said and the thing put into motion, and I hope to work side by side with Russian troops in the near future.

SemiAuto

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 04:29:10

Dear Friends!

As I told before, we are going to stand together. And hope we'll fight together. We have the same enemy, my are fighting with them in Chechnya. We know who they are, and we know how to fight with them.

I'm not in the Service anymore. That's a pity. But I'm ready to jump into my boots and join you in your fight.

Just remember, that you are not alone. You have friends here in Russia, who is thinking about you, who is grieving for those who died, who is prying for MIA and WIA and who is ready to fight side by side with you.

God bless all of you! God bless America!

Let's go!

Carlito Russia

Posted - 14 Sep 2001 : 07:12:41

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Let's go!

Wow. How the world has changed.....

maple.leaf United Kingdom

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 04:52:39

a few news from Russia.

1.Two U.S. C-130 aircraft landed at a Russian military airport near Uzbekistan's capital city of Tashkent on Saturday.

An unspecified source in Tashkent has told the Interfax news agency that the aircraft brought various technical equipment, including reconnaissance facilities, and about 100 U.S. servicemen. One plane left Uzbekistan after unloading.

2. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said on Wednesday Moscow agreed that force may be needed to wage Washington's "war on terrorism", but it had not been asked for military support. Speaking during a day of talks with U.S. officials, Ivanov went to great lengths to stress Russia's readiness to cooperate in the U.S. "war on terrorism."

"We have to give up the stereotypes of the Cold War. The time has come to take a new, decisive step and start building a strategic relationship," he said at a dinner.

Ivanov said the United States had not raised the question of military assistance from Russia, or use of military bases in Central Asian states on former Soviet territory. But that Russia will provide any help to US including military.

Russia is potentially a key military ally if Washington decides to attack Afghanistan, where Osama bin Laden is based.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said he and Ivanov had discussed potential cooperation areas like "law enforcement, military activity, legal actions, financial actions – anything that can be used to get at these terrorist organizations."

He said he was referring first of all to al Qaeda, a network of guerrilla cells led by bin Laden, a Saudi-born militant accused of masterminding the attacks in which hijackers smashed planes into two World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon near Washington. Another hijacked plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

Aside from its military might, Moscow also has knowledge of Afghanistan, including intelligence, from the war it fought and lost to U.S.-backed Islamic militants, including bin Laden.

Ivanov said U.S. cooperation with Russia, which has its own guerrilla war to fight in Chechnya, was ongoing and their special services were in constant contact.

Russia has an interest in exchanging intelligence information on bin Laden, believing that the Muslim separatists fighting in Chechnya also have links to his organization.

Let's go!

Carlito Russia

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 09:33:08

OPSEC Brother.....OPSEC!!!

Mortarman11c

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 22:10:41

On the topic of Russia, I have been b!iching at anyone willing to listen for years that we should tell OPEC to go pi\$\$ up a rope and start buying oil from Russia. It would take less time to transport, help the Russian economy and end our reliance on the whims of a bunch of camel herders. Russia is helping out in a big way here, lets show our gratitude.

Carlito, I'll drink a toast of ice-cold vodka to the Russian Paratroopers. "Nastrovia" (hope I got it right)

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 23:12:56

Carlito, that is pretty hooah!!! Lets GO!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 25 Sep 2001 : 06:34:56

On Monday evening, Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov officially declared that Moscow intends to render full financial, military and technical assistance to Afghanistan's anti-Taliban Northern Alliance and U.S. In a press statement, Ivanov revealed that Russia has in fact long since been assisting the Northern Alliance

Thus it is highly likely that following the weekend's developments in U.S. – Russian cooperation, the US has agreed to change its stance on Chechnya. Additionally, last week the Russian General Prosecutor announced that his agency had passed a large amount of documentation to the US special services, which according to the Prosecutor's office, contained "conclusive evidence" of contacts between the Chechen separatists and bin Laden and the Taliban. Perhaps the US special services have now had time to digest those documents and have been swayed.

Let's go!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 25 Sep 2001 : 07:16:41

Never thought I'd see the day that US soldiers and Russian soldiers would be fighting side-by-side. It's another Tom Clancy novel come true. The whole terrorist world should be quaking in their boots about now.

As a matter of fact, Hamas has announced that it will cease its activities while this "war" continues. The Brits are reporting the first firefight of the "war" against the Taliban last Friday between SAS and Taliban about 60km. from Kabul (in the Daily Telegraph).

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 25 Sep 2001 : 15:30:00

Carlito, thanks again! HOOAH!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 26 Sep 2001 : 08:04:35

We probably could learn a few things from the Russians on fighting over there. Basically a what not to do. Glad there along for the ride. "Teamwork gives them someone else to shoot at."

tuome

Posted - 26 Sep 2001 : 09:56:23

You are welcome, RangerRios.

I'll do my best to give you news from that side of the front line.

Probably I'll be back on the service soon. At list if our government will decide to use paratroopers there, they asked us to reenlist for that period. I'll be for my retraining next week.

So, maybe I'll be fighting side-by-side with you.

Let's go!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 27 Sep 2001 : 11:53:57

Russian President Vladimir Putin has consistently portrayed Moscow's war in Chechnya as a struggle against terrorism. Up to now, that view has not been shared by western governments. But recently, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder hinted that it might be time for the west to reassess its attitude toward that conflict.

www.rferl.org/nca/special/chechnya/

Carlito, what is your view on this conflict?

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 27 Sep 2001 : 15:18:52

SFC

Nostradomas (sp) predicted that the Bear (Russia) and the eagle (US) would fight together against the infidel from the east. I believe the quatrains referred to him as the man in the turban and also as the antichrist. One of the quatrains has been interpreted as the fomenting attack would come in the 9th month of the new millennium when missiles would destroy the twin brothers in the new city.... ohhhhhhh spooky.

mpworkingdog

Posted - 28 Sep 2001 : 03:28:48

Ok friends.

He's the news...I'm starting training next week, as I've been tolled they are planning to use paratroopers and armored divisions there. I'm in a reserve at the moment and the asked me to become a volunteer as I have some combat experience in mountains. And I decided I'll go.

I can't say that everybody here in Russian like the fact that we will return to Afghanistan but all my friends a willing to fight. And I think that Putin is very serious about joining this war.

WE have to finish with those f...s! There too many of them and they think that they are invulnerable...

Let's give them a hard lesson! Fu...k them!

Let's go!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 28 Sep 2001 : 05:46:27

I just posted before. Though I am not airborne qualified (haven't been to basic yet), I plan to. This is my suggestion. This may not be popular, I know, but hear me out (plus I am drunk, but this idea has been with me for a while).

Russia, China, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, India, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S. all face the same terrorist threat. The problem w/ CT units is bureaucracy. Why not set up a TRUE international CT/HRT Unit from Spetnaz, Delphin, Delta, Rangers, Recon, Force Recon, Special Forces, SEALs, Devgroup, Blackcats, Marine Commandos, OMON, GIGN, GSG-9, GIS, NOCS, COMSUBIN, Isayeret, SAS, etc...(you know what I mean, all CT/HRT groups on our side) Let the new unit, say LEGION, be under INTERPOL. That way, they are able to monitor terrorist activity on a global scale, w/ legality. Since all these countries are U.S. allies, cross training is feasible, cause each one has their own strengths, thus providing a full-rounded unit. I know there is some cross training going on, but not enough. Together, you will have the most elite force of all time, period.

metaldesi

Posted - 28 Sep 2001 : 10:37:52

Best of luck Carlito, keep tight!

LewisG (United Kingdom)

Posted - 28 Sep 2001 : 12:59:09

Well, it was the big three in WWII that kicked the German's ass (honorable mention to France who provided the Impact Area), Great Britain, Russia and the U.S. Does the Taliban think they're better than the Germans?

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 28 Sep 2001 : 13:17:17

Is there some rule against posting while drunk (metaldesi)? LOL.....I hope not!!!!

psyopper

September 14, 2001

Patriots

*“Where was the Flag waving
a few years ago?”*

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 01:25:13

I am a saddened and angry Paratrooper today.

This event has sparked a fire that I never thought that I had in me. But the reason for this post is this: Where was the Flag Waving a few years ago? When America was still America!

This is directed at those (not in this Web Site) who have taken everything that they can touch, taste, see, and smell for granted. It is such a shame that it takes an event of this horrific magnitude to remind the people of the United States of America that what they have is truly not given to them, but fought for and protected by Paratroopers and soldiers (even legs) like us.

I love this country, but am saddened by what has become of most of its citizens. We all must try and find good in all situations, I think that the only good thing that can come from this is the reminding the citizens of this country of the basic fundamentals of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Sorry for ranting on but it is 0220 and I am still at work!

God watch over all of us in this heightened time of wanting to kick the living SH_T out of a certain coward!

Muddy_Rigger

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 08:18:32

I agree, it saddened and angered me to see people rushing to buy a U.S. Flag to display when I expect every American to own at LEAST one.

There are still people on my block that are not displaying the flag, they don't own one, and they get an earful from me each holiday you're supposed to put it up.

I was the second actually on my block to put it up on Tuesday and I felt bad for having to be the SECOND guy to do so.

Maybe some of these people will stop for a second and realize that freedom isn't free and the price for some is high but they pay for others.

Rigger82

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 10:08:31

I know -- the Flag has been displayed at our house for years and years -- even sticking small Flags in the flowerpots on the porch, etc --

Once a business associate stopped by the house and asked, "Was today a holiday that I missed or something???" He just didn't get it

God Bless, Blue Skies and always only the softest of landings

AirborneMom

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 11:16:52

I own two flags...One for the house and I just got a 3X5 footer to carry in my helmet bag. That one will get hung up in the jet each time I go fly.

Mortarman11c

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 14:07:43

We were complacent, we had our petty squabbles.

Now we've all discovered that other groups around the world don't see us as black or white, rich or poor...all the world sees are Americans.

It's time we started acting like it.

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 16:49:27

This string is about the flag, but please let me say something here. These cowards attacked probably the most diverse and international city on earth. They took out people from their same background and religion, Japanese, Anglos, Black, Hispanic, Chinese, Australian, English, Irish, etc. They put them all in the same execution chamber (the burning Twin Towers and Pentagon) and served them an undeserved sentence. They stepped on their dicks big time and they will soon see the wrath of freedom loving countries.

These victims represent the diversity of America and the red, white and blue of the American flag. United we stand.

The suicide weenies are dead, but they are only the "tip" of the iceberg. I used to be in Intel with SF (98G2V) and believe me, this is an entire network of losers and believers in the double standard and war on the innocent of the world. They would never take on a sand beret Airborne Ranger face to face, or a maroon beret All American. They operate as the cowards they are.

Display your flag and display it with pride. THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

BTW, the Puerto Ricans here that want the U.S. Navy out of the Vieques bombing range now have their tails in between their legs. Our country needs the Vieques USN bombing range now more than ever since it is not just about the amphibious ops but the training of pilots as well. Pilots trained here for the Kosovo campaign. Now hundreds of Puerto Ricans are dead in NYC, Waleska Martinez died on flight 93, and at least two troopers are reported as KIA at the Pentagon.

Now, what does this Fidel Castro loving minority here think? They are a bunch of ignorant individuals that think that because they see a little peace in the world, or because they never lived through WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, etc., we can let our guard down or have an unprepared military. Too bad for them, the Navy ain't going anywhere. They can thank bin Laden. We will continue to put our grain of sand for the defense of our Nation.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE...RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 21:38:22

I live here along our southern border (El Paso, Tex), and Sunday, Sept16 is Mexican Independence Day or some such SH!T. Driving around town today, as I was working, I saw just as many MEXICAN flags flying as I saw AMERICAN! Hell, one grade school had even used ribbons to turn the chain-link fence into a Mexican flag.

I am not anti-Mexico, but I am PI\$\$ED OFF!!!!!!!

Where do these a\$\$holes allegiances lie? Do they not realize we are at WAR? Can we count on them when it gets bad? Or are they just sucking off of the public t!t?

I am about to go off in a major way. Hell, the President of Mexico, Mr. Fox, even requested that "Mexican-Americans" living in the US remove the Mexican flags out of respect for those killed in this act of war.

Do these fuc*ing peasants listen? NO.

I guess they figure that if the sh!t hits the fan they will just return to Mexico; it's not their problem.

BASTARDS! I am trying to deal with an attack on my NATION, and they want to play "Piss off the Gringo".

Sorry for the rant, maybe I should just move to Real America and get out of occupied Mexico.

Be grateful you are surrounded by OUR flag, as I am NOT.

Stand In The Door!!

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 14 Sep 2001: 23:27:30

Tex,

You're welcome any time up here in Pennsylvania. Give me a buzz and I'll pick you up at the Airport.

Hey, if we get bored, I know where there's a huge warehouse full of Chinese Made Tainted Black Berets!! I'm sure we can find a way to vent some of our anger there!!!

KEEP THE FAITH

Desperado

Posted - 15 Sep 2001: 01:56:08

Even as a kid the American Flag meant more to me than anyone I knew. My father was Navy, his father a Sgt. Major in the Army (Who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam and is buried at Arlington), and my mother's father, Sgt. Major Ralph Montgomery (Also served WWII, and Korea, Drill Instructor at Paris Island and a Para-Marine.)

The Flag was more than a decoration put out on Memorial Day (which is my birthday), Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. It was and is a symbol of my family's dedication to this country.

I have stood at many a sports event and watched in disgust as people remain seated, continue to drink their beer and eat a hot dog, leave their hat on their head, hold conversations, and in general disrespect the National Anthem and the Flag.

I am usually the easy one to spot in the crowd. I am the one at attention, staring directly at the Flag, not moving until the last note is played. I'm the one who gets a tear in the corner of my eye each time the National Anthem is played, because I know that men gave their lives over and over again to defend what the rest of America takes for granted.

Not since WWII has America pulled together so strongly, let's hope that this lesson lasts longer than the last one.

ForceRecon-1Shot-1Kill

Posted - 15 Sep 2001: 07:11:59

I'm sorry to say, but we will soon be separating the MEN from the boys and girls. Many so called Americans will be heading north and south to avoid the draft, just like in 'Nam. We don't need them anyway.

THE LAND OF THE FREE, THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 15 Sep 2001: 09:50:57

My next question is this. How long will the country of Americans show their love for America in such an outwardly fashion that is being seen by everyone?

I was in a store last night and a gentleman walked up to me and shook my hand. He said "Thank you" and, of course me being confused, asked him why. He said "'cause it is people like you that never stop loving America, even when the rest of the country does." I said "Thank you, Sir!", shook his hand again, put my Beret on my head and went home, feeling good! I thought I should share that w/ you all.

Muddy_Rigger

Posted - 15 Sep 2001: 15:42:03

I hear you on the issue here with the flag. I work in an Army Recruiting Station, and I am getting bombarded with a renewed sense of Patriotism. Everyone in town feels it is my job to supply them with flags, when they should already have them.

A woman actually offered me money to buy the one I have in my office window.

I am happy, but also sad that it takes this kind of tragedy to bring it out.

G-jet

Posted - 16 Sep 2001: 17:15:30

G-jet, I hear you and that is sad.

In other countries, people are proud of their heritage and of their countries. Some so-called "U.S. citizens" are always trashing the USA with their mouths and after this

tragedy even justifying Tuesday's attack. They are full of hate. too, just like the kamikaze pilots that caused so much pain and destruction in NYC and DC.

Love it, or leave it. We don't need them anyway.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 16 Sep 2001: 23:12:19

OK, Update: Mexico is now rapidly moving up my list of respected nations.

In what I consider a HUGE show of support for the USA, Mexican President Vincente Fox CANCELLED celebrations of their nations independence.

WOW, that is a pretty damn strong display of support and respect. About 95% of the Mexican flags flying here in town came down, and many were replaced with the Stars & Stripes.

I felt so bad about bitching about it the other day, I made it a point to wish everyone I ran into today a happy 16 Sept (Mexican Ind.). I am now more in favor of helping this nation pull itself up.

I apologize for my previous rant, but I am still so angry about these fu*king terrorists I can't sleep. I drink as much Pepto-Bismol as I do water every day, but Mexico's support helped raise my spirits some. Thanks, and I stand corrected.

Stand In The Door!!

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 18 Sep 2001: 21:12:52

There are a lot of good things going on with all of the support. Some of the kids in town brought goodies to my station for us. A lot of cars are decorated up with red, white, and blue writing on them.

The only thing I don't like is all of these flags on these cars around town are starting to get pretty shredded up from all of the exposure. With the wind and weather, the flags are pretty rough looking now after the last few days.

I saw on TV last night of a couple using the flag as a blanket at a baseball game. Talk about the ultimate insult.

G-jet

Posted - 30 Sep 2001: 18:45:08

I am the American Flag.
I have earned the right to be heard.
I will speak from the wisdom of life.
Look at my face. I have known over 40 presidents.
I have traveled far.
I have lived long and seen much.
I have paid the price for my freedom of speech.
I have wrapped my arms around those who have died for me.
I am proud of my country, preserve my dignity; you have the freedom to choose.
Old Glory they called me, and I am the American Flag, Under God, with Liberty and Justice For All.

tigger_101

Posted - 01 Oct 2001: 02:46:04

You can also state " A symbol of freedom, and a ray of hope"

DeadVet

Posted - 02 Oct 2001: 23:21:12

I posted this a while back on a different topic, but I think it has a lot of meaning now.

I AM AN AMERICAN.

I owe you no apologies nor will I accept those apologies made for me by others.

If you dislike me-you dislike me not for what I am, but for what you are not.
By my own sweat I have created a lifestyle , which I desire for all men.

To the world, I have shared my wealth and given my blood, not because of obligation-but by my free will. I have fed the hungry of the world. Many bit my hand; I used the other hand.

I defeated my enemies in battle, then
pulled them up from the ashes of defeat.
Once strong, they again attacked; I turned
the other cheek. Though I am strong, I have
never used my strength to rule others.
But do not misjudge me, I will not allow the
fear of my own strength to become my weakness.

If you wish to rise, I will give you a helping
hand. But by the grace of God, and I'll
first be damned, if I'll let you drag me down
so that we may be equal.

D. Ault

Pass it along.

ABSSG_TEX

Posted - 03 Oct 2001: 00:38:19

brushes a tear off my cheek

Beautiful little exert, great post

DreadedAirborne

Posted - 03 Oct 2001: 02:01:32

Hooha! Tex it's great!

Let's go!

Carlito Russia

Posted - 06 Oct 2001: 00:58:13

Tex,

I want to buy you a beer. That is awesome!
Longarm

Posted - 06 Oct 2001: 08:58:08

Tex, drive on! Could not have said it better. Hooah!

RLTW!

RangerRios

September 15, 2001

New Recruits

"Hell, sign em up!"

Posted - 15 Sep 2001 : 15:51:55

Since the tragedy of this week's events, I have been bombarded with people wanting to enlist. Normally, I would be happy to oblige them, it just doesn't seem right to me.

A few months ago, people laughed at me, hung up the phone, or just ignored me all together when I asked them to join. Now, it is the complete opposite.

I want people to join because they have a sense of pride and service to country, not out for blood vengeance. A couple of people I am enlisting are legitimate, but the majority are doing it as a reaction.

Just an old Patriot here putting in his two-cents worth. Any comments or stories on your feelings are appreciated.

G-jet

Posted - 15 Sep 2001 : 17:19:16

When the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, everyone enlisted, therefore I am not shocked with the reaction. However, I strongly believe those men joining will not get what they expect. I knew all my life I'd end up doing something sacred, and, July 26th I enlisted with the DEP and will ship out after graduation for the 75th Rangers. Bin Laden angered America, and riled the Army Rangers.... May He Rest In Peace

LRSU

Posted - 15 Sep 2001 : 18:05:39

Read this, Thomas Paine's "The American Crisis";

<http://hometown.aol.com/tompaine7/cris.htm>

SFC ABNINFCIB

Posted - 15 Sep 2001 : 18:26:01

Today me and my wife had to get away from the tube for a while, we've had tears in our eyes now for 5 days.

We decided to go to the mall. I saw so many people going about their lives like nothing has happened, only one person commented to us about the tragedy.

We've said BRING ON THE DRAFT. However, I don't know if I would like to fight along side all the losers that would be forced to serve. Our Armed Forces today are made up of volunteer professionals. Hell, I worked with 3 and 4 time volunteers at times.

I sometimes wonder if its worth defending so called U.S. citizens, that only days after the worst terrorist attack to hit our soil took place could really give a flying crap about what happened. I've always said that unless people experience it in their own skins, it's always something that happens to someone else or in another country. This time it was not some other country, it was ours and the worst terrorist attack the world has ever seen.

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 15 Sep 2001 : 19:08:44

RangerRios--

Your post really struck a chord with me. One person was talking to me on AIM today, and complained that "Why the hell do all the TV stations have to keep covering this thing? Dammit, I know it's a big deal and all, but ABC keeps blabbing about it when 'Titus' should be on!"

And then this other worthless crapbag, who was standing beside me in a hall full of people as we watched for the first time the collapsing of the World Trade Center on Tuesday, laughed and said "I'm glad I wasn't there today" and walked on.

The last straw was today when an acquaintance of mine was watching me as I read about the latest developments on Yahoo news. He just shook his head and said "It's time to move on from this already!"

I'll do everything I can and THEN SOME to wipe out our cowardly enemies. However, when the victory is here and full freedom is restored, isn't there some way to export all these lazy socialist boneheads from the U.S.?

The real problem is the "Napster Generation", who have grown up to believe that everything is free, including freedom itself.

I really haven't posted much on this topic yet, and all I really have to say is that it **baffles** me why everyone isn't still outraged about this, or were never outraged to begin with.

kingofsting

Posted - 15 Sep 2001 : 19:20:35

kingofsting,

Tell those lazy socialist cow dung punks that there are still incinerated and crushed Americans in that rubble. We will not be moving on from this for a while and he should get used to it.

The entire world will change because of this, the party is over.

Take care brother...RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 03:41:16

Rios,

I understand completely. Me and a friend yesterday were driving around when all of a sudden we were in the middle of a 4 way, with people on each corner holding U.S.A. flags up high and screaming and yelling for America, it made me so high (pride wise) I stopped pulled over and got out, and we too ran around waving the flags, me and a friend ran a 'victory run' from the taco bell to the nearest rallyes, around a mile, running, waving the flags for all to see.

My former best friend at school was mentioning how he didn't give a **** on what happened and it was bull**** and he wished it was his parents and **** like that, yet yesterday, he and his girlfriend and others were trying to do the same, some reason no one honked for them as the response we had gotten. its like they sensed the American in us, rather than the blackness of their hearts.

RLTW

LRSU

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 06:57:48

LRSU,

Good bless you man. Make us proud. Remember to always have 360 security. If this gets ugly enough, I'm pretty sure it will, I'll join you in the battlefield too.

Take care Ranger!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 07:06:06

G-jet,

If people want to join simply because they want blood, get ready because you will soon have to recruit them, too. Consider putting those individuals in the infantry. During World War II many drafted Americans did not serve more than 2 or 3 years. They simply did the job they were asked to do and if they survived Europe or the Pacific they went home.

Plus I would rather fight with someone who went to the recruiting station "of his own accord" than those who could soon be dragged into MEPS by a forced nation-wide draft.

Rangers Lead the Way!!!

RangerRios

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 09:20:21

The attitude is very different where I am at, since I actually watched the first tower collapse. I have to use the Internet from the office since a lot of the phone service is knocked out. It is a blessing none of the recruiters here were killed. All police checks for the battalion are turned in less than a half-mile from the site.

The media is covering up a lot of the indifference (and in some cases) and quiet joy that the Arabs who live in the USA feel about what happened. There was no mention about some of the celebration going on in NYC, or the Arab stores selling t-shirts with the twin towers in flames, or 911 logos (as if anyone here would buy that ****).

It has been a wake up call for a lot of people here, even though most of us here on paratrooper.net know this is business as usual in the Middle East. I look forward to being a part of the solution, as I PCS back to Bragg next year.

steve0874

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 10:43:43

All I can say on the subject is as a young soldier who had seriously considered ETS'ing and going back to school, my resolve to remain in the military has been strengthened by the events of the past week, and I am sure it has strengthened the resolve of many others. AATW!

tuffie226

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 20:40:16

Rios, during the run most honked in support and cheered, a few did not honk, 1 guy drove by cheering while yelling '**** the Arabs' or something along those lines, and one guy drove by yelling an insult, and my friend told me he flipped me off.

Rios I need to know how I should respond to everything that is going on, I WANT to go to war if it is inevitable, and I got a ranger contract so ill be taken care of through hardships, but I have to graduate first. I need to know how to react, and how to act as a 'ranger' so I may get in the habit, please respond.

Thanks Rios, All RLTW

LRSU

Posted - 16 Sep 2001 : 23:10:12

LRSU,

Rangers are quiet professionals. They also work at times with other SOF units.

All Arabs are not our enemies. Many fought along side us during the Gulf War and lost people in the WTC too.

Our enemy right now is only the Arabs that shelter, harbor and finance terrorists and the cowards themselves. Let our CIA and FBI identify them for you so you may later bag them as an infantryman, paratrooper and Ranger. Don't take the law in your own hands here in America. Your focus now should be to graduate from high school and later making it through basic, AIT, jump school and RIP.

When you get to the regiment listen closely to your team leader, squad leader and platoon sergeant. They will be expecting that you learn your job quick. War is not about dying for your country but about MAKING THE OTHER SOB ON THE OTHER SIDE DIE FOR HIS. You do that by knowing your job and doing what you are told with professionalism and strength.

Good luck to you and GOOD HUNTING!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 00:21:30

Thanks Rios, lately, I've been more confined to myself, I mean I keep it all inside, forget the rest, do what I got to do, then when there is nothing left I'll go out with friends or whatever, I wanted to party hard and all my last year, but I decided fvck all of that, I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong, and morally straight. I will do as much as I can to prepare for the regiment until its time to go. Then, Osama bin Laden and his followers will suffer the wrath of a Southern born future Army ranger.
RLTW

LRSU

Posted - 17 Sep 2001 : 00:22:52

G-jet,

Hell, sign em up! If they realize they don't belong they can just start waving their stress cards around. Some of them might even become good soldiers. Either way, it will teach them to think long & hard about the next big decision they have to make.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 18 Sep 2001 : 21:04:42

I'm trying to keep everything in perspective.

A lot of people do have good intentions, and I can respect that. It just seems like a lot of people are jumping on the bandwagon of "instant patriotism."

I don't ever remember it being anywhere near like this in the 3 years I've been here in Recruiting.

A bit of good news though, just put in a prior service 11C1P who is heading back to Bragg. The prior service guys are calling like crazy. Proud to put them back in.

G-jet

Posted - 18 Sep 2001 : 22:06:52

If they want to join, let them join. I wouldn't give any of them ranger contracts though, they didn't want it and they're only asking for it at time of need, just give them 82nd or whatever they want, if they want ranger, see if they know the creed.

LRSU

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 20:59:12

We in Canada have a line up even more. You may think our lil Forces, But at the recruiting offices we get about 10,000 apps every 6 months. that may not sound like a lot but for us it's many. If our Government got off its a**, we could field approx 1 mil men. that's a lot for 24 mil people hey. A friend at the recruiting offices in Windsor said he's had some Americans trying to enlist. Most were turned away in Detroit, Toledo etc. So they are trying to get in. He was saying most are good kids who are just, mad. He did take some names, but that was the ones with dual passports. Some are so bent on getting in they lie. He feels that everyone has to downplay about war until we need them. Has anyone else know of pers crossing the boarder.

Sgt D. Cd, CDS com

Cdnparatanker (Canada)

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 11:14:30

I was originally going to write this in the protests section but I feel I should write it here.

I have been working lately as a recruiter here in Michigan for ROTC until I attend BOLC next month at Benning. I have had to man recruiting tables at a couple of college nights lately. Interest has been almost completely nil. Most kids are dragged away from my AO by their parents if they even glance at my display. It is begging to piss me off something fierce.

How can those same parents call for blood but not be willing to allow their child to serve, even if they get done with the program until four years from now.

tuome

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 11:34:17

I feel your pain on what you have to endure.

When I set up tables for Recruiting, we're pretty much ignored by the kids. You literally have to grab them if you want them to talk to you.

This is the "me now" generation. Parents have raised kids to where they are given everything at that instant. Kids don't have to work for anything nowadays, and when you try to talk to them about what the military can do for them, they're not interested.

Interest has pretty much disappeared since last week after the tragedy in New York. We were getting called all the time, now nobody comes by or calls. Just like everything else in this country, people's attention has already shifted back to their own little world.

This is my last month on Recruiting, and I can't wait to leave, because having to go after these kids is the most degrading thing to do.

I am sure a lot of people will call me names, but until you've done this job, you can't say anything.

G-jet

Posted - 24 Sep 2001 : 22:11:34

G-jet,

I won't call you names. I understand what you are saying. Drive on!

RLTW!

RangerRios

Posted - 28 Sep 2001 : 21:04:39

Recruits.

Well, we've have had so many new recruits in the last two weeks, Canada is setting up two more recruit training centers. And also the lack of General Military Training Instructors (DIs) have hurt. Most are not even doing the GMTI course to instruct. Also starting in Jan and one in Apr. we have QL 3 courses (trade courses i.e. INF, Armour crewman)and soldiers just returning from Bosnia and Taskings are being sent due to the lack of qualified Inst. Maybe we will be back to the 128,000 in two yrs like they wanted and get our two Operational Divs back. Also the army maybe getting 5 bil per yr more, and new equipment.
Sgt D. CD,CDS com

Cdnparatanker (Canada)

Posted - 29 Sep 2001 : 07:54:39

I have plans to enlist this month, but it's not just to get some pay back.

youthzero

Posted - 28 Oct 2001 : 15:45:06

The attacks effect on people wanting to enlist has pretty much disappeared. We don't get any more calls, or people walking into my Recruiting station anymore. For most people, it is back to life as usual.

Pity though, a lot of flags and ribbons are starting to disappear. I like the flags being up, but it's good that they are coming down. Most of them looked pretty beat up after a month of being beat to death on the antenna of a car.

Getting ready to leave Recruiting here in about another 3 weeks, super happy to be leaving. Getting hard to deal with all of these unpatriotic kids who have no clue about what's going on, or any interest in supporting our country. Go figure.

G-jet

September 19, 2001

The Veterans

"I feel like I gotta do something, guys."

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 01:59:08

Well, I just joined this site so I'm coming in a little late on this conversation, but I'd like to put my \$.02 in.

I served proudly with the 82nd, then made the decision to get out and raise my family. This attack, however, has been too much. I am trying to re-enlist, but now I'm over the age limit (39). I'm talking to the recruiter again tomorrow to see what we can do about an age waiver, but it doesn't look good.

A reserve unit might be easier to get into, but there are none anywhere in my area that are Airborne and the thought of being in a leg unit kills me.

I wish those people coming in could really understand what an opportunity they have in serving their country. I'm having a tough time wanting to serve again, but not being able to. Like the old expression, you don't miss your water until the well runs dry. But it does help to have a place where I can come to discuss this with others who understand.

I've spoken to a couple people who just think I'm crazy fro wanting to re-enlist at my age especially with the current situation. They've never been there so they just can't get it.

Olsson

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 08:06:08

Hey Olsson, the 82nd had me feeling the same way about leg units 20 years ago. They were wrong. There are a BUNCH of high-speed NG/USAR units out there. We old farts (I'm 42) need to realize our limits. I have Cocorans that are older than some of the people in my unit. I have more time in grade than some have time in service.

Just research and check out the unit. Go find an E5/E6 and ask questions.

Dustoffsix

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 08:33:03

Olson,

If you really want to you can travel to MIARNG or TXARNG. They both have airborne LRSC Companies. In two years they will be the only ones left in the whole army. I know a few guys in the MIARNG company.

tuome

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 10:01:31

Olson,
We have an Airborne Reserve unit, Psyop, right here in Dallas if you are anywhere near there. Lots of jump slots, will-train, attach to 82nd, Rangers, 5th SFG, etc.....let me know!!

psyopper

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 10:23:04

Just to name a few states with Airborne reserves or guard units are: Iowa, Texas, Michigan, California, Georgia and Rhode Island. Hope that helps a little for information on reserve airborne units.

terminator

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 13:06:45

Pennsylvania NG has a LRSU unit out of Fort Indiantown Gap that are on jump status. Also a PA reserve pysops unit near the Pittsburgh area on jump status as well. Maryland has the 20th Group Special Forces NG that is on jump status. I think W Virginia has a jump status unit as well.

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 13:23:56

I believe that there is a SF unit here in Ohio, on the south side of Cleveland. The town is Chagrin Falls. Hope its some help.

Lock and load one 30 round magazine and watch your lane !!!

Paratrpr6

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 13:29:22

DustoffSix,

Talk about old.....I have a split option troop in my detachment that I found out last week that I have more time in the service than he has in life!!!!

psyopper

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 15:34:25

quote:

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Don't forget Colorado, Utah and West Virginia, all home to various units of the 19th SFG(A)

martinjmpr

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 18:18:35

Georgia Army National Guard has a LRSU in Newnan, GA, (H Co. 122 Inf, ABN) Very short, looking for personnel. One of my guys was in the unit, transferred to a Field Artillery unit and found himself transferred back last week. Lots of Hooahs there.

Florida still has a NG SF unit at Camp Blanding, (Starke, FL) I believe.

Several rigger units across the country, GA, NC to name a few.

Ertman

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 21:12:56

Well, I've run into a brick wall RE: getting back active, and am willing to try anything short of joining the Canadian Army (Too Cold, I'm a desert boy).

So, anybody out there know the recruiting requirements for the Israeli Defense Forces(IDF)?

That would seem like a good place to bring a few terrorists to "Justice". ("Out here due-process is a bullet", John Wayne in the Green Berets) Why the hell not, all the Israeli women I've met are real cute, and I love Mediterranean food. Besides, as an exterminator, I already have LOTS of experience killing ROACHES!

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 21:25:00

Hey Tex,

Petawawa is nice in the winter though. If you're Airborne our LIB btls are looking for a few.

Sgt D. CD,CDS com

Cdnparatanker

Posted - 19 Sep 2001 : 21:38:38

CanadianPara,

If it drops below 60 degrees at night it is TOO COLD. I have done arctic and winter mountain op's (in the Italian Alps)and can't say I enjoyed it. Besides, a change of continents might be fun.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 20 Sep 2001 : 08:55:23

OH F***

Its not cold yet. wait until it gets to -60.

By the way you Tex boys need lessons on skis.

I've met a few down in Hood, Bragg that like to join. We do have better pay, even with the exchange, and beer. HAHA. Well to all on their second time around good luck. 22 yrs now and 20 to go, we can stay until we're 60 by Christ, if I'm in until then, I may have to salute my Grand kids.

Sgt D. CD, CDS comCDN, damn I have to get some Canadian wings and rank on Here! Have a Good One!

Cdnparatanker

Posted - 20 Sep 2001 : 21:55:55

Cdnpara,

I grew up near Durango, Colorado and ski quite well, and don't get me started on your skunky beer, I prefer Scottish heavy ale.

If I have a choice, I prefer not freezing my nads off. I have a choice now, which is why I moved back to Gods country (TEXAS).

Besides, you gotta love blonde, blue-eyed cowgirls wearing jeans so tight you can tell where her bikini shave-line is.

If you get the chance, come down for a visit and thaw out.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 21 Sep 2001 : 23:08:12

I, too, want to go back in. I am thinking Guard. Active won't have me I don't think. I got med boarded.

Some people seem to be enlisting as you say for reasons of vengeance. I just hope they don't regret it later on down the line. That would be bad for morale.

Unfortunately, people ignored you before, that's a shame. It's bad when it takes a national tragedy for people to wake up and smell reality.

longarm

Posted - 22 Sep 2001 : 00:13:59

Hey Longarm,

lets just form our own team, the "Broke-dick old paratroopers" that should scare the Taliban into surrender. Hell, in one night we could defile (religiously) their entire country.

"Hey Mr.Taliban, tally me banana." Sorry, I couldn't help it.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 22 Sep 2001 : 08:49:17

Sign me up for this here new fangled unit..I'd love to defile and deflower Afghanistan. I went in to do some tests for the Gulf War syndrome back in `96, they locked me up for 2 months in the VA Hospital for PTSD. Dunno if I'm allowed back on active duty..they gave me 40% disability, then took it all back last year, stating I was healthy. **Shrug** They pay my ticket from Au, I'll come back and go play with Mr. Talli-bomb.

DeadVet Australia

Posted - 22 Sep 2001 : 11:07:20

Ok Tex

Been there did a SUE. in FT.HOOD, nice place. It's like our west big ski country. So you can ski. Now we could use you, no training for you. HAHA. Have A Good One. Sgt D. CD, CDS. com

Cdnparatanker

Posted - 23 Sep 2001 : 00:57:25

ABNSSG_TEX....if you want active duty, and don't mind the travel, then look at the following webpage.....almost like the 82nd, but just a bit more overseas action: <http://www.info-france-usa.org/america/embassy/legion/legion.htm>

DeadVet Australia

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 08:24:05

So in a patriotic moment, I called the local NG recruiter, to inquire about what I need to do to re-up. I've been out since 92, after spending 6 years in the NG, first with SF, and then with a LRSU unit. I explained this to the recruiter, and that I would only be interested in an Airborne unit, since I had a suspicion that my old unit was disbanded. He explained that the old LRSU unit that I was in changed into an MI unit, still Airborne, and still cap stoned to the XVIII corps. So what gives there? Did LRSU units across the board change in that regard, or is this a unique occurrence.

FYI for others out there wondering about getting back in. The recruiter said all I needed to do was to come in with my discharge papers, take a physical, re-take the ASVAB, and viola' I'm back in at the same rank... no basic, no nuttin. NG is pushing a "try 1" program which only commits you to 1 year in (I'm sure there's fine print there that will override that limitation during national emergencies) I'm 33, have

been out for almost 10 years, and really at a crossroads, that abn MI company has commo slots that I could fill in a heartbeat. Monthly E-4 salary (minus haz & jump pay) would be less than 1/10th of what I currently make, so when I mentioned this idea to my wife, it went over like a fart in church. That plus the fact that I have a 3yo and a 5yo daughter... reality starts to set in.

I feel like I gotta do something guys. I'm sure I'm not the only one that feels this way. What can we do besides sitting around watching Fox & CNN?

Ethen Herbusch Recruit

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 08:55:55

I got out in 91 and while the desire to re-enlist has crossed my mind, I let it keep going.

I told the wife that if things got hot and they wanted volunteers I would do so without hesitation and she agreed in that regard it was fine.

I make enough money that the wife doesn't have to work and I cannot take the pay cut especially if all I'd be doing is sitting around.

I decided that what I am doing with this site is in some ways a better contribution to the cause than my sitting around in uniform in some NG or Reserve group with my thumb firmly planted.

Well that said... I'll get back to doing more stuff on this site for you guys.

Airborne!

Rigger82

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 11:00:51

I got out in 1984. That's right '84. In 2000, I made over \$70,000 as a civilian. Last year, after the Cole and the beret decision, I decided that I wanted back in. At 37, I went back on AD as an E-4, Couldn't go back to the Infantry because of hearing loss so I signed up to be a journalist (if I can't be in the Infantry, at least I can tell the story). I went back through basic and finished AIT yesterday. All I can say is this: It was the right decision for me. I love being back in and having that feeling of real purpose in life again. My goals are simple, set an example for the younger troops and teach them how to stay alive.

RLTW

ewfoltz

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 11:17:15

Here in FL they just passed a law that says you will be paid both salaries for the first 30 days then the dif of civ to mil pay for the duration.

witch

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 13:19:01

Witch:

Is that in the FLNG? If that's truly the case, that would be awesome. With that formula as an E-4 (minus jump & haz pay) I would be getting around \$8200/month (~98k/year)!

Guess I'd be buying the beer fairly regularly huh? :D

-- hoowah

Ethen Herbusch Recruit

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 20:51:05

Folks,

Do you think that it is right for the government to force an employer to pay the difference between military pay and civilian pay?

I make a lot of money in the civilian world, but I do not expect my company to make up the difference for me. It would be nice but I do not believe it should be a law. I work for a small company and I am responsible for generating a considerable amount of income for them.

If I am not there generating that income I do not honestly feel that they owe me anything. What was the standard during WWII? Does anyone know? Just curious to what people think.

rugger

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 21:05:34

All that rule will do for Guardsmen in FL is guarantee they won't be able to get a civilian job. Once an employer finds out about that they will find any reason to get rid of the Guardsman. I really don't think that rule will help the Guard in the long run.

Grunt, Medic, Airborne!

GruntMed

Posted - 27 Sep 2001: 21:20:25

YO, YOUNGSTER- THERE WAS (AT LEAST WHEN I RETIRED IN 93) A LRS-D WHICH WE HAD PULLED FROM 525 MI BDE (XVIII ABC) AND WAS UPGRADING TO A LRS-C, ATTACHING IT TO DRAGON BDE HQ (HHC XVIII, HQUSAG, GOLDEN KINGHTS, ETC) HOWEVER SINCE SOME OF US OLD FARTS HAVE PCS TO RETIREMENT, I HEARD SOME JACKASS HAD MADE THE DECISION TO SLOT THEM BACK TO 525MI. THEY SHOULD STILL BE ACTIVE, BUT I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THE EGGHEADS IN MI ARE SUPPORTING THEM LIKE WE GROUNDPOUNDER TURNED STAFF PUKES WERE.

WILDBILL

Posted - 28 Sep 2001: 02:24:31

Like Rigger82, I've been out since the mid `90's, and now have a family, (wife and daughter)(only been married 7mo) and living in Australia, and trying to gain my Au Residency....

The recent events have churned my stomach to the point where I almost say screw this place, I'm going home, but reality sits in, and fair play for my wife wins out.

I told her though, that when the shiat hits the fan, and I see I have no other option but do the right thing, I'm going home and do my part, once again, for country, mom, and apple pie.

DeadVet

Posted - 28 Sep 2001: 08:01:16

Mmmmmmmmmmm....Apple Pie.

-Homer J. Simpson

Mortarman11c

September 20, 2001

“God was an Airborne Ranger!”

**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."
Matthew 5:9**

Posted - 20 Sep 2001: 21:53:08

This is a call up. We need to pray, the Spec Ops prayer or the Lord's Prayer or whatever you pray. I am sure you already have been before God many times this week. But lets make a stick of MEN who will fight on Earth but are prepared to ask the SUPREME Commander in Chief for wisdom and guidance. So I call you to be in church on Sunday ready to listen. And on Tuesday lets be praying together around the world at 0848 praying for one or two soldiers who are brothers of ours, be praying for each other, heck pray for a whole division.

RangerBollman

Posted - 20 Sep 2001: 22:06:53

On the topic of prayer, I am looking for a copy of the prayer delivered by the 82nd ABN Chaplin; I believe his name was Woods, before the D-Day Invasion. I believe it is very fitting at this time in our history.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 20 Sep 2001: 22:12:11

Hey TEX, how can I get a copy of that prayer?

RangerRios

Posted - 20 Sep 2001: 22:18:34

When I find it, I'll pass it along.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 20 Sep 2001: 22:45:09

Guys, I posted it in the Clergy forum per John's request there last night!!!

God Bless, Blue Skies and always only the softest of landings

AirborneMom

Posted - 19 Sep 2001: 22:29:11

John, Chaplain George B. Wood (Chappie) didn't become the Division chaplain until after Operation Market Garden when the then Div Chaplain was seriously injured -- until that time, he was the Protestant chaplain for the 505.

Chappie penned "A Paratrooper's Prayer" and it is as follows:

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who art above us and beneath us, within and around us; Drive from the minds of our paratroops any fear of the space in which Thou art ever present. Give them confidence in the strength of Thine everlasting arms to uphold them. Endue them with clear minds and pure hearts that they may participate worthily in the victory, which this nation must achieve in Thy name and through Thy will. Make them hardy soldiers of our country as well as of Thy Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen."

Chappie died a couple of years ago -- we could have used him through this...

God Bless, Blue Skies and always only the softest of landings

AirborneMom

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 08:31:20

AMEN.....I was telling my wife just last night that I had already established commo with SkySix about the upcoming mission

psyopper

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 16:47:04

Thanks Mom, and sorry for the redundant requests, just trying to cover all the bases. What would we do without you?

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 18:17:52

quote:

I'm with you RangerBollman, I believe in supporting our troops any way we can. You Lead the Way Ranger and you will find the Troops will follow!

This is a call up. We need to pray, the Spec Ops prayer or the Lord's Prayer or whatever you pray. I am sure you already have been before God many times this week. But lets make a stick of MEN who will fight on Earth but are prepared to ask the SUPREME Commander in Chief for wisdom and guidance. So I call you to be in church on Sunday ready to listen. And on Tuesday lets be praying together around the world at 0848 praying for one or two soldiers who are brothers of ours, be praying for each other, heck pray for a whole division.

Airborne Always
Blake Hicks 82D NGA
Commander Low Country All Airborne Chapter

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 21:35:57

I'll pray for one-sided fight.
We should to crush this terrorist scum.
I have a friend who is a Muslim. He's also against terror, Osama and death. Now in polish TV I watch concert "tribute for heroes". God Bless America. God Bless Us.
GOD BLESS AIRBORNE.

Chmiel Poland

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 22:54:43

Always remember:

GOD WAS AN AIRBORNE RANGER!

He will be with us and help us see this through. I will also be praying hard.

longarm

Posted - 30 Jan 2002: 10:08:27

From *The Army Times* online edition:

quote:

January 29, 2002

Green Berets still embrace 40-year-old prayer

By Mike Foley
The Greenville (S.C.) News

Army Special Forces soldiers battling in Afghanistan are equipped with the most modern weaponry and support known to mankind.

They also have support of a different kind: the Special Forces Prayer penned 40 years ago by an Army chaplain four years after his graduation from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.

In 1961, as Green Berets from Fort Bragg, N.C., were about to be sent to Laos to train the Royal Laotian army to fight communists, Chaplain John Stevey was asked to write a prayer for the men.

Gen. William Yarborough, then-commanding officer of the Special Forces, told Stevey that he wanted to remind the soldiers of the spiritual nature of their work.

"But I had to write it so that it could be used by many faiths," Stevey recalls. "He wanted it made so it could be put on a card in men's wallets."

Stevey came up with a prayer that makes no mention of Jesus, but succinctly captures the spirit — and the spirituality — of the men and women of the Special Forces. In the four decades since its birth, the prayer has become a part of the culture of the elite group of Army warriors.

"It is very much a part of who Special Forces are. It's part of our heritage, part of what we are," says Col. Paul Vicalvi, command chaplain of Army Special Forces at Fort Bragg.

What started as a prayer on a wallet card soon became ingrained into the Special Forces community. At the conclusion of Special Forces training, soldiers are feted at a regimental dinner. Along with being outfitted with their Green Berets, they receive a copy of the Special Forces Prayer.

The prayer is etched into a large stained glass window above the entryway at JFK Memorial Chapel at Fort Bragg. It's included in special Bibles issued to all Special Forces troops. It has been set to music and pressed into records. And today, with the Army's blessing, it can even be found on a variety of T-shirts and sweatshirts.

"It kind of blows my mind," says Stevey, now 70, a native of Greensburg, Pa.

While Stevey was earning bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees during the 1950s at Bob Jones University, he took a commission in the Army Reserve. After he graduated in 1957, he applied for active duty. Two months later, he was an Army chaplain.

He served in Panama and more than a dozen other stops in 22 years, including six years of parachute duty and four years as a Green Beret. He retired in 1977. Unbeknownst to Stevey, a stained-glass window emblazoned with his prayer was installed in the Special Forces chapel while he was serving overseas.

While attending a funeral in Dayton, Ohio several years ago, the senior chaplain at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center there asked him to come back and serve as a chaplain at the center. So he came out of retirement.

During his careers, Stevey has had an influence on many lives. But he'll never know how many people he's affected with his simple prayer.

People such as retired Lt. Col. Bob Huckabee, who has a framed copy of the prayer hanging on the wall above his desk in a Seneca (S.C.) High School classroom where he teaches Junior ROTC. He bought a copy of the prayer at the JFK Special Warfare Museum Gift Shop at Fort Bragg.

"You would see it in team rooms, headquarters ... and anywhere you see special ops and Special Forces people serving," Huckabee says. "It's followed me everywhere I've been — and now into retirement."

Special Forces Prayer

Almighty God, who art the Author of liberty and the Champion of the oppressed, hear our prayer.

We, the men of Special Forces, acknowledge our dependence upon Thee in the preservation of human freedom.

So with us as we seek to defend the defenseless and to free the enslaved.

May we ever remember that our nation, whose motto is "In God We Trust," expects that we shall acquit ourselves with honor, that we may never bring shame among our faith, our families, or our fellow men.

Grant us wisdom from Thy mind, courage from Thine heart, strength from Thine arm, and protection by Thine hand.

It is for Thee that we do battle, and to Thee belongs the victor's crown. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Amen.

509Trooper

October 7, 2001

Operation Enduring Freedom

"It's Begun..."

Posted - 07 Oct 2001: 13:29:16

It's begun; a short time ago our forces started striking targets in Afghanistan.

Rigger82

Posted - 07 Oct 2001: 14:25:47

Yes it has started. All we have to do now is wait for the pics taken during the daylight to see what, if anything has been accomplished. The U.K. is there with us, that's one of them standing behind what they said they would do.

Wish you YOUNG BLOOD "GOOD HUNTING"

SKI-61

Posted - 07 Oct 2001: 18:49:38

Heard a report off of Fox News that the airfield in Kabul was clobbered with tomahawks, but the runway itself was left untouched. Think maybe were going to use that runway?

airbornep7

Posted - 07 Oct 2001: 19:52:17

airbornep7,

Really wish the media wouldn't broadcast such speculation.... They've already given away so much OPSEC that perhaps the State Department should file an injunction.

khyros

Posted - 07 Oct 2001: 20:11:23

Roger that, I will try to keep it under control.

airbornep7

Posted - 08 Oct 2001: 09:02:14

Intel report...

quote:

PRESS ADVISORY from the United States Department of Defense

No. 215-P
PRESS ADVISORY October 8, 2001

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers will conduct a press briefing today, Monday, Oct. 8, at 1:15 p.m. EDT in the DoD Briefing Room, Pentagon 2E781.

Rigger82

Posted - 08 Oct 2001: 09:03:49

Interested in just what we are pushing via the food drop, the article states some info and the link goes to a site showing just what is going (food and sundries) and instructions...

quote:

NEWS RELEASE from the United States Department of Defense

No. 492-01
(703) 697-5131(media)
IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 7, 2001
(703) 697-5737(public/industry)

U.S. HUMANITARIAN RELIEF MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced today that at 9:30 p.m. EDT, two U.S. Air Force C-17 aircraft finished an airdrop of enough daily rations for 37,500 people in the regions of Afghanistan where displaced persons are at risk of starvation.

"This is just the first installment of the President's pledge of \$320 million of assistance to the people of Afghanistan," said Rumsfeld.

This airdrop will assist the Afghan people who are coping with the growing humanitarian crisis. The President has instructed the Defense Department to provide food through all available means into regions where displaced persons risk starvation.

The total includes \$25 million authorized on September 28 by the President from the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to provide assistance to a potentially large number of refugees who could cross from Afghanistan into surrounding countries, including Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

Additional assistance totaling \$295 million will be provided through United Nations assistance agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, non-governmental organizations, and through direct provision of food and relief supplies.

The U.S. is Afghanistan's largest aid donor, with more than \$170 million already this year. The U.S. and other countries have provided food, shelter, jobs and health clinics for needy Afghans.

More information can be found at <http://www.dscpl.dla.mil/subs/rations/meals/hdr.htm>

Rigger82

Posted - 08 Oct 2001: 09:05:07

Rumsfeld Statement

quote:

NEWS RELEASE from the United States Department of Defense

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 7, 2001
(703) 697-5737(public/industry)

STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld released today the following statement:

"Good afternoon. We have said since September 11 that the campaign against terrorism will be broad, sustained, and that we will use every element of American influence.

Today, the president has turned to direct, overt military force to complement the economic, humanitarian, financial, and diplomatic activity already well underway.

"The effect we hope to achieve through the raids, which, together with our coalition partners, we have initiated today, is to create conditions for sustained anti-terrorist and humanitarian relief operations in Afghanistan. That requires that, among other things, we first remove the threat from air

defenses and from Taliban aircraft.

"We also seek to raise the cost of doing business for foreign terrorists who have chosen Afghanistan from which to organize their activities, and for the oppressive Taliban regime that continues to tolerate the terrorist presence in those portions of Afghanistan they control.

"The current military operations are focused on achieving several outcomes. To:

"Make it clear to the Taliban leaders and their supporters that harboring terrorists is unacceptable and carries a price.

"Acquire intelligence to facilitate future operations against Al Qaida and the Taliban regimes who harbor the terrorists.

"Develop relationships with groups in Afghanistan that oppose the Taliban regime and the foreign terrorists they support.

"Make it increasingly difficult for the terrorists to use Afghanistan freely as a base of operations.

"Alter the military balance over time, by denying to the Taliban its offensive systems that hamper the progress of the various opposition forces.

"Provide humanitarian relief to Afghans suffering truly oppressive living conditions.

"I want to reiterate a point President Bush has made often and that he made again today. The United States has organized armed coalitions on several occasions since the Cold War for the purpose of denying hostile regimes the opportunity to oppress their own or other people.

"In Kuwait, Northern Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo, the United States took action on behalf of Muslim populations against outside invaders or oppressive regimes. The same is true today. We stand with those Afghans who are being repressed by a regime that abuses the very people it purports to lead and harbors terrorists who have attacked and killed thousands of innocent people around the world -of all religions, races and nationalities.

"While our raids today focus on the Taliban and the foreign terrorists in Afghanistan, our aim remains much broader. Our objective is to defeat those who use terrorism, and those that house or support them.

"The world stands united in this effort. It is not about a religion, an individual terrorist, or a country. Our partners in this effort represent nations and peoples of all cultures, religions, and races.

"We share the belief that terrorism is a cancer on the human condition, and we intend to oppose it wherever it is.

"The operation today involved a variety of weapons systems, and it originated from a number of separate locations. We used land and sea based aircraft, surface ships and submarines, and employed a variety of weapons to achieve our objectives.

"As President Bush mentioned in his statement, dozens of countries contributed in specific ways to this mission, including transit and landing rights, basing opportunities, and intelligence support. In this mission, we are particularly grateful for the direct military involvement of forces from Great Britain.

"To achieve the outcomes we seek, it is important to go after air defense and Taliban aircraft. We need freedom to operate on the ground and in the air, and the targets selected, if successfully destroyed, should permit an increasing degree of freedom over time.

"We have also targeted command facilities for those forces we know support terrorist elements within Afghanistan, and critical terrorist sites.

"As President Bush has repeatedly emphasized, we will hold accountable any who help terrorists, as well as the terrorists themselves."

Posted - 10 Oct 2001: 14:59:47

quote:

Subject: Operation Enduring Freedom Update - Oct. 10

NEWS RELEASE from the United States Department of Defense

No. 503-01
(703) 697-5131 (media)
IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 10, 2001
(703) 697-5737 (public/industry)

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM UPDATE - OCT. 10
U.S. military strikes against terrorist and military targets,
and humanitarian relief airdrops for the Afghan people,
continued for a third day yesterday.

In yesterday's military operations, U.S. forces struck six
military targets, using between five and eight land-based
bombers and eight to 10 naval strike aircraft. The broad
category of targets struck included airfields, air defense sites
and infrastructure of the al Qaeda terrorist organization. This
included a re-strike on a garrison near Mazar-e-Sharif.

Also yesterday, two U.S. Air Force C-17 transport aircraft flew
for a third day in support of humanitarian relief efforts,
dropping about 35,000 packets of humanitarian daily rations for
the Afghan people.

A chart depicting general locations and types of targets is on
the Web at:
<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2001/d20011010oef.jpg>

Rigger82

Posted - 13 Oct 2001: 11:38:33

JDAM MISSES INTENDED TARGET IN AFGHANISTAN

quote:

NEWS RELEASE from the United States Department of Defense

No. 509-01
(703) 697-5131(media)
IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 13, 2001
(703) 697-5737(public/industry)

JDAM MISSES INTENDED TARGET IN AFGHANISTAN

At approximately 6:30 p.m. EDT yesterday (Oct. 12), a U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornet missed its intended target and inadvertently dropped a 2000-pound GPS-guided Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) in a residential area near Kabul Airport, Afghanistan. The intended target was a military helicopter at Kabul Airport, approximately one mile from the residential area.

We regret the loss of any civilian life. U.S. forces are intentionally striking only military and terrorist targets. They take great care in their targeting process to avoid civilian casualties. We have no accurate way of estimating the number of casualties, but reports from the ground indicate there may have been four deaths and eight injured.

Although details are being investigated and may take several days, preliminary indications are that the accident occurred from a targeting process error.

Web version:
http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2001/b10132001_bt509-01.html

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." - J.F.K

Rigger82

Posted - 18 Oct 2001: 14:58:16

Pentagon broadcast to the taliban:

Here's a complete text of one broadcast:

"Attention Taliban! You are condemned. Did you know that? The instant the terrorists you support took over our planes, you sentenced yourselves to death. The Armed Forces of the United States are here to seek justice for our dead. Highly trained soldiers are coming to shut down once and for all Osama bin Laden's ring of terrorism, and the Taliban that supports them and their actions.

"Our forces are armed with state of the art military equipment. What are you using, obsolete and ineffective weaponry? Our helicopters will rain fire down upon your camps before you detect them on your radar. Our bombs are so accurate we can drop them right through your windows. Our infantry is trained for any climate and

terrain on earth. United States soldiers fire with superior marksmanship and are armed with superior weapons.

"You have only one choice ... Surrender now and we will give you a second chance. We will let you live. If you surrender no harm will come to you. When you decide to surrender, approach United States forces with your hands in the air. Sling your weapon across your back muzzle towards the ground. Remove your magazine and expel any rounds. Doing this is your only chance of survival."

jbrookins

Posted - 19 Oct 2001: 02:42:31

Let's do it!

Let's go!

Carlito (Russia)

Posted - 19 Oct 2001: 15:41:40

jbrookins, that is a hooah broadcast! Lets GO!

RLTW!

RangerRios

September 21, 2001

Fighting Words

"Let's just start spilling some blood."

- ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 11 Sep 2001: 10:51:03

This time the kid gloves are off!

tuome

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 18:23:14

I think a good name for the Operation about to unfold could Be Operation Gemini 5. Gemini for the twin towers of the WTC: 5 for the sides of the Pentagon.

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 22:09:00

HMMMM, Bytor, for me that operation's name should be Apocalypse Now.....
I think, I don't must to clear why?
Michal "Chmiel" Chmielarz
10th aabn 6th AABde /Poland

Chmiel Poland

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 22:47:50

Operation Glass Floor.

That's what the desert floor is gonna look like after 6000 degree heat hits that sand.

longarm

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 23:43:32

How about "Operation: You, Out Of The Gene Pool"
I don't care if they call it "Whoop Ass", lets just start spilling some blood.
War is good, blood makes the grass grow.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 22 Sep 2001: 18:03:47

I Agree with you All. All great ideas!
AND YES IT IS TIME TO OPEN A GREAT BIG OL CAN OF WHOOP A&&!
HOOOOAH

Bytor11B2P

Posted - 22 Sep 2001: 19:16:48

Operation Samiya

(Stomp **A** Mud hold **In Your Ass**)

Rigger82

Posted - 23 Sep 2001: 03:49:28

OPERATION: Clean Sweep, we can shove a broom handle up each dead terrorists ass, in memento to all the dedicated people in NY cleaning up their mess.

DeadVet Australia

Posted - 23 Sep 2001: 08:36:12

How about Operation Assisted Darwinism?

Thousand Points Of Light = Beautiful sight of sub munitions from a Rock eye impacting on troops in the open...

Khyros

Posted - 23 Sep 2001: 18:14:04

Operation f**k you

STRIKE HOLD!!

CCE82

Posted - 24 Sep 2001: 15:53:22

This is a serious suggestion for a name change -- in fact, if you agree, contact your Representatives and Senators and ask them to approach it in Congress -- as a former Brat, I'm a member of Military Brats of America -- suggestion from that organization is: OPERATION LET'S ROLL

-- I'm sure that you recognize the last words heard by the skyphone operator spoken by passenger, Todd Beamer, on Flight #93 -- as he and others chose to storm the hijackers and prevent the plane being used as a flying bomb (as they had heard about the planes heading into the WTC) -- forcing the plane to instead crash into the open fields of Pennsylvania.

Great name for the operation and a great way to honor these passengers.

God Bless, Blue Skies and always only the softest of landings

AirborneMom

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 16:43:50

As the Islamic psycho warriors know and take comfort in the fact that they will immediately go to Paradise if they are killed fighting the infidel, lets take that away from them.

CNN should go to Ft. Bragg and tape footage of the 82nd and SF troopers dipping their ammo, knives bayonets, etc. in pig blood. Once word of it got around, it would scare the hell out of the Taliban, as they would be condemned to hell if they were to ingest any type of pork product.

Also, all of the torn and twisted steel from the wreckage of the WTC & Pentagon should be set aside and recycled as Bomb and shell casings, as well as steel cores for the bullets our boys will be using.

HOOAH!

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 21 Sep 2001: 22:59:03

Tex,

You da man! I like your idea! Especially the pigs' blood.

Longarm

Posted - 22 Sep 2001: 02:11:16

Pork rinds anyone?

JMPMASTR

Posted - 23 Sep 2001: 00:23:36

Here's another thought:

Load up an entire KC-135 with pig blood and start the pumps at 20,000 ft or so above the capitol city, Kabul. That would defile the city and anyone in it.

Hey Usama, Ain't psyops a bitch!

Hell, blowing something up to scare folks is easy. We are the masters of mind-fu*king.

Sleep tight.

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 23 Sep 2001: 01:12:39

Good ideas, but better yet, just load some blood into a few cruise missiles, so it's directed to go off in a small area.

Unlike these animals, we Americans and Infidels from the West do not deem it needed to inflict senseless pain on innocent civilians. I laugh when I see the Tali-bombs say that if the U.S. attacks, they will declare a jihad on America and any other nation that helps. From what I have seen, not many other nations want to oppose us, nor have they after we rolled Iraq over and took em from behind during the Gulf War.

Not forgetting what they did 20 years ago, I must admit Iran has been well behaved in the past decade. Refusing to get involved in the Gulf War, and now supporting the US in this...maybe it is true what people say...after saddam insane was mauled by our war machine 10 years ago, no real nation wants the same thing happening to them, and most U.S. military conflicts will be with small nation states, or terrorists, as we have now.

I find it hard to stomach that every Muslim will stand up and strap a bomb on them or grab a rifle, or just instantly say 'OK, these rag headed bastards in Afghanistan called a jihad against Uncle Sam, so as my honor and belief as a Muslim, I will go walk into a mall with 20 pounds of c4 and kill innocent people...cause the tali-bombs say to do so' ... not likely. I seriously wonder if these people there are smoking crack, or opium. Can you really believe the smack these fanatics live and die by?

I'm not religious, and I let others do as they please, as long as they don't force it on me, but this isn't normal, to think you'll get to heaven by killing yourself and hundreds of others?... do they pass out hash at their temple and smoke it, to get these ideas?

I mean..jump school was full of hype...the brainwashing, the ego trip we were placed on, the ridicule if you couldn't do something right....but that's no where near this level of ideology.

DeadVet Australia

Posted - 29 Sep 2001: 17:00:15

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/afghanistan/darunta.htm>

or website: global security.com then go to search and type in darunta these pictures are satellite and updated usually daily, they are NOT CLASSIFIED.

agonyea50

Posted - 29 Sep 2001 : 23:33:35

Wow, those pictures are scary. They seem to be VERY Well Fortified. Tunnels, like the VC. I hope we make the right move on this one.

Longarm

Posted - 30 Sep 2001: 07:11:46

Just use all that natural concrete mix there, add some water, and seal up the tunnels...after you flood it with pork rinds and BLT's on wheat. I say gather every available pig from the US, ship em over to Afghanistan, and let them waste their

bullets shooting the pigs. While they're busy doing that, we slip in, waste em, and slip out

DeadVet Australia

Posted - 30 Sep 2001: 09:48:22

Now there is an interesting idea. Search pigs. Teach the pigs to go into the tunnels and look for people. Hook a camera on them and let them go.

Rigger82

Posted - 30 Sep 2001: 21:38:23

And imagine the money you'd save the military...pigs are supposedly intelligent animals...rig em with a few pounds of C4, and remote detonate the porkers when they find the targets. The animal rights activists may raise s stink, but what the hell.

DeadVet

October 8, 2001

“Are we at War or not?”

- DreadedAirborne

Posted - 08 Oct 2001 : 23:44:00

Ok a friend and me are in a dispute, are at war or not?

You all may see this as a stupid question and in my view I thought we are, he thinks were not...but his definition seems to be a little weird. I come here with this topic to get information from more informed people such as you all here at Paratrooper.net

Help me out here guys and let me know so I don't spout incorrect information, thanks.

DreadedAirborne

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 00:00:05

Two things:

1. There are no stupid questions when serious matters are at issue. Better to ask a question than to proceed in ignorance.
2. IMO, if we are dropping bombs on other countries, we are at war. Then again, we have been bombing Iraq since 1991 and the "war" there ended, supposedly, sometime in 1995 (at least for Army personnel) when they no longer authorized combat pay or decorations (or at least that is my understanding. Maybe someone who has been there knows better.)

When you say "are we at war?", the reply must be "in what sense? Officially, as in a declaration of war? That hasn't happened since WWII, although we've had two major and a whole handful of minor wars since then.

So, I guess my response would be like the above. For what purpose are you trying to determine whether we are/aren't "at war" (whatever that means.)

martinjmpr

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 00:33:42

I have to agree with Martin on that, there is no stupid question.

Now, you have to look back to the late 80's and early 90's. Yes, we are at war but, it's with terrorist. Just like back then, you had the war on drugs. It's not a normal war but, its something that has been plaguing this country for years.

If they don't give us what we want though. Yes, the United States will go at war with whatever country host and protects the terrorist that we want.

tigger_101

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 10:33:01

Basically we were talking on AIM and I made the statement "I'm fuc*ing relieved we are finally retaliating against terrorists, kinda weird that we are at war, doesn't feel like it" then he called me an idiot and told me we were not at war. I remembered the presidential address about declaring war on "Terrorism" and then he went on to say only congress can make declaration of war...he wouldn't listen to me on that we are not declaring war on a Nation but a "Disease" that's been plaguing us for a while. I just wanted some informed information on the subject.

In my opinion three waves of bombing followed by troops being stationed near the conflict or beign moved in farther (couldn't trust sources on that troop thing) means we are at war. well if you guys use AIM and ever see the screen name sookeet or dreadedspirit send me an IM

Thanks for your help and information, it's always good to have a guiding light then to have a blind walk in the ignorance of dark ;)

DreadedAirborne

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 12:05:24

Almost 150 years ago the Supreme Court ruled that Congress does not have to formally declare war. They can, by their actions, recognize that a war exists and ratify it by appropriating money for it. The Congressional action authorizing the use of force by the President and the subsequent funding of those measures is a de facto declaration of war, just as it was in January of 1991.

509Trooper

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 13:34:51

Well DA, good question. Technically, we are not "at war". But in my opinion we should seriously consider a congressional declaration of war.

That convention seems quaint, unused since WWII. But there are two virtues to declaring war: It announces our seriousness both to our people and to the enemy, and it gives us certain rights as belligerents(of blockade, for example).

skysoldier9

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 19:20:00

Well, the President did "declare" that we were at war, did he misspeak? Maybe, but we certainly are mobilized, have combat air patrols over our own country and armed National Guardsmen in our airports, and MOST importantly have been bombing the pi\$\$ out of another sovereign nation.

So, yeah, we are at war and don't forget Congress just authorized something like 40 billion dollars to fund this show so that pretty much goes to show Congress's intent to prosecute this as war!

Stand in the door!

JMPMASTR

Posted - 09 Oct 2001 : 23:35:49

Well, I wish congress would say we were at war, if the U.S. stood on a platform and said stand up and you shall receive your beating then the world would know the sleeping giant is fully awake and ready to rumble. But part of me wishes this to solve quickly, I do not want my fellow Americans, my brethren to die... war is ugly and I'm not sure how much ugly I can handle.

What comes, comes and when I can, I'll be there with open eyes and a loaded gun to meet the obstacles =)

DreadedAirborne

Wishes For America

*"There is not an enemy out there
that can destroy us as a country."*

Posted - 01 Mar 2002: 19:18:09

Wish: What I would wish for America isn't all that difficult. The problem is to get everyone to do it.

I wish that all people would treat others, as they would like to be treated. Sounds familiar doesn't it??

Hope: I hope with all my heart that my Grandchildren will have had the opportunity to meet as many people of different backgrounds as I have had.

Prayer: Not being a religious person, I would pray that there is, in the near future, a togetherness here at home; USA.

Fear: On Sep 11, 2001 this great Nation saw fear first hand. My greatest fear is that it will happen again, to a greater degree.

If all of us here in the USA would take the 4 topics listed here and apply them, as I would like to see them, WE WILL OVERCOME any future disasters here at Home.

We all have opinions and these are mine. Thanks for the topic.

BROTHERS OF THE SILK

SKI-61

Posted - 02 Mar 2002: 20:29:24

When my wife saw this topic she wanted to add her \$.02 worth, being the wife of a Paratrooper who supports me in every way, who am I to stop her? By the way...good topic makes one think about what is important.

MINE

My prayer would be that the voters of this country have learned that the military is an important facet of their freedoms and that they will vote with that in consideration in the future.

My greatest fear is that the people of this country will soon forget the impact of the Sept 11th attacks, and will soon become tired of supporting financially, and emotionally the efforts that will keep future attacks from happening.

My hope and wish go hand in hand, it would be for the future of this country to have the patriotism of the WW2 era, the morals of folks during the 50's, and the kind of respect for others that all paratroopers worldwide have for each other, friend or foe.

HERS

Her *wish* is that America, as the world Superpower, can reach a point where we are tolerant *of* and as a result, are tolerated *by* other cultures so that a tragedy like that of Sept 11th will never happen again.

Her *fear* is that said tolerance will not come to pass, and we will enter a downward spiral of disdain towards and hatred from other cultures; increasing over time and resulting in further horrible acts like those of Sept 11th.

Her *hope* is that we can find closure and bring justice to those responsible for past; present and future terrorist attacks without sacrificing the possibility of a world in which tolerance exists.

My wife's *prayer* would be that our children and all children of this country could grow and live without fear, not because they are ignorant of fear but because the world has evolved into a place where fear is unnecessary.

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 03 Mar 2002: 01:40:03

My wish is that the vast majority of Americans will wake up and realize that Freedom is Not Free. That Americans will take a greater interest and participation in what happens to us as a nation, not just when something bad happens, but on a daily basis.

My hope is that Americans will **NEVER** forget what happened on Sept. 11, 2001. Maybe because of that unfortunate day, we can experience the kind togetherness in the future that we did when our leaders sang together on the steps on 9/11/01.

My prayer would be for those guilty and those that would stand in the way of democracy, as we know it to be brought to a swift justice. I can only pray that we will remain united as a country and that we will learn from our past mistakes so that we can make America even stronger than she has ever been before.

My fear is that we as a nation will not learn from past mistakes and will morally decay from within. Also if the American public doesn't recognize the need for a stronger military and more support for them, then we could stand a chance of crumbling apart.

I like to throw in one of my favorite quotes, it's from General George Washington and I believe these words to be ever so true:
"The Willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were Treated and Appreciated by their nation."

longarm

Posted - 03 Mar 2002: 01:55:49

Well let's see...

My wish is that this country will continue to prosper economically and politically. That we will continue to lead the world in the fight for democracy and the suppression of those who would bring fear to the rest of the world by shamelessly killing civilians just trying to live their lives. Especially those that kill Americans.

I hope that this country never forgets the lessons derived from 12-7-41 and 9-11-01. We must never let our guard down; always remember that there are those in this world who would like to see the United States destroyed. I hope we never lose our diligence in dealing with the enemies of this country. If we do, we're all dead.

I fear that this nation may have gone soft. We are quickly becoming a country raised on fast food, MTV, and PC revisionism that is lazy and indifferent to the freedoms and rights that are often taken for granted. I fear that people will become so infected by the liberal (sissy) mentality that they will stand by while their enemies (like terrorists in gitmo) slowly destroy them and our great nation.

My prayer is that we will, as a nation, possess the resolve to do what must be done in this trying time in our history, as well as in the future. I pray that we face and defeat our enemies in all aspects of life, not just in combat.

ALL THE WAY!!!

VoTrooper99

Posted - 03 Mar 2002: 12:33:53

For what it is worth here is my .02 worth.

WISH- I wish that this great country would remain the greatest country ever! That we Americans do not take what we have for granted and that we remember the sacrifice that members of the military have paid, are paying, and will pay to keep those freedoms as the corner stone of this country that so many of us take for granted

HOPE- I hope that some day I will be able to tell my children and grand children that they live in a great country. I hope that I can show them that we have righted wrongs in our own country and in others. I hope that they will be proud of me and my service to my country!

Pray- I pray that another of the corner stones that this country was based on, Religious Tolerance, is still one of our benchmarks. I truly think this is one of the things that make us so strong. We do not care who you are, what you look like, what god, god's you pray to or how you pray to them. We just care that you allow others to have the same right as you have.

FEAR- I fear that we as Americans do not learn from history or learn from past mistakes. I fear that we Americans get so caught up in our day-to-day lives that we lose sight of the true goal, the right to freely choose our path! I fear that w/ American narrow mindedness we will do to our selves that our enemy's could never do. That is to destroy our selves w/ Political correctness, Tabloids, scandals, greed,...

There is not an enemy out there that can destroy us as a country. We need to take the national pride that everyone felt after 9/11 and make it a daily thing in our lives. That way it wont take an event like Pearl Harbor, 9/11 to remind all Americans that they are first and foremost, Americans! I hope this makes sense.
Muddy!

ALL THE WAY...AIRBORNE!!

Muddy_Rigger

Posted - 03 Mar 2002: 13:42:10

Well, here goes:

My wish is that parents will teach their children what our country offers, and what makes it so different from the rest of the world.

My hope is that my children will learn from the world's mistakes, and correct them to the best of their ability; in some small way.

My prayer would be that God watch over us, and protect us...Not just my God (I'm Catholic), but all figures that represent all religions.

And finally, my fear. We do not teach enough about the history of our great country to our young children. They do not know the sacrifices our Grandfathers made to make this country what it is. They need to start learning. K-Dog

My flag; E-6 stripes

K-Dog

Posted - 03 Mar 2002: 15:02:15

I've been thinking about how we get to regular citizens about freedom and the defenders of freedom.

We usually walk around with that "If you love your freedom, thank a vet" but that just doesn't put it into perspective... people say Thank you when you tell them GOD BLESS YOU after a sneeze.

I was trying to think of an illustrated point... here is one...

Imagine a group of civilians with no military experience or exposure....

How many goods and services can you name that come at no cost to you? How do you feel when someone pays for something for you? Everything has a price, everything has a cost, its just the way it is, even gifts expect some reciprocation later down the road. Is anything truly free?

That said, how many of you have credit debt? Well, you don't know me but what would you say to me and think of me if I tell you I just paid off ALL your debt.. Scot free, no charge, no strings attached NOTHING.... its done. Just say THANKS.

I'm betting I have a few more friends in the room now...I'm fairly certain that you'd all say THANKS enthusiastically and many wouldn't feel it was enough. I would be embraced, maybe welcomed into your home and might be able to call on you if I really needed something RIGHT? Sure.. this is the guy that paid off your bills and didn't ask for a darn thing in return but a smile and a THANK YOU. What WOULDNT you do for a selfless guy like that?

Now, what about the men and women who give you the freedom to live your lives in the comfort you are accustomed, with healthy children, full bellies, protection and secure surroundings, friends, money, freedom from political or religious persecution, the right to come and go as you please, start businesses, be as successful as you want to be and much more... Scot free, no charge, no strings attached NOTHING... its done.

When was the last time you appreciated a veteran LIKE THAT? When we say, "Just say THANKS", think a minute at all you have and then say thanks with the full knowledge and appreciation it deserves. You've been granted an incredible gift, and for most you'll never know the full cost of that gift and you're not even asked for payments or favors... NOTHING.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." - J.F.K

Rigger82

Posted - 04 Mar 2002 : 11:28:48

I think that my hope, my wish or my prayer for America are all connected and I don't believe I can separate what I feel into those categories.

However, I do pray that all of this helps America find in itself the promise it was founded on; that politicians will stop trying to divide us by race, religion, gender and income; that citizens stop listening to the demagogues, in and out of office, who would so divide us; that we accept that all citizens are equal under the law and that no one deserves special treatment, for better or for worse; that we are no longer hyphenated Americans, but instead are Americans first and whatever ethnic background we come from second.

I would pray that each of us learn to respect our fellow citizens even when they don't agree with us on everything; that we recognize that everyone sees things differently and just because we don't see eye to eye on all of the issues confronting our Country doesn't mean that each of us doesn't love our Country in our own way. And that all of our citizens take the time to make their voice heard by voting and by letting those holding political office know how they feel on issues before the laws are passed instead of just complaining afterward.

I would pray that those we elect to office begin to show the leadership to do what is best for the Country instead of what is best for one party or one group; that we all accept, citizen and politician alike, that Democracy means that sometimes we will be in the minority and that never again do we have a candidate go to the courts because they don't like the outcome of the election.

And finally, I would pray that all of our countrymen recognize that the first duty of the government is to protect the Country. Not just the institutions and the buildings, but the individuals who make up the Country. The individuals whose rights were meant to be guaranteed from government intrusion by the Bill of Rights.

That is my prayers, my hopes and my wishes for America. My fear is that we will continue to slide into the divisiveness and partisanship that has marked the last several years of our history.

509Trooper

Posted - 04 Mar 2002 : 12:33:47

Ok, I hope you all would let me post my feelings, since I am not in the Army yet. I'm still a civvie.

OK.

My wish: I have a couple. First and foremost, like everybody here, I wish that 9/11 never happened. Since we cannot change the past, we must look towards the future. My wish is that everyone opens their eyes. We have many things that we take for granted and neglected. These may be commercial items, but more importantly we take our freedoms for granted. How many people can recite the Bill of Rights from memory? Not many. We take these freedoms for granted. These freedoms were not available in the beginning. It took the blood, sweat, and tears of men and women, from the beginning of this country, to bring them for us, so we can enjoy them. It was through their efforts that we were able to live in a security blanket. Now, all of a sudden, this security blanket was ripped from us. Now, here we are, the things we took for granted suddenly became cherished. These freedoms, in an instant, were threatened and almost lost. I will reiterate what many members here stated before: Freedom is NOT Free and it is for Everyone, regardless of Race, Sex, Religion, Creed, etc...

My hope: My hope is that my generation and me are able to stand up and fight for this country with honor and dignity. Members here have stated that they hope that

people will never forget what happened on 9/11. Well, look around; the impact of this tragedy is lost from most people's memories. At first, they were screaming that they would never forget. They were the most vocal and were the ones that made a point of waving their flags. Now, these same people are criticizing the war effort. They are saying it is taking too long, that we should stop, or we are bombing innocent people. We, as a society, have expected instant gratification. Everything must be quick. If something takes longer than expected, we become frustrated. President Bush has stated from the beginning that this will take a long time, but that hasn't registered with the people. Today, the only news coverage about the war is generally when casualties occur. Since there are numerous reports per incident, people are thinking the toll is higher than what it really is. This is starting to get into their minds that it is becoming a quagmire, when it is not.

My prayer: My prayer is to all those people who stand at the wall to make me safe. This is to the military, firefighters, law enforcement, and EMTs, past and present. Your selfless service and sacrifice is greatly appreciated. My prayer is for your safety and well being, while you rebuild our security blanket.

My fear: My fear has already started. The impact of 9/11 has dissipated. In the beginning, we were united. Now, there is criticism. People have placed their focus on more trivial and petty subjects. The war just seems distant to them. The flag waving has stopped. People have now started criticizing the war effort. There is bickering, infighting, and unrest in the highest levels. This is the time when everyone should be united. This does not imply that everyone must follow the same beat, but show a sense of solidarity. Other people's rights are not to be infringed at all. People have placed their focus on more trivial and petty subjects. We are being divided along racial, gender, economic, and religious lines. We are all one and freedom is equal for all. This diverted focus is leaving us more exposed. People must realize, this isn't over, not by a long shot. If we keep this up, my biggest fear is, something else might happen.

metaldesi

Posted - 06 Mar 2002 : 09:35:55

Well... as you know I'm not an American citizen, but with your permission, I'd like to say a few words.

I've always admired America, its soldiers and people. Admired their attitude to their country, and to each other. I've always thought that America is one of the greatest countries in the world. The country, which citizens are proud to be American and are doing everything they can for their country to keep it the greatest.

The strike of terrorists on the 11th of September was not only strike on America – it was a strike on all civilized people. I was shocked, angry and ready to kill those bastards...

And I'm glad that America decided to fight back. And I want to say that you are not alone at that war. We are with you, as another countries like Britain, France, and many others.

It will not be the first war in which we are fighting side by side. We've been together during the WW2 and Desert Storm. And we will be fighting together again. I had a chance to fight side by side with American soldiers during the Desert Storm, we've been training together last year. And I want to say that I'm proud to be fighting together with the best soldiers in the world.

What I expect from America? Probably just one thing - that people living in U.S. will not brake after that tragedy, that it will fight with that evil. And we will be fighting with you.

For what I pray? I pray for those who are on the harms way at the moment. Doing their job to keep those f...s out of normal peoples life. Also I pray for safety of America. I love Russia. I shed blood for it and I'll do it again. But at the same time I'm ready to do the same for US.

I'm with you friends. Airborne!

Let's go!

Carlito Russia

Posted - 07 Mar 2002 : 22:55:29

My wish for America is that we stay united together as one nation indivisible and stay vigilant and not become complacent. I wish that we as a nation stop thinking so much about ourselves and our own needs and start thinking about our nation's and our fellow countrymen's needs. I wish that this horrible attack on 9/11 is not in vain, but instead that it raises all citizens' awareness of the need for strong national security, a strong military, and a strong and honorable Commander In Chief.

I wish, and I hope, and I pray that America vaules it's servicemen and the sacrifices they are making daily on behalf of all Americans and all peace loving people around the world. I wish that all Americans support our soldiers engaged in this war and our president for as long as it takes to end the terrorist threat. I wish that more Americans would vote, and when they do, they remember 9/11 when they pull that lever. I hope that the people of this country see the true danger this nation faces and takes a resolute stand to defeat global terrorism the same way we defeated Fascism and Communism in the past.

My biggest fear is that too many Americans have become too complacent to see the real danger to this nation from terrorist groups and become indifferent to this struggle for our very national and cultural survival. I fear that for many, they will be indifferent until their very own homes are attacked. I pray that this is not the case.

Delta_6

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 04:20:26

An image of international recognition, whether printed on the currency of economic success or embroidered on a patch worn by a soldier, the American Eagle is a proud and valient raptor who represents a people as varied as the numerous feathers which clad his outspread wings. May all citizens of this great nation, individuals by nature yet unified in purpose, have the same clarity of national vision through both times of adversity and plenty as that shown by our predecessors...

khyros

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 09:14:42

MY WISH FOR AMERICA IS THAT WE STAND UNITED AND STRONG AND CONTINUE THE MISSION ON FIGHTING THESE TERRORISTS F*CKS, SO ANOTHER 9/11 WILL NEVER, NEVER, I REPEAT NEVER, HAPPEN AGAIN. SIGN PISSED OFF AMERICAN AND DAMN PROUD OF IT.

deathfromabove

Posted - 08 Mar 2002 : 19:37:13

My wish for America is to remove the grip that the liberals have on our country.

For young Americans to understand that serving your country is your responsibility. If people do not serve then in time our country and our way of life will disappear into a void of violence and chaos as we are taken over by other people. For the young people to realize that freedom is not free and if they want to continue to be able to go to the movies when they want or go and have fun with your friends that sacrificing a short time of your life is worth it. For people to understand that the price of freedom is the blood of our patriots and stop saying we should not be fighting cause we will loose troops. Yes we will loose troops but that is a choice they made the day they raised their right hand and swore to defend the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. They made this choice so that everyone in this country can go to the church they want to or have the job they choose.

I wish things would go back to the way they were long ago when the people who served got great respect for their service. These days people either don't care about the people who serve and who have served or they think lowly of them and think they are just war hungry animals.

Soldiers don't like putting their friends in a body bag. They don't like worrying if their wife and children are going to be o.k. if they die in combat or in training. They don't like worrying if they are going to be in a wheel chair the rest of their lives with a

fregin tube to piss through. They put all this at risk to make sure their friends and family have a tomorrow, that there is a future for this country.

Kalock

Posted - 11 Mar 2002 : 21:39:17

What I wish for?

I wish that we could go back to September 10th and realize what was going to happen but we cant.

I hope that more people will start to understand that they are living in a free country only because many young men became soldiers and fought for our freedoms and died for us to live the way we do now. I dont care how many years ago a war was fought, it was still fought for "me". It bothers me that people dont want to be directly involved and alot of people have that "it doesnt affect me" attitude so I hope that those people wake up and realize exactly what our soldiers and veterans fought for and continue to fight for and that they need to be appreciated more. I am tired of our veterans not being honored the way that they should be.

I pray that we stay united as a country behind our president and support our military 100%. I dont like how already, it seems people are forgetting because they are criticizing the handling of our prisoners. Maybe people forget that we still have many POW/MIA's still unaccounted for from previous wars and those prisoners who did make it home, survived barely by the grace of god while in enemy custody. The prisoners we are holding now, would not think twice about killing our soldiers who are guarding them if they got the chance. They are living better than some of our Veterans today. People need to remember that these prisoners are savage killers and have killed our soldiers and our American civilians and are willing to die without a moments hesitation, therefore they are extremely dangerous and our first thought must be to protect our soldiers who are fighting to protect us.

I fear that we will give in to those few people that have the antiwar mentality because those people dishonor our soldiers, our veterans and destroy our military. We have men out there fighting away from their families while we sit here at home and continue with our lives going about our daily business as if a war is not being fought. I also fear that people will forget the sacrifices of all our heroes, military, firemen, policemen etc.. We must never forget!

karlyn

Posted - 11 Mar 2002 : 22:26:33

My wish for America is that it always remains true to the principles, which made it strong and free: Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. I

also wish that America always remains the land of the free and home of the brave. Many around the world won't admit it but those principles have been and example and a "torch of freedom" and hope for many.

I also wish that America rejects the "double-standards syndrome" and remains a just nation for all around our globe. We must try to understand why we got attacked on 9/11 but we must never agree with those who imply or say the attacks were justified because they are not. Hate is hate no matter how you look at it. September 11 is a day that will live in infamy just like the attack on Pearl Harbor and our foes should beware because we are coming. Then again, there is not much to understand, simply put we got hit on 9/11 because as long as America exists there is a glimmer of hope for freedom, democracy and justice for those oppressed around the world. We are a nation of immigrants who believe in America, our home and country.

America should also remain true to ideals like "In God We Trust" and "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" no matter what the liberals in this country say. If we don't we shall soon see the demise of this great Nation.

I wish that America never forgets it's EMS workers/emergency nurses, firefighters, police officers and military veterans. American heros all.

I also wish that politicians in Washington and in our home states begin to represent us again. We currently have "taxation without representation" and that is what we fought against back in 1776.

Finally we will never give in to Islamic hardliners/fundamentalist/radicals (or whatever you want to call them) around the world. They want to force their hardline view of Islam on the "infidels" of the world. Someone by the name of Hitler tried to force his facist ideas on the rest of the world and we all know how he ended up with the help of our God. Bin Laden and his followers will end up the same way.

Some say we should not be the "9-1-1 of the world." That is not up to us but is the will of God. We will go where our "Commander in Chief" sends us. Freedom is not free. I end with a passage from the bible and a quote from our 35th President:

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "whom shall I send? and who will go for us?" and I said, "here am I, send me!" Isaiah 6:8"

"I know there is a God and I know he hates injustice. I see the storm coming and I know His hand is in it. If there is a role for me, I am ready." --John F. Kennedy

Sua Sponte! Rangers Lead the Way!!!

LET'S ROLL!!!!!!!

<http://www.911digitalarchive.org/>

RangerRios

Posted - 12 Mar 2002 : 20:35:27

My wish is that we teach our children the importance of freedom, and what it means; and sometimes, the ultimate price that is paid to protect that freedom. I wish our children would live "Duty, Honor, Country", no matter what their profession. I wish, with all my being, that our children will learn what Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day all truly mean; and hold them dear to their hearts. And finally, I pray that God continues to give His Good Grace and Blessing, to our country, The United States of America.

"Lets Roll!" Todd Beamer, American Hero, 9-11

K-Dog

Posted - 12 Mar 2002 : 21:39:36

My wish is for the 3rd world countries, I wish they're wishing they never screwed with the U.S.

My hope is for them as well, I hope they learn a valuable lesson taught by our warriors and our countrymen as a whole.

My prayer, I pray that we don't stop smokin that *ss until it's over over there.

My fear is that the leftist liberals and the Geneva Convention have taken all the fun out of taking a prisoner.

My dream is that whomever gets to bin laden first, does the right thing... I won't go into what I think that should be.

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 12 Mar 2002 : 21:48:08

I kinda like idea of

TAKE NO PRISONERS!!!

They killed the Seal so they are not taking any so why should we.

And any of you libbies say we should treat them the way we want to be treated.... I have one thing to say to you....

They started it!!!

" Time is the fire in which we burn. "

Michael Harve

Kalock

Posted - 12 Mar 2002 : 21:57:01

Kalock

I agree with the "take no prisoners"...In WW2 there was an SS unit that took no prisoners, would murder any Allied troops that tried to surrender or that were wounded, Allied troops returned the gesture in kind, ironic how back then no one (very few) thought that was inappropriate. I don't remember the specific SS unit but I remember reading about it and how when an SS unit was identified as "that" unit Allied troops just killed them, wounded, surrendering, running away, didn't matter. Hooah!!

AIRBORNE82

Posted - 12 Mar 2002 : 07:40:04

My wish is for all of us to come away from this tragedy stronger than ever. To remember all of those heros who sacrificed their lives so that we may live in freedom; the veterans of foreign wars, the police officers, the fireman, the rescue workers, the everyday citizens. I hope that all of us stand tall and proud now and forever. That our love for this great nation does not diminish as the years go by. That my children can grow up in a world devoid of terrorism and anger. I want my children to look at their father as a great hero, a Ranger. To know that they are safe and loved and that he sacrificed so much to bring them that security. That everyone will look at our great President forever as a mighty leader who did not crumble.

My heart lies with every veteran, active duty and reservist who helped this nation become what it is today. To all of the terrorists out there. You will be hunted down and you will be destroyed. Our light will shine forever and not even you can extinguish it.

"Out of every crisis comes the chance to be reborn." - Nena O'Neill

mazzi

Posted - 13 Mar 2002 : 23:21:28

This is going to be a very long and protracted war, just ask those in Israel, they have been fighting it for over 50 years now. We will lose friends, sons, daughters and loved ones. This will not be as one-sided as Desert Storm.

So my wish would be for Americans to stay as strong and resolute as they were the first night bombs started falling on Kabul, Afghanistan, and stay the course. Our only other option is to surrender.

And please, after 8 years of "Pizza Delivery" missions to places like Haiti and Bosnia for Clinton, and the refusal to properly fund us, to the point of appointing a general who would rather put on a fashion show than buy enough ammunition for the troops to properly train, my wish is that America no longer take us, her defenders, for granted.

Return the Military to the Noble Profession that it is, and every once in a while tell us "Thank You".

TEX out,

ABNSSG_TEX

Posted - 03 Mar 2002: 16:53:39

My wish is that my son will grow to be strong, forthright, dedicated to his family, his community, and his country, and passionate about the principles on which this country was founded--a defender of the weak, educator of the ignorant, and scornful of the cowardly.

My hope is that my son will be the sort of man who stands up for what is right, who answers when called, who knows his duty and does it, and who would lay down his life for the people and ideas he loves if necessary.

My prayer is that he will never have to fully prove that he is that sort of man.

My fear is that he will.

Expand those thoughts to the rest of the country, and that is how I feel about America's future.

msdodig

Troopers in Support

Join the petition to show the President of the United States that he can call upon the Airborne Community for ANY support that might be needed. The petition currently has nearly 3000 supporters.

<http://www.paratrooper.net/aotw/9112001/support.asp>

Statement to the President

George W. Bush
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:

It has been our honor to serve this great nation with pride and distinction as voluntary Airborne soldiers. For over 60 years Airborne Soldiers have led U.S. Troops into battle against all enemies, foreign and domestic. They have willingly done the job required at costs most would see as too high. That pledge and spirit is the strong bond that has held together the Airborne Community through all these many years.

Band of Brothers is not just the title of a book, not just the title of a miniseries, its is our legacy and our pledge to one another and to the country that we serve.

The men and women upon this list are Airborne Soldiers and their families, tried and true and never failing. Due to this terrible tragedy and attack on the United States September 11, 2001, we hereby pledge our continuous service to you in support of your objectives for our country. Our service and support did not end at the completion of our active service, it is part of us, and we stand ready to answer any call you wish to make to us, ready and willing to assist in and to perform to completion any task you need us to perform.

We rise again at this time to offer ourselves and our services to the President of the United States for the protection and preservation of the American way of life.

Airborne Forever!

The Veterans of the United States Armed Forces

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