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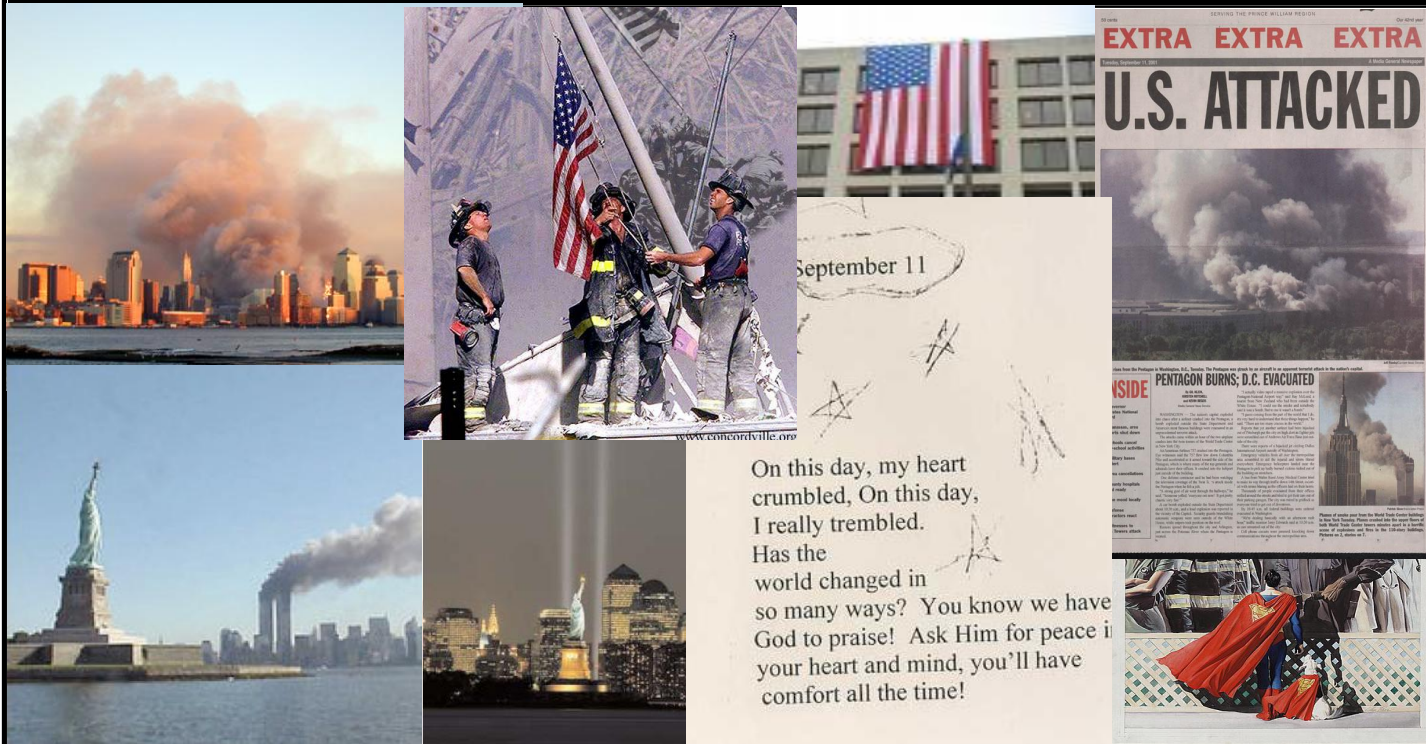
Fourteen Years and Counting

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9/11/01 Where Were You? Remember and Never Forget!



September 11

On this day, my heart crumbled, On this day, I really trembled. Has the world changed in so many ways? You know we have God to praise! Ask Him for peace in your heart and mind, you'll have comfort all the time!

"...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863.





September 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

STOP

**ALL EMPLOYEES ARE
REQUIRED TO WORK ONE SHIFT ON BLACKOUT DAYS!!**

	1	2	3 Advanced Training	4	5	6 Orientation
7	8	9	10 Counting Crows / Maroon 5	11	12 Jim Gaffigan	13 Orientation
14	15	16 Report Writing Class	17 T.A.T.T. Phase 1	18 Alcohol/ID	19 Alcohol/ID Luis Miguel	20
21	22 Radio Class Beck	23	24	25 Music Builds	26 T.A.T.T. Phase 2	27 Alicia Keyes Santana
28 Kid Rock / MGMT	29	30 Michael McDonald				

Training classes are scheduled. Hands class and CPR/AED/First Aid by invite only.

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anniversaries

- Ruben Ramirez** 5 years
- Ray Darby** 3 years
- Floyd West** 3 years
- Gina Chavez** 1 year
- John Hale** 1 year
- Beth Ruiz** 1 year

birthdays

- Ray Darby** 9/1
- Andrew Mott** 9/3
- Pedro Rondan** 9/9
- Chris Ruiz** 9/3
- Luis Martinez** 9/5
- Nick Nepple** 9/8
- Kari Gamboa** 9/10
- Mathew Lindzy** 9/13
- Andrew Smith** 9/13
- Patrick Farrell** 9/15
- David Ellis** 9/16
- Cynthia Vayda** 9/16
- Tim Soltis** 9/19
- Keith McDaniel** 9/20
- Marc Pittman** 9/20
- Joe Varas** 9/20
- Matthew Ross** 9/22
- Eric Kinyon** 9/23
- Ashley Rodericks** 9/23
- Alex Rondan** 9/23

Elizabeth Gill

September, of all months, tends to lend itself to being more patriotic than the rest....9.11, Labor Day, the Elections. However, I leave the political soapbox to Mick-I just encourage you to go vote. Use the internet to find out what the candidates are using for a platform, and then decide if you can live with it-- or without it. (I am writing in Elizabeth Dole)

However, before 9/11 took place, September was the time when the focus was on returning to school, (point value system for ASU coeds) buying the new clothes, meeting the teachers. Now maybe my unnatural affection for office supplies factored into this, but I loved the start of school, at every age.

I loved the way September felt, when the sun was still warm on your shoulders, you had the Indian Days, and yet you could smell winter in the air after dark. The lake-water got colder but was still totally worth jumping in, and you cleaned the grill for the start of the tailgating season.

September was the start of football, the pre-season of hockey and, of course, intense arguments over the adds to the baseball line-ups to ramp up for the post season.

None of those things have really changed, but there is a pallor over the scene that didn't exist 8 years ago--It is like looking at a Norman Rockwell in black and white.

While I agree that time has brought its balm of forgetting... and I, too, see the gradual complacency that has set in, but I have seen a different side to, and it bolsters my hope.

I see parents teaching their children respect for the flag and the country. At the last football game I was at, I saw not just the parents taking their hats off at the

National Anthem, but instructing their children to do the same. I saw them pointing to the flag and showing them, and teaching them the lyrics and helping them put their hands over their hearts.

I see that it is not just cowboys and farmers who fly flags, and aren't ashamed to say they are proud to be an American to anyone who will listen to them.

I see people being better neighbors to each other.

I see people flying flags, supporting our troops, and donating their time and goods.

I see people voting.

I see people get upset and say so when other people trash talk and disrespect the country.

I see people buying American and being saddened that Budwieser was sold overseas.

I see the Pledge of Allegiance returning to schools.

I see Firemen and Police considered heroes again.

9.11.01 is part of our heritage now. Not merely the damage and the horror and the war and the death, but the coming together afterwards. The nation mourning together and sharing grief. The lift of patriotism without the nihilism the nationalism brings. Petty disputes seemed selfish and vain.

Parents will take their children to the memorials and teach them. They will tell them the story of where they were that day, and what they felt, and how the world was changed. Another generation will know.

It is a collective memory.

That is why it will never be forgotten. Because we all remember, and as long as one does, the rest will, also.

Frank Herbert

RED WHITE AND BLUE POTATO SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1 pound blue potatoes
- 1/2 pound Yukon gold or creamer potatoes
- 1/2 pound red potatoes
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped oregano
- 1 tablespoon capers

Directions:

Place potatoes in large saucepan; add water to cover. Stir in 1-tablespoon salt. Bring to a boil over high heat; reduce heat to medium. Cook 20 minutes or until tender. Drain; let cool. Cut into quarters. Place in large bowl.

In small bowl, combine vinegar, onion, mustard, one-half teaspoon salt and pepper; pour over potatoes; toss. Add olive oil, oregano and capers; gently toss again. Salad may be served slightly warm.

Salad can be prepared up to 24 hours ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Recipe makes eight, three-quarter cup servings.

Nutrition information per serving:

- Calories: 260
- Total fat: 18g
- Saturated fat: 2.5g
- Cholesterol: 0mg
- Sodium: 455mg
- Fiber: 2.5g



In this friendly, freedom-loving land of ours—beer belongs... enjoy it!



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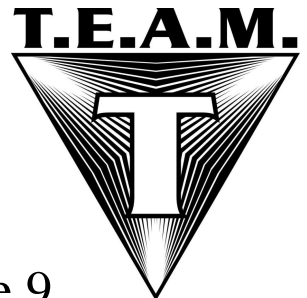
DEAR FRANKIE: Do you remember last Thursday at Cricket when you and the Police were dealing with the combative patron back at dispatch? I had asked you if I could schedule my 300 hour evaluation and you said something about a snowball and a kite. I'm still a little perplexed and thought I would ask again. How do I schedule an evaluation with you?
NICK OF TIME

DEAR MR. TIME: I remember the situation and I somewhat remember somebody asking me something, but I thought I was hallucinating, because there was no way somebody would have thought that was the best time to ask a question like that. However, I appreciate your diligence. As you know, we explain in orientation that you are responsible for tracking your own hours and scheduling your evaluations. To do this, simply call in to the office (480-829-8326) or send me an e-mail (frank@teamsecurity.net) and let us know that you are coming due for your evaluation. I generally schedule evaluations on Wednesdays, but if you are not available on a Wednesday we can work something out. It's just that simple.

DEAR FRANKIE: This month marks 7 years since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Generations in the past have

Reminder

Picnic will be held in Clarke Park (North of Broadway/ Roosevelt in Tempe) beginning at 4:00pm. Please bring your family, a great attitude and a dish to share.



Games, Food, Drinks, Awards...the whole 9

15th Annual Company Picnic
Wednesday, October 15th 2008

Ashleigh Gaylord

So this month I am writing about my experiences being an Army girlfriend/wife. I met Kyle before New Year's Eve going into 2001. We dated in high school and then when we graduated, he decided to join the Army. He went through a lot of training (basic and such) and I attended college for a while. It was very difficult for me, as we had not been apart for so long and it almost seemed after a while that Kyle wasn't real. I had pictures and everything, but he almost seemed like a ghost or a figment of my imagination. It's very strange to go through that. I remember 9/11 so vividly in my mind too...it was while I was in college. I was on my way to Literature class and when I got there the teacher told me there was no class today. I thought he was joking, and then saw he was serious. Obviously, I was completely oblivious to the news in New York. I immediately returned to my dorm room to see that my roommates had it on TV. After finding out what I was looking at...I had this real unsettling feeling. A feeling like you live behind a secure, unbreakable fortress and then you find out that someone blasted a hole in it. I felt...defenseless and very sad for the people there. I got a call from Kyle in training and he asked me if I heard the news. It was one day I will never forget.

In the summer of 2001 I found out I was pregnant, and my husband found out that he was going to be deployed to Iraq. We got married before he left and in August he departed for the desert. We had an apartment in Savannah, GA and I lived there until I was about 8 months pregnant. I had to go to my doctor visits alone, and I watched a LOT of court TV. We didn't have cable...and without

Kyle I got pretty bored. And without him there for so long I felt incredibly lonely. In fact, I don't think I have ever felt that "empty" in my life. I was really sad and of course cried a lot...hey I'm a chick. At that 8 month mark I quit both of my jobs (I was working as a sales associate at Bath & Body Works, and also driving the snack cart around at a local golf course) and drove 4 hours South to stay with my mom, dad, and brother. I decided to just keep paying for the apartment so we'd have a place when Kyle got back home. While Kyle was in Iraq I got pictures, letters, cards, and sometimes even phone calls. It was awesome every chance I got to hear from him. Being with my family helped me not feel so alone, but I still cried a lot. Being pregnant didn't help anything! Watching "Bringing Home Baby" made me cry EVERY time!

When it was time for me to bring home my own baby, I had a number all ready to call for Kyle to come home. I believe it was the American Red Cross, but I was going through labor so my memories might be a bit skewed on those details. I believe my mother-in-law called the number and they got a hold of him. I don't remember talking to him, but was glad he would be on his way soon. Two days later, Kyle and his dad showed up at my parent's house. It was one of the happiest moments for me to see my husband again, and for him to see his brand new son. Kyle got to stay for two weeks before he had to fly back out. Watching him leave again was VERY hard to do. I'm REAAAAAALLY bad at good-byes.

I took a visit down to Savannah with my son and some friends of

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mine to celebrate St. Patty's day, and we stayed in my apartment there for a couple days. While I was there, the morning of my birthday I saw on tv that we were officially going to war in Iraq. I remember crying because I was scared. It was a horrible feeling to know that my husband was in the middle of all that. I don't really remember too much in between the start of the war and Kyle coming back home. I know I eventually told myself that crying or worrying was not going to help anything, and so I needed to just place my trust in God that he would watch over Kyle. Hey, it worked. He came back to me in one piece. Speaking of, I moved back into the apartment either a month or two before he came home to get it all ready and clean. Ty kept me busy, being a newborn that needed my undivided attention. We finally heard the word of the day that the boys would be coming home, and it's one of the greatest moments in my life ever. I went with Kyle's step mom, his dad, and his brother to the ceremony. The guys stayed on the other side of the field for most of the ceremony, building the anticipation so high it was unreal. Then as the ceremony ended, all the guys ran across the field towards the bleachers where all of us were seated, and there were lots of hugs and tears of happiness. Like I said, one of the greatest moments in my life and surely one I will never forget.

After that it was smooth sailing. We got a townhouse that we rented closer to the army base and I became a stay at home mom for a year or two. Some of the best times we had there were with Kyle and his army buddies. Fishing in the pouring rain with live crickets, soaked to the bone; going out on the ocean in a boat we all rented, taking crabs from the crab traps (yeah...we weren't supposed to be doing that...but what can I say boys are a bad influence); playing Halo on different screens while drinking (I got a big head when I started beating the boys...since I am a girl and all); and taking Kyle's small, scrappy boat out into the pond to look for alligators. I did some funny stuff hanging out with the boys, but I will never forget any of it. It's awesome to see that bond between guys, when you know they would do anything for each other. It's too bad society can't be the same way.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU IN UNIFORM!

Boo

I
Me; an individual; a committee of

Richard "Taz" Zahn

one.
Pledge
Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance

My love and my devotion.

To the Flag

Our standard; Old Glory ; a symbol of courage; and wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, "Freedom is everybody's job."

United

That means that we have all come together.

States

Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided by imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common cause, and that is love of country... of America.

And to the Republic

Republic--a sovereign state in which power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation

meaning, so blessed by God.
Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty

Which is Freedom; the right of power for one to live his own life, without fears, threats, or any sort of retaliation.

And Justice

The principle, and qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All

For All--that means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine. And now, everyone, please recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it



stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too?
-- Red Skelton

to watch...follow the link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kfz2XDXaeqc>

TAZ TOOLBOX

HEALING FIELDS –
Tempe Beach Park

T.E.A.M. Security is proud and honored to be involved in the Healing Field Memorial held at Tempe Beach Park.

This annual event is hosted in recognition of those people that lost their lives on that tragic day, September 11, 2001. It is a Memorial not only to those who lost life however for those that lost a loved one as well. One American flag is posted for each one of the nearly 3000 people in remembrance of their sacrifice on that day which started out like any other. Unfortunately, it would be their last.

There is much work that goes into the field for the layout for the flags, many hours of labor before, during and after the event. It is nothing compared to the work and sacrifice of those who VOLUNTEERED themselves to work the Twin Towers area removing debris in hopes of finding someone

alive. To put others in place of themselves, to put someone else first, someone they do not even know. That day we came together for a bigger cause, Freedom. It is for what we stand.

Freedom is not free, however, it does cost something. For many people have paid the ultimate sacrifice for your Freedom, they've given their lives.

As this special time is remembered each year in recognition of those who have lost their life in one of history's most tragic events, those that are survived family and friends carry this memory with them every day. It changed their lives, forever.

As we take a moment to ponder our work with this Memorial, the flags pay tribute to those men and

women, family and friend, mom and dad, brother and sister who were innocent victims taking care of their daily responsibilities when their lives were tragically taken.

The U.S. Military continues to fight for our Freedom, daily. It is directly due to their unselfishness that we can sustain the life we have, the choices, the time, the memories.

Please take a moment to visit this Memorial at Tempe Beach Park and thank those who are part of



the memory, and remember those who have created it.

For what avail the plough or sail,
Or land or life, if freedom fail?

.....RALPH WALDO EMERSON

ALWAYS REMEMBER,..TAZ

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF THE HEALING FIELDS, PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT.

Jeff Swanson

One day I decided to quit...

I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality. ... I wanted to quit my life.

I went to the woods to have one last talk with God.

'God', I said. 'Can you give me one good reason not to quit?'

His answer surprised me...

'Look around', He said. 'Do you see the fern and the bamboo?'

'Yes', I replied.

When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet noth

ing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.

In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. He said.

'In the third year, there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In the fourth year, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed.. 'I would not quit.' He said.

'Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant. ... But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle.'

He said to me. 'Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots.'

'I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. "Don't compare yourself to others ..' He said. ' The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern ... Yet, they both make the forest beautiful.'

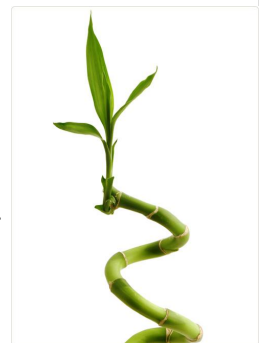
Good days give you happiness
Bad days give you experiences;
Both are essential to life.

'Keep the faith in GOD and drop the fear.

Don't believe your doubts and doubt your beliefs.

Life is a mystery to solve not a problem to resolve.

Life is wonderful.





Angel Robison

The first thing that comes to mind when I think of good customer service is a book that was referred to me by a friend. It's called 'The Customer Comes Second.. and other secrets of exceptional service' by Hal F. Rosenbluth. Rosenbluth Travel began as a family business and grew to gross over \$1.5 billion annually. Their secret to success has been simple, they concentrate on their employees first and their customers second. They put the people in their organization before anything else. In turn, their valued, empowered and motivated associates put their customers before anything else.

" It's kind of like the old story about the horse and the cart. Let's say our people represent the horses. If we put our clients in the cart and put them out front they aren't going to go very far. We can have champagne, caviar and cable tv in the cart and our clients still aren't going anywhere as long as the horses are behind them."

Rosenbluth Travel provides more than just a paycheck for their associates. They believe it's essential to create an environment in which higher-level needs are satisfied. If people are concerned about job security, internal politics or other typical workplace frustrations, they're not going to be concentrating on the customer. They'll be worrying

about themselves. They create a climate in which their people leave those worries to the company so they can and will focus solely on their clients.

"Companies are only fooling themselves when they believe that 'the customer comes first'. People do not inherently put the customer first, and they certainly don't do it because their employer expects it. Only when people know what it feels like to be first in someone else's eyes can they sincerely share that feeling with others. We are not saying choose your people over your customers. We're saying focus on your people because of your customers. That way everybody wins."

moments in time when they can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing at the moment a disaster occurred. For my Grandparents it was December 7th 1941. For my parents it was November 23rd 1963. Do you remember where you were the morning of September 11th 2001? ANGRY AMERICAN

DEAR ANGRY: I that morning as clear as day. I was working for Mesa Airlines at the time. May 9th 2001 we went live with a new computer system which had taken us a year and a half to implement. The company surprised me with a bonus and a 4 day cruise to Catalina and Ensenada Mexico. My wife and I reported to the Port of Los Angeles late in the afternoon on Monday September 10th to check in for the cruise. We stood out on the deck and watched the ship pull out of the dock, then pretty much relaxed as we pulled out of the harbor and out to sea. That night we went to bed watching some program on T.V. The next morning, my wife woke up before I did to use the bathroom and she woke me up getting out of bed. While she was in the bathroom I noticed that the programming had changed from whatever station we had been watching to a Spanish station. The images of the first tower

smoking were on the T.V. but I couldn't understand what they were saying. As I changed the channel I noticed it was on every station. When she came out we watched in awe as the second plane crashed into the other tower. With her being in the Air Force and me working for an airline we both started to panic about being so far from our placed of work so we tried calling to see what we needed to do. Turned out there was nothing we could do because the Port of Los Angeles was closed. For the next 3 days everybody on the ship huddled around the T.V.s watching the round the clock coverage on CNN. When we got off the ship in Catalina, we had our picture taken on the pier. In the middle of the life preserver we stood in front of was the date September 11, 2001. Not that we will ever need the picture to remember.

DEAR FRANKIE: I was wondering...I grew up in Arkansas and moved here about 12 years ago. I love this state. I didn't realize when I moved here that we can open carry, let alone carry concealed weapons. Since I have moved here I have become a card carrying member of the NRA, own 50 guns, and built a compound on the outskirts of town where I can shoot all I want and nobody bothers me. This brings me to

my question. What do I need to do to become an armed guard with T.E.A.M.? ARMORED SAINT

DEAR ARMERED: WOW...can I come to your place if zombies take over the world? In order to be considered as a candidate to be armed with T.E.A.M. you must first be with the company for a minimum of a year. This is not negotiable. We need this time to get to know you. Obviously there is a great deal of liability we take on by putting you in that capacity and we want to make sure that you have the right mentality for the job. Next you need to submit a letter of intent. In this letter you need to explain to us why you think you would make a good armed guard. You need to really sell yourself in this letter. All employees who submit letters are reviewed and the final decision rests with the owner of the company. Not everybody who submits letters of intent will be selected. As an armed guard you are considered to be Elite. This means that you are held to the highest standards and everything you do will be scrutinized. Your behavior is expected to be above reproach and you must set the example for other guards. Additionally, you will be financially responsible for providing you own equipment. This can be costly. watch out for those Zombies.

With the remembrance of September 11, 2001, I decided to write my article on the World Trade Center. The history of the World Trade Center is amazing how people united, created a project on a landfill, and made historical icons for the world.

Nothing I can say or write can explain the magnitude of the disaster on September 11, 2001. The outpour of support, the strength of the human spirit, and all nationalities coming together coping with disaster is extraordinary and will be remembered forever.

The World Trade Center

Height: 1,368 and 1,362 feet (417 and 415 meters)

Owners: Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Architect: Minoru Yamasaki, Emery Roth and Sons consulting

Engineer: John Skilling and Leslie Robertson of Worthington, Skilling, Helle and Jackson

Ground Breaking: August 5, 1966

Opened: 1970-73; April 4, 1973 ribbon cutting

Destroyed: September 11, 2001

The World Trade Center was more than its signature twin towers: it was a complex of seven buildings on 16-acres, constructed and operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ). The towers, One and Two World Trade Center, rose at the heart of the complex, each climbing more than 100 feet higher than the silver mast of the Empire State Building.

Construction of a world trade facility had been under consideration since the end of WWII. In the late 1950s the Port Authority took interest in the project and in 1962 fixed its site on the west side of Lower Manhattan on a superblock bounded by Vesey, Liberty, Church and West Streets. Architect Minoru Yamasaki was selected to design the project; architects Emery Roth & Sons handled production work, and, at the request of Yamasaki, the firm of Worthington, Skilling, Helle and Jackson served as engineers.

The Port Authority envisioned a project with a total of 10 million square feet of office space. To achieve this, Yamasaki considered more than a hundred different building configurations before settling on the concept of twin towers and three lower-rise structures. Designed to be very tall to maximize the area of the plaza, the towers were initially to rise to only 80-90 stories. Only later was it decided to construct them as the world's tallest buildings, following a suggestion said to have originated with the Port Authority's public relations staff.

Yamasaki and engineers John Skilling and Les Robertson worked closely, and the relationship between the towers' design and structure was clear. Faced with the difficulties of building to unprecedented heights, the engineers employed an innovative structural model: a rigid "hollow tube" of closely spaced steel columns with floor trusses extended across to a central core. The columns, finished with a silver-colored aluminum alloy, were 18 3/4" wide and set only 22" apart, making the towers appear from afar to have no windows at all.

Also unique to the engineering design were its core and elevator system. The twin towers were the first supertall buildings designed without any masonry. Worried that the intense air pressure created by the buildings' high speed elevators might buckle conventional shafts, engineers designed a solution using a drywall system fixed to the reinforced steel core. For the elevators, to serve 110 stories with a traditional configuration would have required half the area of the lower stories be used for shaftways. Otis Elevators developed an express and local system, whereby passengers would change at "sky lobbies" on the 44th and 78th floors, halving the number of shaftways.

Construction began in 1966 and cost an estimated \$1.5 billion. One World Trade Center was ready for its first tenants in late 1970, though the upper stories were not completed until 1972; Two World Trade Center was finished in 1973. Excavation to bedrock 70 feet below produced the material for the Battery Park City landfill project in the Hudson River. When complete, the Center met with mixed reviews, but at 1,368 and 1,362 feet and 110 stories each, the twin towers were the world's tallest, and largest, buildings until the Sears Tower surpassed them both in 1974.



World Trade Center Stats

200,000 tons of steel
425,000 cubic yards of concrete
43,600 windows
12,000 miles of electric cables
Had its own zip code, 10048
Each Tower:
Had 110 floors
208 ft by 208 ft at base
Weighed 500,000 tons
1,368 ft high (north tower)
1,362 ft high (south tower)

THE ATTACK

The September 11, 2001 attacks (often referred to as 9/11) were a series of coordinated suicide attacks by al-Qaeda upon the United States. On that morning, terrorists affiliated with al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial passenger jet airliners. The hijackers intentionally crashed two of the airliners into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing everyone on board and many others working in the building, causing both buildings to collapse within two hours, destroying at least two nearby buildings and damaging others. The hijackers crashed a third airliner into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville in rural Somerset County, Pennsylvania, after passengers and members of the flight crew on the fourth aircraft attempted to retake control of their plane, which was heading for Washington, D.C. There are no known survivors from any of the flights. The United States responded to the attacks by declaring a War on Terrorism, launching an invasion of Afghanistan to depose the Taliban, who had harbored al-Qaeda terrorists, and enacting the USA PATRIOT Act. Many other nations also strengthened their anti-terrorism legislation and expanded law enforcement powers. Stock exchanges closed for almost a week, and posted enormous losses upon reopening, especially in the airline and insurance industries. The economy of Lower Manhattan ground to a halt, as billions of dollars in office space was damaged or destroyed. The damage to the Pentagon was cleared and repaired within a year, and a small memorial was built on the site. Rebuilding the World Trade Center site has proven more difficult, with controversy over possible designs as well as the pace of construction. The selection of the Freedom Tower for the site has drawn extensive criticism, forcing the abandonment of some parts of the project.



Fatalities (excluding hijackers)

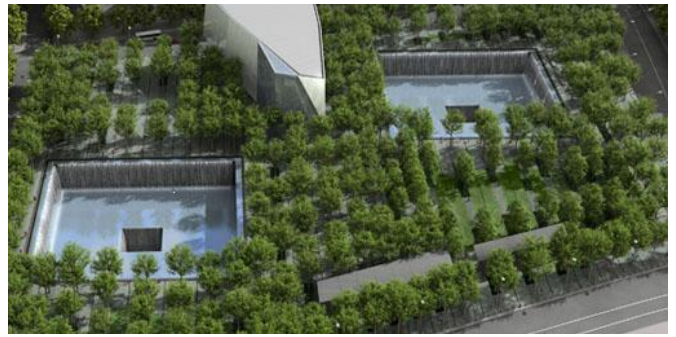
	World Trade Center	2,603 died and another 24 remain listed as missing
New York City	American 11	88
	United 175	59
	Pentagon	125
Arlington	American 77	59
Shanksville	United 93	40
	Total	2,974 died and another 24 remain listed as missing.

REBUILD



Freedom Tower: The Freedom Tower will soar to 1,776 feet in the sky and serve as an inspirational and enduring beacon in the New York City skyline. The Tower's design evokes classic New York skyscrapers in its elegance and symmetry while also referencing the torch of the Statue of Liberty. The Freedom Tower will rise to 1,362 feet, the height of the original WTC South Tower, and feature an outdoor observation deck at the height of the original North Tower. An illuminated antenna will rise from the center of the building to the symbolic height of 1,776 feet. The Freedom Tower embodies an extraordinary amount of features that will make it unprecedented in terms of life safety and security. In addition, the Freedom Tower will further its distinction as a world-class model of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. To increase security, architect David Childs and his team shrunk the building's base to 200 feet square, the same measurement as the original twin towers, leaving a larger public plaza and more room for at-grade security. The building will be among the country's safest, incorporating redundant measures like a steel-frame, vertical core enveloped by two feet of solid concrete. That core will encase the elevators, stairwells, utilities, communication systems, and even an emergency "fireman's lift." Emergency systems will also reside in the core, such as generators, a pressurized ventilation system, and a high-capacity water storage system for building sprinklers. **Tower Two (200 Greenwich Street):** Designed by British architect Lord Norman Foster, Tower Two will rise 78 stories (1,254 feet), and stand out for its distinct cruciform core and diagonal roof that slopes toward the WTC Memorial plaza. In total, will be home to 60 office floors. Tower Two appears to be made of four slim blocks that top off in diamond shapes. In fact, "notches" rise up each of the building's four solid sides, creating the illusion of four separate mini-towers while serving to draw light into its column-free floors. The diagonal silhouette also suits WTC Master Planner Daniel Libeskind's "wedge of light" concept, which casts no shadows on the memorial on the day of September 11th each year. **Tower Three (175 Greenwich Street):** Designed by Richard Rogers Partnership, it will rise to 1,155 ft above street level. With 54 office floors, The footprint of a typical floor is approximately 200 ft by 198 ft. At ground floor level, the footprint of the building is 49,000 sq ft. At trading floor level—the widest level—this increases to 55,000 sq ft. **Tower 4 (150 Greenwich Street):** Designed by Maki and Associates, a 61-story tower, will be the fourth tallest skyscraper on the World Trade Center site at 947 ft from street level. With offices beginning at 139 ft above street level, the building will include 53 office floors. Two thirds of the office space will be occupied by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and City of New York.

In April 2003, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation launched what became the largest design competition in history. Across six continents, from 63 nations and 49 states, 5,201 individuals answered the call to honor all who were killed in terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The global outpouring of support reflects an unbounded faith in humanity— one that transcends nationality and geography.



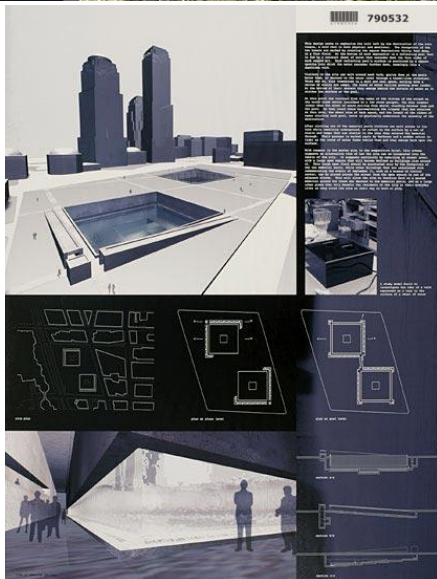
This memorial proposes a space that resonates with the feelings of loss and absence that were generated by the destruction of the World Trade Center and the taking of thousands of lives on September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. It is located in a field of trees that is interrupted by two large voids containing recessed pools. The pools and the ramps that surround them encompass the footprints of the twin towers. A cascade of water that describes the perimeter of each square feeds the pools with a continuous stream. They are large voids, open and visible reminders of the absence.

The surface of the memorial plaza is punctuated by the linear rhythms of rows of deciduous trees, forming informal clusters, clearings and groves. This surface consists of a composition of stone pavers, plantings and low ground cover. Through its annual cycle of rebirth, the living park extends and deepens the experience of the memorial.

Bordering each pool is a pair of ramps that lead down to the memorial spaces. Descending into the memorial, visitors are removed from the sights and sounds of the city and immersed in a cool darkness. As they proceed, the sound of water falling grows louder, and more daylight filters in from below. At the bottom of their descent, they find themselves behind a thin curtain of water, staring out at an enormous pool. Surrounding this pool is a continuous ribbon of names. The enormity of this space and the multitude of names that form this endless ribbon underscore the vast scope of the destruction. Standing there at the water's edge, looking at a pool of water that is flowing away into an abyss, a visitor to the site can sense that what is beyond this curtain of water and ribbon of names is inaccessible.

The names of the deceased will be arranged in no particular order around the pools. After carefully considering different arrangements, I have found that any arrangement that tries to impose meaning through physical adjacency will cause grief and anguish to people who might be excluded from that process, furthering the sense of loss that they are already suffering.

In between the two pools is a short passageway that links them at this lower level. A single alcove is located along this passageway, containing a small dais where visitors can light a candle or leave an artifact in memory of loved ones. Across from it, in a small chamber, visitors might pause and contemplate. This space provides for gatherings, quiet reflection, and memorial services.



Along the western edge of the site, a deep fissure exposes the slurry wall from plaza level to bedrock and provides access via a stairway. Descending alongside its battered surfaces, visitors will witness the massive expanse of the original foundations. The entrance to the underground interpretive center is located at bedrock. Here visitors could view many preserved artifacts from the twin towers: twisted steel beams, a crushed fire truck, and personal effects. The underground interpretive center would contain exhibition areas as well as lecture halls and a research library.

In contrast with the public mandate of the underground interpretive center is the very private nature of the room for unidentified remains. It is situated at bedrock at the north tower footprint. Here a large stone vessel forms a centerpiece for the unidentified remains. A large opening in the ceiling connects this space to the sky above, and the sound of water shelters the space from the city. Family members can gather here for moments of private contemplation. It is a personal space for remembrance.

The memorial plaza is designed to be a mediating space; it belongs both to the city and to the memorial. Located at street level to allow for its integration into the fabric of the city, the plaza encourages the use of this space by New Yorkers on a daily basis. The memorial grounds will not be isolated from the rest of the city; they will be a living part of it.

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We are coming up to the seventh anniversary of 9/11. It is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of it's significance, not only in historical perspective, but what it means for our future. You often read somewhere on the side of a car, on a building, and even on the cover of our newsletter something asking you to remember 9/11. I have several times heard those events on December 7th, 1941. I have often imagined what it was like to be alive back then, and the thoughts, the anger, the fear, the shock and the sadness of that horrific attack. In many ways it was the same, and in many ways, our response was the same. We responded with might and force. The only way to respond to force is with greater force. We cannot forget even for a moment that we now are at war, that there are hundreds of thousands of American soldiers serving in the front lines on the fight against terror.

I simply want to make a comparison. We entered WWII with a goal. It was not revenge. It was a response to an unprovoked attack, and we set out to "rid the world of tyranny". In 2001, after a similar unprovoked attack, we set out to ride the world of terrorism. Our enemy is different. It is an enemy that sought us out. We did not even know that we were that hated until we were attacked on our own soil. He has infiltrated much of the world. He no longer wears jack boots, swastikas or waves a rising sun flag. He is not even a he anymore and he has no uniform. It can just as soon be a woman or a child. It makes it a lot harder to defeat them. Our enemy in WWII were political ideologues. Our enemy now are religious fanatics. Throughout the history of man, more people have died in the name of religion than for any other reason, including old age and

natural causes. These are people that to a large part hate us because of what we believe and what we stand for. They resent our freedoms and what we have done with them. They resent us because our women do not know their place and have rights. They hate us because we ally ourselves with Israel, who they also hate because of their religion. Basically, the radical Muslim philosophy is "join us (our religion) or die". Remember 9/11. Remember Pearl Harbor. December 7th, 1941 was not only a day that shall live in infamy, but it was also to remind us what we were fighting for. Many a soldiers' battle cry was: "Remember Pearl Harbor". We also were supposed to remember it, so that such a thing could never again happen to us. We were to remain forever vigilant, so that no foreign power could ever harm us in such a way. Ironically, the attack on September 11th 2001 caused even more casualties than were inflicted at Pearl Harbor.

Now comes the trillion Dollar questions: Do you believe that victory in Iraq or Afghanistan will mean the end of this war? Do you think that what happened 7 years ago is the last we have heard of Al Quida? Do you think that Iran is really only building nuclear power plants? I think that the leader of Iran only once spoke the truth, and that is that he is determined to wipe Israel off the map. Obama has the right idea. Sit down and talk with the man. Obama is such a great speaker, that after listening to an hour of nothing, Ahmadinejad will see the error of his ways. He might even realize the holocaust really did happen. It worked before, WWII, when Stalin visited with Hitler, and they signed an agreement that Germany would not attack Russia. 20 million Russians later, a lot

of people realized it does little good to negotiate with a mad man. So, I doubt that Ahmedinejad would sit down with Obama, and even if he did, anything lasting would come out of it. Just for clarification, I meant that the Iranian was the madman in this comparison. I think.

Enough of the personal politics. (For now). We all have to realize that 9/11 changed our world in many ways. The way we travel, what information we have to provide to do banking or most major financial transactions, the rights the government has curtailed under the Patriot Act, the creation of new agencies that existing ones that now work together and share information to keep us safe. Even our role in security. Our role has been redefined. As times goes on, law enforcement is going to rely more and more on private security to be the first line of defense, to take on roles that traditionally were handled by sworn officers, and to get more information sharing. Along with that comes a raising of the bar. Security companies will need to better select and better train their guards. With the work we have been doing in the last year with the City of Tempe, we learned very quickly that just the Standard FBI background check was not enough. Some of you have already filled out the 18 page application and gone through the process, and know what it takes, but many more will be needed in the months and years to come. These guards are on the first line of defense to prevent another 9/11. DO NOT even for a moment think that 9/11 was the last of that. We have gotten much better at gathering and analyzing data, defending against new attacks, and preventing many a potential situation. We have also been lucky so far. This is not over. Fundamental religious zealots like we are facing will not give up until either we have



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been destroyed or they have met their master. This is a snake with many heads. They already brain-wash their children at infancy into the same ignorant fanaticism. If we think we will reach an understanding with them, we do not understand the basic premise here - They do not want to reach an understanding, they want us dead. To them, human life has little value. We do not understand these people, and really have not tried to. Even if we did try, it is doubtful we can understand them, because we try to understand people of the basis of us, so we can compare. We cannot compare us to them. That is like saying we understand what monkeys think because we evolved from them. Well, unless you are motivated to fling feces at others and can explain why, you no more understand what a monkey thinks than what a suicide bomber has going through his head. Well, I probably, similar to publishing a cartoon about their God, have brought the hated of all monkeys upon me, and will be getting the hate mail soon. I think you get my point. Also, I am not saying they are not evolved, but rather they have developed within a different reality than ours.

We all hear of the possibilities of another attack. It could be chemical, biological, nuclear, conventional. It could disrupt our transportation, our utilities, our food sources. There are many options and a few certainties. Ne of those is that this is not over, and will not be over for a very long time. Our lives have been changes forever. We will never live in the world before 9/11 again.

This is as certain as that no day can go by with Clear not spending most of it talking. Folks, with the elections for a new president coming up, we

all want something different, something better. We all want this to end, but PLEASE, do not even think for one second that by us withdrawing from the war on terror, that this will end it. We all want change and to feel safe again, but we can not be naive either. Pay attention and learn about the issues, and vote for the person you feel will keep us safe, end these wars in victory with and make sure that we never will forget 9/11 and this time never have to relive it. Be safe, keep the peace and I'll see you out there.