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Subject: Request for Information Concerning the September 11,2001 attack on the Pentagon

This is a first hand account of my experience and the rescue efforts with a group of volunteers who work for me and participated in the rescue efforts of injured people on that traumatic day September 11, 2001 when the America Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the Pentagon at about 9:38AM.

I was in the Pentagon A ring walking toward the 5 & 6th corridor when the terrorist plane hit the Pentagon the building trembled with windows shaking and the sound of the exposition stunned me with a lot of other people. The first indication of trouble was people running in a panic and the smell of jet fuel and smoke coming down the corridors. I move further down the A ring to assist people who were in shock just standing still and pair them up with someone who could assist them and get them out of the building.

My next reaction was to get out the building and get back to the FOB #2 (Navy Annex) the building I am responsible for as the Supervisor for the Facility Management Group, and see if people in the FOB#2 Building were hit by terrorist attack and help with the evacuation. I left the Pentagon running and drove the government van quickly to the Navy Annex. The site and memory of black smoke and flames coming from the Pentagon and the Smokey faces of people, is one hellish of a site. Arriving at the Navy Annex compound at about 9:58 AM most of the tenants evacuated.

My staff ask me if we should prepare to aid as the first response team. My reply was yes. The seats in three government vans were taken out to be used to haul injured people if needed. These employees mobilized in minutes to act as the disaster relief team with courage, humanitarianism and patriotism knowing that they were under a threat of addition terrorist attacks from other airplanes who may attack the Pentagon.

We drove down to the triage area being stage under Washington Blvd.(Rout 27) and asked how can we help the medical units. Medical personal said" they desperately need water", so one van went oack to the Navy Annex and picked up 50- 5 gallons bottles of water we had in storage for emergencies while another van went to the Safeway and Giant store on Columbia Pike and brought all the water off the shelf. The water was used to wash smoke and debris off the injured people and drinking water for the fire fighters and others.

the Other group of volunteers were commissioned by the FBI to direct in hospital helicopters to special landing sites on the east side of Washington Blvd Route 27so injured injured people could be carried from the triage area to the helicopters. We provided the FBI with paint per their request to mark evidence from crime seen. Some members of the group help direct traffic until enough police arrived on the seen.

As a group we had put on our white construction hardhats with the DOD Logos on them and carried portable communication hand held Motorola radios to communicate with the traffic control groups and medical aid units to re-stage triage areas and move injured people and water where needed. We stayed in contact with other personal and Master Security at FOB#2 in case we were needed.

We returned to the Navy Annex around 2:00 PM and notice the people were standing outside the fence on Columbia Pike and Southgate Road and didn't have any water, food or bathroom facilities, it appeared the danger for the moment was over so we made a decision to have them take their cars out of the complex and go home.

September 11, 2001 from 3:00PM to 11:00 PM we had Naval Officers and personal relocating into FOB #2, Navy Annex with hard copy and other files and setting up a command or communication center on the second wing second floor, we hurried to provide temporary hook up for telephones and find desks and chairs for this group who were now planning a strategy to deal with the lost of the Navy Command Center at the Pentagon.

Pictures are available of the September 11-12-13 2001 terrorist attack if requested.

Group of Patriots (Volunteers) Who provide aid on September 11, 2001 for the above first hand account by Jim Buczek.

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September 12-17, 2001 we placed a garrison flag on the chimney located on the roof and in the center of the Navy Annex and another flag on Wing 8 facing the Pentagon Heliport area

* Memorial Service FOB# 2 Facility provide Management group support for the Ballistic Missile Division, Lt. Gen. Kadish who hosted a memorial service in the parking lot at the east end of wing 8 facing the Pentagon on Friday the 14th of September.

* Provide the FBI with an office to conduct interviews with witness of the Plane Crash.

* Provide the Red Cross with an area to collect blood.

* Provide offices and conference rooms for stress management sections provide by the Bethesda Naval Hospital's management team.

* Provide back up electrical power and HAVC in 5 different command centers.

* Develop new evacuation plans for chemical and biological attacks with the occupying agencies and Federal Protective Service

September 12 to present 2001 **Spontaneous Memorial to Terrorists' Victims Grows Daily**

FOB #2 Management Group has provided a 16 x 6 waterproof plywood wall, some parking, and custodial ground keeping for the family members, friends and citizens to hang cards and letters in remembrance of their love who died in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. There is over 150 people every day at this site with many personal items of the and flags, flower, candles, reefs, eagles, model air planes, angles, crosses, and money visitors and mourners leave behind to be consoled as to console and try to understand that dying we are born to eternal life. We rearranged these items in a neat and orderly manner.

Other items like stuffed animals, hats, cups, money personal property were boxed and archives until someone tells us what to do with these items that the weather is starting to destroy.

There are many night masses and candle light vigil by religious groups for all over the country held at this spontaneous memorial.

A good article that describes a father explaining to his daughter what the memorial stand for is the American Forces Press Service, by Rudi Williams September 28, 2001 or the Henderson Hall News dated October 5, 2001.

In the House of Representatives Congressman Jim Muran has A BILL to authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a memorial on the Arlington Naval Annex to the victims of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon since a lot of the grieving and sorrow has been done on this hollow ground.

I can be reached on [REDACTED] Jim Buczek

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Greg.

I Just wanted to pass on this Copy of the AFPS article that went out on the news wire .
The "Memorial" they are talking about the 16' x 6' memorial wall we RE&F / FFD / FOB # 2
put up wall at the corner of Southgate, Joyce St., & Columbia Pike.

Jim

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From: Press Service**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2001 7:41 PM**To:** DEFENSE-PRESS-SERVICE-**Subject:** Spontaneous Memorial to Terrorists' Victims Grows Daily

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va., Sept. 28, 2001 -- As her father held her in his arms, Samantha Murphy, 4, asked him about the big board full of American flags and handwritten notes they were looking at. "This is a place where people can say goodbye," he said.

They were visiting a place where hundreds of people have said goodbye to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The place is called "the memorial." It's a place where a few people first laid a bunch of flowers and mementos on a green hillside near the Pentagon crash site. Then, in the days that followed, others came along and added more flowers, handwritten notes, teddy bears, flags, posters, candles, soft drinks and a host of other items.

Then came large posters, banners and a bulletin board. The word spread about its existence, and now the spontaneous memorial grows in size every day.

Army Maj. Ken Murphy and his wife, Kris, were visiting the memorial with their young daughters, Samantha, and Danielle, 2.

"We were telling Samantha that sometimes people make bad choices and a lot of people from other countries made bad choices and did this," said Maj. Ken Murphy, who works at the Pentagon in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

Murphy said the memorial would "help guys like me who have been so busy since this happened. We went into what we've been trained to do. It has been almost two weeks now, and this is the first time I've really looked outside the building.

"So it (the memorial) helps to put things into perspective," Murphy said. "It will keep what happened in people's minds for a long time and they will not forget about the lives that were lost."

Most of the people visiting the memorial seemed to be civilians, Murphy said. "I don't think the press has brought out the fact that the majority of the people killed inside were civilians -- people who were just doing their jobs," he said.

When nine-year-old Sarah Hay of Haddonfield, N.J., found out her family was coming to Washington, she told her mother she wanted to see the Pentagon crash site. Her mother, Franjee Hay, said, "We were coming for her grandfather's 75th birthday and she said, Mom, we're going to Washington; can we see the Pentagon?"

"I said do you really want to see it," Franjee Hay said. "She said, 'Yeah, I think I really, really need to see it.' I said yes because I think it's something they'll never forget. They have to see it so they'll never forget it."

Sarah said she wanted to see the crash site "because I wanted to tell my class about what happened, and how bad this was, and that we should pray for people who died."

Her brother, George, 12, said he wanted to see the Pentagon, too. "It seemed so horrible," the sixth-grader said. "Seeing it on TV doesn't really tell you what's going on. You have to see it for yourself to really realize what the horror is. Now that I've seen it, I realize how bad this was. It was just horrible. It just seemed like a movie from the TV."

George said he'd definitely talk to his class at Haddonfield Middle School about the Pentagon crash site and the memorial. Sarah is a fourth grader at Central Elementary School in Haddonfield.

Their mother said seeing the Pentagon brings closure for them. "It's important that they realize that it's not just a picture on television -- this really happened," she said. "They were ready to come see this. But I don't think I would take them to the New York site because that would be

a little bit too overwhelming -- it's too big. But I appreciate that she wanted to see the Pentagon. She'll remember this forever.