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I remember the day very well. I was working in Rockville, MD at HHS. All of a sudden you could hear people talking and crying. My daughter called crying. She asked did I know what was going on? I told her I was trying to find out. Her husband was a metro bus driver and his route was the Pentagon. She said she couldn't reach him. I told her to calm down because she was expecting a baby in a month. We strongly believe in the power of Prayer. I said Pray for everyone. And ask God to bring each and everyone that is near and dear to us home safely. We also Prayed for those that were impacted by this tragic event.

Irene



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Demetrius Holiness



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We will never forget and our thoughts and prayers will forever be with the families of the men and women lost in this tragic event.

Alishia A. Wells



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Let us honor those who went to their daily routine to leave family, friends and colleagues behind ten years ago. Those of us left behind should never forget how this day changed our lives.

Robert S. Odom



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The most prominent memories of that day are the ones of courage, diligence, and sense of pride when we witnessed our citizens and our people act as one people of this great country. The very fiber of our nation shone bright that day!

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To The Men and Women of CBP:

Let us renew our commitment to one another and to the protection of our borders and our homeland. We are at the front line and proud to be entrusted with that duty. I thank you for your vigilance, your courage and your service to the American people. Be safe.

Alan Sersin



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To those who protect our nation:

Never Forget!

Never Again!



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To the men and women who protect our great nation, thank you for allowing me to be a part this great and noble effort.

You are keeping my 12 grandchildren safe and giving them a future that we have all enjoyed

W.R. Basa



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God be with all the families who had experienced tragedy during 9/11. Ham hermantal



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To all the families of 9/11. May god bless and keep you all.

Lydena Martin.



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I wish all the families, friends, love ones...and those just in memory of the horrific tragedy that occurred on September 11th ...my condolences, and may God Bless You..

Keesha Barksdale



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God speed to those we have lost, you will not be forgotten. Your memories keep us fueled to succeed.

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I will remember 9/11 as a time where I decided to focus my studies on criminal justice and homeland security. Ten years later, I am proud to now work for CBP helping to fight terrorism and those who seek to attack us. Thanks to the legacy Customs and federal personnel as well as current CBP employees for keeping us safe.

-Chris



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To all affected by 09/11, may god bless you all. M/Gomez



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To all affected by 09/11, may god bless you all. Mark Hill



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Thank you, DHS employees, for your hard work and dedication to the memory of 9/11. Mary Ellen Callahan



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God bless to all those lost in 9/11 condolences to the families. Manuel Linares



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Silence over the Potomac. DCA shut down, only the sound of the Combat Air Patrol overhead every so often. Only now do I realize I miss the daily noise of the airport. Can't wait until they get back in the air!



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I was never more proud to serve the Customs Service than I was on September 11, 2001. I thank the fine men and women of CBP for keeping watch over us every day, God Bless you all! Liz Schmelzinger



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Never Forget, Never Again RMO



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On this very special day, my thoughts and prayer's go out to all of the victims and their surviving family members. May GOD bless you all!

Frank A. Tracy 9/9/2011



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I'm remembering all of the people that died and saying prayers for the people that survived. God bless you.

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We will never forget your service to the nation. We will continue to press forward and make a lasting positive impact on our country and our world.

Alberto Williams



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For several days I had nightmares after the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon. I wondered what would have happened if I had been at the Pentagon on the metro an hour before the jet aircraft crashed into the building. I rode the metro to work in Alexandria that day. I felt that there but for the grace of God go I. For days afterward, smelling the gas in the Pentagon metro station after the attack is something I will never forget. It brought home the fact that the United States must maintain a national defense that is next to none in defending its people. 9-11 proved that America must remain vigilant in defending its people and its shores. Jim Burns, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C.

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911 was a life changing experience and I pray this nation recognize how important it is to unite and maintain its pride. God bless America.

Janece Allen



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10 years ago we lost some of America's bravest men and women. Their lives were taken from them suddenly and our lives were changed forever. That morning, I watched the same news program for hours in disbelief. The days following I looked up into an empty sky. It was a time I will never forget. My heart goes out to the families/friends of all those that were lost that day. May the Lord comfort us all as we remember 9/11.

Katharine Hendry



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"He who comforts us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" – 2 Corinthians 1:4.

May the Lord comfort those who are still suffering, and remind us daily to remain vigilant and faithful to those we protect.



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Can a broken heart really make a sound? I believe mine did...and it was like a roaring wind. As a mother, CBP Officer (then Customs at JFK) and a New Yorker - I felt myself instantly redefined as I watched the second plane hit the towers...and I confess that even today those memories — continue to haunt me.

However, I can acknowledge with pride – that as our world simultaneously expanded and contracted on 9/11 - we didn't flinch but recommitted ourselves to a faithful vigilance and a singular purpose - to never go through that again...and to never – ever forget!!!

Febe Hernandez



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I remember and will always remember the moment: On one of the airplanes that was downed by the courageous decision by the FAA on that day to halt all air traffic. Like everyone else, I was shocked and in horror about the unfolding events, but also like everyone, I was so heartened by the kindness of our fellow country men and women and people from all over the world who came to the assistance of one another. We learned from that day, CBP was born as a result of that day. I will always remember what we endured and learned from the tragedies of 9/11. Sandra L. Bell



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The gates of memory never close; our whole lives through we will always remember all of you.

Bridgette Williams



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The heroism of 9/11 speaks to the best of America. Caring for each other even at great risk to one's self. May we learn to live our lives from the examples of the heroes of 9/11.

David McKinney



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I will never forget...my memories of watching the Twin Towers on 9/11 during my junior year of college in ND still make me pause to reflect on that day, and the ten years since. I never imagined working for the yet-to-be formed Department of Homeland Security, but I'm proud to be part of this amazing group. Kelly I.



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We will never forget the events of that day, and how they changed us as a Nation. May we carry the resolve and determination we all felt in those following days into everything we do, in our work every day. -Hal F. & family



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I will always remember that day, I can't say that I personally lost a Love one but that day I believe we all lost a brother / sister ... and my prayers have and will always be for everyone who on that faithful was touched one way or another... May we all find peace and strength to not only move forward but to grow as a people..

God Bless one and all!

Dion L Wilson



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We will never forget



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Having the opportunity to represent the United States Border Patrol in our time of remembrance has meant a great deal to me. We shall never forget the events of 9/11 and we will continue to persevere.

Erik R. Lavallee



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"We will always remember"



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It has been an honor to serve as a federal law enforcement officer in the years since September, 11, 2001. I especially want to encourage all of those who lost a loved one on the fateful day, and to those who have lost a loved one as part of their service in our military or law enforcement. Please know that there are many men and women in federal law enforcement that are committed to helping keep you and your families safe as we move forward. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Know that we are mindful of your sacrifice and we are committed to our duties. Sincerely, M.T. Raterman, CBP Office of Air and Marine



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My thought go out to everyone that lost someone that day. HAJ



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As I reflect on the tragic events of the attack on September 11, 2001 I am left with mixed feelings. The images are still so vivid and the feelings are still so real. My life, both personally and professionally were drastically changed forever. The ray of light that came from this horror was that I found the love of my life, my wife Melissa. I was hired as an Agriculture Specialist in 2005. It was at the basic academy where I met Melissa. We have been together ever since. September 11th will forever be a somber day of reflection, appreciation, and gratitude for all that was lost but also for all that I have gained. I will always remember...

-Rich Wahlfeld



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September 11th, is a day I will never forget. Not only was this a day of sorrow, but is was also a day of reflection. It was also a time when ALL Americans embraced and became an united front. A front that we should continue to mount against terrorists and state-sponsored terrorist nations. As an intelligence analyst, I will continue to provide CBP Officers the necessary information to assist in curtailing the flow of terrorists and/or their weapons.

S. Adderley



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On September 11th, I was preparing to go to my anthropology class. As I headed out the door, I remember hearing the news talk about the first attack. I was in shock, but thought it may have just been an accident. As I sat down in my class, it was announced that the towers had collapsed. There was a stunned silence and everyone quickly rushed home to receive updates from loved ones they knew in New York. I will never forget that day and it sort of led me to where I am today... protecting the homeland.

-Steve K.



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I remembered going to the snack/break room at USSS, Rowley Training Center getting my routine cup of coffee out the vending machine. The television was on channel 7 with a live broadcast of the second plane hitting. I thought to myself what is going on and mesmerized by what I was watching in disbelief.

-Michelle Fleming



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Your valor and courage will forever be remembered



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While I was not employed by CBP at that time I do remember the day well while working in Bethesda. What I remember most about that day since joining CBP is not the falling of the twin towers as much as the security footage of Atta boarding the flight that morning and the nonplussed look on his face. To have boarded that plane and then looked at everyone else boarding knowing what he was going to do to them provides a vigilant reason inside of me to do my best, as CBP, to never let it happen again.

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I was in Del Rio Sector Headquarters as a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent with 13 years of experience. I had detailed 2 Computer Technicians from Del Rio to New York City for Remedy training several blocks from the Twin Towers. On that fateful day, I was in my office watching the news when reports starting coming in about a plane crashing into the first tower. I immediately began calling my technicians who were in New York on their cell phones. After several frantic attempts, I was able to make contact with one of them. He informed me that they were in class and had hurt a loud noise but they did not know what was going on. At around that time while I was on the phone, I saw a plane strike the second tower, it was obvious that our great nation was under attack by terrorists. I was able to successfully warn my technicians that the World Trade Buildings were under attack. After that second incident, I lost communication with the technician. Shortly afterwards, all air transportation was grounded. I did not get any additional information until the following day because of the chaos and failures in communication. After several days, I finally made contact and found out that both technicians were safe. They did not return to Del Rio, Texas until 4 days after the event. It was an experience and event that I will always remember for the rest of my life.

Matias Buentello, Operation Officer – Office of Border Patrol



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Keep up the good work!



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I was sitting at my desk at the Customhouse in New Orleans when someone ran down the hall and said that a small plane had hit a building in New York. After being evacuated, I drove home listening to Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric on the radio giving updates as the events unfolded. They spoke of rumored car bombs outside of the State Department, an accounted for airliner, all flights being grounded and numerous others things happening, I thought to myself, what in the world is going on. Is this the end? That day made be hug my child and family tighter and be more grateful for each and every day. It is a day that will forever be etched in my mind.

Melissa Cassimere-Dillard



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You will not be forgotten. B.R. Gilbert



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God bless all of the families and those affected by the attacks of September 11, 2001.



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In memory of all those who were lost on that day, May we always remember and keep them in our hearts forever.

B. McNeil



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I will always remember the smoke billowing up from the Pentagon and listening to the news. The fear that the loss of communications brought-not being able to connect with family. And the aftermath, the national loss of innocence. I had always thought we were invulnerable. Terrorism didn't happen here; it was what happened in other places, foreign far away places. It changed how I saw everything — a bag left on metro, extremism, being in contact with my son, having an emergency plan. This anniversary of that tragic day reminds me that not everyone reveres life and that great evil can live among us. Maturity perhaps, realism perhaps, but definitely loss of innocence —faith in goodness shaken- a permanent shadow. Linda Kane



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On this day I will always remember to hug my children, my mother and all my loved ones. I will give thanks that they are alive and well and that god has given us another day of life.

~Veronica Adams



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On the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, we shall never forget the devastation of that day in our hearts and we will continue to be vigilant.

God bless America now and always. God bless all the men and women of our military.