

25th Anniversary of 9/11

September 11, 2025

The September 11 attacks were four coordinated Islamist terrorist suicides against the United States in 2001. Nineteen terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners, crashing the first two into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the third into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. The fourth plane crashed in a rural Pennsylvania field during a passenger revolt. The attacks killed 2,977 people, making it the deadliest terrorist attack in history. In response to the attacks, the United States waged the global war on terror over multiple decades to eliminate hostile groups deemed terrorist organizations, as well as the governments purported to support them.

The FAA ordered an indefinite ground stop for all air traffic in U.S. airspace, preventing any further aircraft departures until September 13 and requiring all airborne aircraft to return to their point of origin or divert to Canada. The actions undertaken in Canada to support incoming aircraft and their occupants were collectively titled Operation Yellow Ribbon.

It was the deadliest incident for firefighters and law enforcement personnel in American history, killing 343 and 72 members, respectively.

Cleanup of the World Trade Center site was completed in May 2002, while the Pentagon was repaired within a year. Six buildings replaced the lost towers, along with a museum and memorial dedicated to those who were killed or injured in the attacks.

Source: National September 11 Memorial & Museum webpage
<https://www.911memorial.org/>



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