



The War on Terror, is a term which has been applied to an international military campaign that started after the September 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. This resulted in an international military campaign to eliminate al-Qaeda and other militant organizations. The United States and many other NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and non-NATO nations such as Pakistan participate in the conflict. The phrase "War on Terror" was first used by U.S. President George W. Bush on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2001. The Bush administration and the western media have since used the term to argue a global military, political, lawful, and conceptual struggle against both organizations designated as terrorist in nature and regimes accused of supporting them. It was originally used with a particular focus on Muslim countries associated with Islamic terrorism organizations, like al-Qaeda or like-minded organizations.

# IMPACTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

## AVIATION



On September 11, 2011 all aircraft within the airspace of the United States and Canada were ordered to immediately land at the nearest airport. All aircraft flying to the United States from international locations were ordered to land either in Canada, Mexico, other Caribbean nations or turn around and go back.

All flights to the United States from throughout the world were immediately cancelled. All departure flights in the United States were cancelled. All travel by air was cancelled except for military aircraft and specifically approved emergency flights such as for medical reasons. About 500 flights were turned back or redirected.



Canada received 226 of the diverted flights and launched Operation Yellow Ribbon to deal with the large numbers of grounded planes and stranded passengers. North American air space was closed for several days after the attacks and air travel decreased upon its reopening, leading to a nearly 20% cutback in air travel capacity.

# Canada Remembers 9/11 Attacks, Gander, Newfoundland Praised For Taking In Stranded Travellers

\*\*\*This is an excerpt from an article that details the anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> and the flights that were rerouted to Canada. The full article can be found at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2011/09/11/canada-remembers-september-11-gander-newfoundland\\_n\\_957214.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2011/09/11/canada-remembers-september-11-gander-newfoundland_n_957214.html)

It was an open-hearted bear hug from famously giving people — an act of faith that restored hope in humankind for passengers stranded 10 years ago on 9-11 in Gander, N.L.

Several grateful travelers whose planes were diverted to this central Newfoundland town on Sept. 11, 2001, returned Sunday for an emotional memorial service as similar events took place across the country.

They wanted to thank Newfoundlanders and other Canadians who answered the terrorist attacks on the United States, not with fear or suspicion but with kindness for strangers.

"It's something that I haven't found any place else, and I've travelled the world," Elaine Caiazzo of Bethpage, N.Y., said of the welcome she found in Gander.

"The people were so kind to us. There was nothing that we had to do for ourselves. Everybody kept asking us: 'What can we do for you?'"

Beside her at the Gander memorial service was Jennie Asmussen, also of Bethpage and another returning passenger. Asmussen was an employee of a Manhattan investment firm two blocks from the World Trade Center towers when the planes struck.

Gander was one of several Canadian communities that sheltered thousands of people on about 200 international flights that were diverted when the U.S. closed its airspace after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. At the Gander memorial service, U.S. Ambassador to Canada David Jacobson said there was no way of knowing whether those planes had terrorists onboard. "You did not flinch. You took the planes. You took the risk. You welcomed all.

The same was true across the rest of Canada. You affirmed our faith in the goodness of people. You were the best of us."

In Gander, the sudden influx of 6,600 passengers and crew on 38 jets nearly doubled the population. Residents here and in nearby towns welcomed strangers into their homes. Prescriptions were filled without charge, and schools and church halls became shelters.

Americans made a point of acknowledging that generosity with a poignant gift: two pieces of twisted, scarred steel from the World Trade Center.

They were donated by firefighters in Bethpage and by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The pieces were dedicated Sunday to the memories of New York firefighters Brian Hickey and Kevin O'Rourke, who both died responding to 9-11.

They will be part of a memorial at the North Atlantic Aviation Museum in Gander.

"Good can outfight evil any time," Gander Mayor Claude Elliott said during the memorial service. "Human kindness and love and compassion are what our world is lacking today.

"We need more of it."

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Kathy Dunderdale said it was an honor to help. "People like us, around the world, wanted nothing more than to show our allegiance and our appreciation for the people of the United States in their time of tragedy," she said.

"We remain proud to have helped you during your difficult time and proud you have become our friends — friends who share an extraordinary bond."

Many Newfoundlanders wonder what all the fuss is about. On a tiny island in the fierce North Atlantic, being a good neighbor was often a matter of survival.

# SEPTEMBER 11TH BY THE NUMBERS

- Total number killed in attacks in New York: **2,753**
- Number of firefighters and paramedics killed: **343**
- Number of NYPD officers: **23**
- Number of Port Authority police officers: **37**
- Number of WTC companies in the towers that lost people: **128**
- Number of employees who died in Tower One: **1,402**
- Number of employees who died in Tower Two: **614**
- Number of nations whose citizens were killed in attacks: **115**
- Ratio of men to women who died: **3:1**
- Age of the greatest number who died: **between 35 and 39**
- Bodies found "intact": **291**
- Remains found: **21,744**
- Number of families who got no remains: **1,717**
- Number of people who lost a spouse or partner in the attacks: **1,609**
- Estimated number of children who lost a parent: **3,051**
- Percentage of Americans who knew someone hurt or killed in the attacks: **20**



The September 11, 2001 attacks were the single deadliest incident for firefighters in the history of the United States. There were 340 New York City firefighters killed in the attack plus a chaplain and two paramedics.



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## INCREASED SECURITY

Governments across the world passed legislation to combat terrorism resulting from the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. Germany, Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand all passed new counter terrorism legislation. In the United States, the Department of Homeland Security was created to coordinate domestic anti-terrorism efforts. The United States enacted the Homeland Security Act of 2002, creating the Department of Homeland Security. The USA Patriot Act was also passed by Congress to help detect and prosecute terrorism and other crimes. Civil liberties groups have criticized the PATRIOT Act, saying it allows law enforcement to invade the privacy of citizens and that it eliminates judicial oversight of law enforcement and domestic intelligence. In an effort to effectively combat future acts of terrorism, the National Security Agency (NSA) was given broad powers for surveillance of telecommunications which was sometimes criticized since it permitted the agency "to eavesdrop on telephone and e-mail communications between the United States and people overseas without a warrant.



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## THE ECONOMY

The primary stock markets in the United States did not open on September 11, 2001 and remained closed until September 17. When it did reopen the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) fell 684 points, or 7.1%, to 8921, a record-setting one-day point decline. The DJIA had fallen 1,369.7 points (14.3%) by the end of the week and was its largest one-week point drop in history. In 2001 dollars, United States stocks lost \$1.4 trillion in valuation for the week.

The 9/11 attacks had a major effect on the economy of New York City where about 430,000 job-months and \$2.8 billion in wages were lost in the three months after the attacks. Also suffering were small businesses located the World Trade Center, 18,000 of which were destroyed or displaced, resulting in lost jobs and their subsequent wages. Approximately 2,960,000 square meters of New York City's office space was damaged or destroyed.



The September 11 attacks also indirectly led to the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as additional homeland security totaling at least \$5 trillion.





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# IMPACTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

The terrorist attacks were denounced by governments worldwide. Countries offered pro-American support and solidarity. Tens of thousands of people attempted to flee Afghanistan following the attacks, fearing a response by the United States. Approximately one month after the attacks, the United States led a coalition of international militaries (NATO) overthrew the Taliban regime from Afghanistan for their harboring of al-Qaeda and protecting Osama Bin Laden. Other countries such as Canada, Germany and Britain supported the efforts of the United States in their invasion of Afghanistan.



The U.S. and its allies drove the Taliban from power and built military bases near major cities across the country. Most al-Qaeda and Taliban were not captured, escaping to neighboring Pakistan or retreating to rural or remote mountainous regions. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, United States Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden in Abbotabad, Pakistan. In May 2012, NATO leaders endorsed an exit strategy for withdrawing their forces. UN-backed peace talks have since taken place between the Afghan government and the Taliban. As of 2013, tens of thousands of people had been killed in the war. Over 4,000 NATO soldiers and civilian contractors as well as over 10,000 Afghan National Security Forces had been killed. In May 2014, the United States announced that its combat operations would end in 2014, leaving just a small residual force in the country until the end of 2016.

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## MUSLIM VS. NON-MUSLIM TENSIONS

Following the 9/11 attacks numerous incidents of harassment and hate crimes against Muslims and South Asians were reported. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported a 1,700 percent increase of hate crimes against Muslim Americans between 2000 and 2001. During the process of adjusting to the aftermath of September 11, Muslim Americans faced an upsurge in negative stereotypes expressed by the larger society and Muslim immigrants, more than any other immigrant group, were met with negative attitudes. Since then, increased racial and religious animosity has left Arabs, Middle Easterners, Muslims, and those who bear stereotyped physical resemblance to members of these groups, fearful of potential hatred and hostility from persons of other cultures.



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## LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE

The Pentagon was severely damaged by the impact of American Airlines Flight 77 and ensuing fires, causing one section of the building to collapse. As it approached the Pentagon, the airplane's wings knocked over light poles and its right engine smashed into a power generator before crashing into the western side of the building, killing all 53 passengers, 5 hijackers, and 6 crew. The plane hit the Pentagon at the first-floor level. The front part of the fuselage disintegrated on impact, while the mid and tail sections kept moving for another fraction of a second. Debris from the tail section penetrated furthest into the building, breaking through 310 feet (94 m) of the three outermost of the building's five rings.

Along with the 110-floor twin towers numerous other buildings at the World Trade Center site were destroyed or badly damaged, including World Trade Center buildings 3 through 7 and the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The Deutsche Bank Building was partially damaged and demolished some years later, starting in 2007. The two buildings of the World Financial Center were also damaged.

2,977 people were killed including the 19 hijackers and thousands more injured, many seriously.

