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**SFC Anthony Patelunas rings a bell in remembrance of the men and women killed on Sept. 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into The Pentagon. *Photo by Megan Clugh.***

Sept. 9, 2011 - Members of the Carlisle Barracks community paused this morning to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and to honor the victims of the attacks with a ceremony at Bliss Hall.



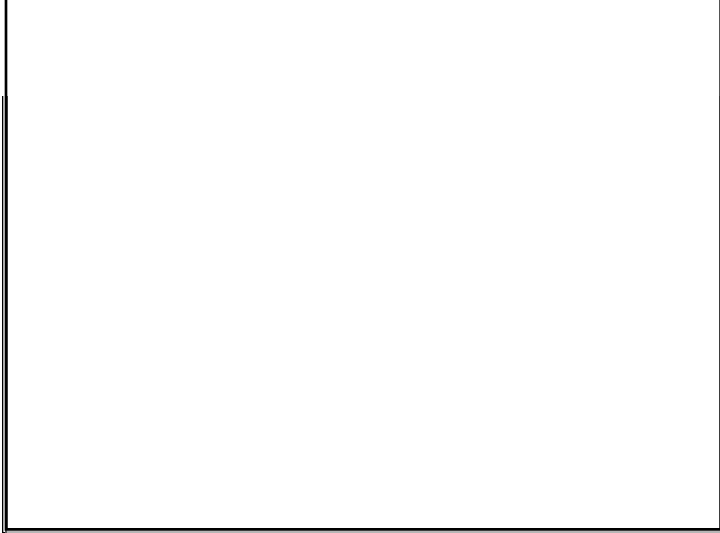
On Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. military officers of the current Army War College class were senior captains and majors. Many of them had just arrived at work when they heard that American Airlines Flight 11 had crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

They, like nearly all Americans, gathered in front of the television and watched as United Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower 17 minutes after the first crash.

Among those watching TV that morning was retired Col. Elton Manske, now the director of Human Resource Management for Carlisle Barracks. In 2001, Manske was the division chief in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon. His office was about 100 feet away from where the wing tank of American Airlines Flight 77 exploded.



*Retired Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Rhame, President of the Army War College Foundation and*



***Maj. Gen. Gregg F. Martin, Commandant of the Army War College, honor the alumni, other military, police, firefighters and civilians who lost their lives as result of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Photo by Megan Clugh.***

“The conditions inside the building were ‘hellacious’ but the personal composure displayed by evacuating people and those assisting was phenomenal, said Manske. “ There was no panic.”

“The individual and collective strength displayed in the Pentagon on 9/11 would prove pivotal over the coming months as we grieved and mourned the loss of our friends and colleagues, w all had a higher calling to answer – reconstitute the organization from scratch and help the Army fight a new war,” said Manske.

Three Army War College alumni died in the attacks of 9/11. Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, Class of 1990, and Col. Canfield Boone, Distance Class of 2002, were killed in the Pentagon. Retired Col. Richard Rescorla, Class of 1988, was working at the World Trade Center as the security chief for Morgan Stanley. Rescorla ignored building officials’ advice to stay put and began the orderly evacuation of Morgan Stanley’s 2,700 employees as well as 1,000 other WTC employees. After leading most of his fellow employees to safety, Rescorla returned to the building to rescue other still inside, stating that he would not evacuate until, “I make sure everyone else is out.”

Two more alumni have perished in combat in the global war on terrorism. Col. Brian Allgood, Class of 2002, was killed on Jan 20, 2007 when the UH-60 Black hawk helicopter he was riding in crashed near Diyala province, Baghdad. He was the top medical officer for US. Troops in Iraq.

Col. John McHugh, Class of 2009, was killed in Afghanistan on May 18, 2010 when his convoy was hit by a suicide bomb in Kabul, Afghanistan. He had arrived in country the day prior on temporary duty for the Center for lessons Learned at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he was assigned following graduation from the Army War College.