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Why is September 11th a National day of Service and Remembrance?

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children." – President George W. Bush.

On September 11th, 2001, the twin towers were both attacked by two hijacked commercial jets. Two other hijacked planes crashed into both the pentagon and into a field near a reclaimed strip mine in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania. The attacks that day killed almost 3000 people. September 11th, also referred to as 9/11, is now a national day where many serve for and remember those who were lost. It is now a holiday, not because we are celebrating those deaths, but rather honoring those who were lost. Also, our country is showing that we will not succumb to acts of terrorism.

Al-Qaeda, a global, decentralized terrorist network, were the ones behind the attacks on September 11th. The question is why would they attack us? "Terrorists were motivated by a hatred of freedom or by a fanaticism inherent to Islam," is a line from Wikipedia about why the Al-Qaeda attacked the US. The terrorist just wanted the United States of America to use for their benefit, but Americans stopped that by disbanding their group by killing their leader Osama Bin Laden after the 9/11 attacks. Americans now do service for our country on 9/11 to show that we won't tolerate terrorism acts.

There were 343 firefighters who died trying to save those who were trapped in the buildings along with eight paramedics and 60 police officers. The anniversary of 9/11 is now a day where many Americans mourn and provide service. They do this in remembrance of those courageous men and women who died trying to help those who were trapped.

There were two other hijacked planes that day, besides the two that flew into the twin towers. One went into the pentagon, while the other crash-landed in Pennsylvania. The one that crashed into the pentagon killed 125 military personnel and civilians, and the 64 people aboard the airline. On this anniversary, people also serve in honor of those unexpected civilians and military personnel working hard to keep our country safe and running.

The other hijacked plane was guessed to be headed toward the white house. Luckily, we never found out because it crash-landed in Pennsylvania instead. After the attacks on the twin towers, the crew and passengers knew that they weren't going to land at an airport, like the terrorists said. Therefore, they tried to take the control of the plane again and then it crashed.

Acts of heroism such as these represent the ideas that our country is built upon. Our national anthem ends with "the land of the free and the home of the brave" and this is evident in the courageous acts that were displayed on this day. September 11th is a day to remember this heroism and this is why we do acts of service to emulate this type of citizenship.