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Riding for those who can't



Timeline of American Tragedy

On Sept. 11, 2001, Americans on the East Coast were going about their usual Tuesday business, unaware that death was about to strike from the skies in three key locations.

They were unaware that 19 al-Qaida terrorists had hijacked four planes to carry out orchestrated suicide attacks against the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Everyone onboard the planes and nearly 3,000 on the ground were killed.

A fourth plane also hijacked by terrorists crashed into a field near Shanksville, Penn., after passengers and crew attempted to regain control.

This is the chronology of events from 9/11 as the unfolded in Eastern Daylight Time, as outlined on History.com:

- American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 with 92 people aboard, takes off at 7:59 a.m. from Boston's Logan International Airport enroute to Los Angeles, California. Twenty minutes later, flight attendants alert ground personnel that the plane has been hijacked and that information is passed on to the FBI.
- United Airlines Flight 175, a Boeing 767 with 65 people aboard, lifts off at 8:14 a.m. from Boston; it is also headed to Los Angeles.
- American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Dulles International Airport outside of Washington, D.C. The Boeing 757 is headed to Los Angeles with 64 people aboard.
- Hijacker Mohammed Atta makes the first of two accidental transmissions at 8:24 a.m. from Flight 11 to ground control. A little less than 40 minutes later, air traffic controllers at the Federal Aviation Administration alerts the North American Aerospace Defense Command about the suspected hijacking of Flight 11. Two fighter jets are scrambled to locate and tail the flight but they are not yet in the air when tragedy strikes.
- Atta and other hijackers on Flight 11 crash the plane into floors 93-99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan at 8:46 a.m.
- Within seconds, the New York Police Department and Fire Department of New York dispatch units to the trade center, while Port Authority Police Department Officers on site begin immediate evacuations.
- After initially instructing tenants of the WTC's South Tower to remain in the building, Port Authority officers broadcast orders at 9:02 a.m. for people to evacuate both towers; an estimated 10,000 to 14,000 people are already in the process of evacuating.
- Hijackers crash Flight 175 into floors 75-85 of the

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Legion Riders from Colville, Chewelah and Spokane join with Boy Scout Troop 989 of Valley in a formation that includes bikers in the center of the square spelling out the word 9-11 before heading out on the annual 9/11 Memorial Ride of about 200 miles.

Raelynn Ricarte photo

'Never forget' passes to a new generation

By Raelynn Ricarte
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Veterans from three American Legion posts, and a few guests from other motorcycle groups, mounted up Saturday for the annual 9/11 Memorial Ride.

"This is about the nearly 3,000 innocent people who died that day, which included firefighters and police officers who ran into danger to save lives," said Dennis MacDonald, ride captain for the event.

"We have that caliber of people serving in our communities today and we need to pay our respects to our emergency responders for the sacrifices they make"

MacDonald is a National Guard veteran and member of American Legion Post 54 in Chewelah, which orga-

nized the ride that began in Colville at 9:11 on Sept. 7.

About 75 bikes gathered in the Super One parking lot and were cheered on by Boy Scout Troop 989 of Valley, which raised the colors, and a crew from Colville Fire Department that provided a ladder truck escort.

"I was at recess in the fourth grade when 9/11 happened and I didn't really get it until I was 16 and became a firefighter," said Clifton Fischer. "It means a lot to me now that these veterans do something like this to honor everyone involved in that terrible day."

MacDonald said the ride was planned to provide participating veterans from his post, Frank Starr America Legion Post 47 in Colville and American Legion Post 9 in Spokane with a scenic



Ron Robinson, a Vietnam vet from Colville, took his place in the lineup of 75 bikes heading east on Highway 20.

route to enjoy and a safe journey. The event took place on the weekend to better accommodate people's schedules.

MacDonald and leaders from the three posts traveled the route of about 200 miles in advance to see where problems might

occur and then strategized about how to deal with them.

The duty of the road guard was to stay ahead of the caravan and block off intersections and side roads to allow safe passage.

"We strive to reach
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In Memorium



Ryan Bell



Forrest Ewens



Wyatt Goldsmith



Nicholas Sprovtsoff



Charles Henry



Benjamin Todd



Jacob Bare



Matthew Dehle



Steven Jennings



Bufford Van Slyke

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Stevens County has suffered losses in the post-9/11 wars like hundreds of communities across the United States.

Whether they fell on the battlefield or from war-related trauma after they returned home, these 10 men have died:

• Army Specialist Ryan Bell, 21, of Colville, died

in 2007 near Samarra, Iraq. He was one of six soldiers killed by a roadside bomb while on patrol.

• Army First Lieutenant Forrest P. Ewens, 25, of Chewelah, was an infantry officer who was killed by a roadside bomb in 2006 in Afghanistan.

• Army Sergeant First Class Wyatt A. Goldsmith, 28, of Colville, a Special Forces combat medic,

died 2011 during his third deployment to Afghanistan during an attack by insurgents firing rocket-propelled grenades.

• Marine Staff Sergeant Nicholas Sprovtsoff, 28, who had family ties to Colville, died in 2011 during combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He had previously deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in 2003 and to Afghan-

istan in 2006 and 2007.

• Marine Sgt Charles Henry, 27, of Springdale died in 2011 in Jacksonville, N.C. He deployed twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan.

• Army Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin Todd of Colville, 29, was one of four soldiers killed when two armed reconnaissance helicopters collided over northern Iraq in 2009.

• Navy SEAL Jacob Keith Bare, 23, of Chewelah, was found dead in 2011 at his home in Hawaii. His death is believed to have been a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder-related suicide.

• Army Private First Class Matthew Dehl, 19, of Kettle Falls, a Stryker armored personnel carrier driver, died in 2009 during physical training in Germany.

• Army Specialist Steven

Jennings of Chewelah, 29, died in 2013 and his death was determined to be a suicide. A bench in his honor was placed by family and friends at Quartzite Mountain.

• Marine Private First Class Bufford Van Slyke, 22, of Nine Mile Falls, was shot and killed in 2007 while conducting combat operations at a checkpoint in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

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