It happened at 8:47 that morning on

9-11-01

when the terrorists struck the World Trade Center. We were all involved, some more directly than othersshocked, saddened, angry--but resolved to defend and to retaliate.

"I am sure that for people alive during World War II the attack on Pearl Harbor was a defining moment in their lives. For me the September 11 attack is a defining moment. It has changed the way I view everything."

LTC Armstrong

"The President called for a day of prayer, so after breakfast on September 12 we prayed for the victims and their families, for the policemen and firefighters, for our service personnel, for our nation, and for ourselves."

Chaplain Westbury

"I found out later that my mom was in the hospital in shock. She still has problems dealing with it. My grandmother, two cousins, and many members of my church were in the Center, but got out. One of my uncles is a New York firefighter."

Drew Atkinson

Chaplain Westbury

"I wanted the cadets to know that even in the midst of the worst of things, God is there to help, to give comfort. All we have to do is call on him. I also let them know that I would be available to talk to anyone at any time."





Drew Atkinson

"My mom is a New York police officer. She was working overtime when her partner went into the Trade Center to get his pregnant wife. He got his wife out, but he was hit by a falling pole. The building collapsed before my mom could get to him. He was killed."