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“One of the worst days in America’s history saw some of the bravest acts in American history. We’ll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice.”

George W. Bush

Concord University hosts Patriot Day memorial service

September 11th, 2001 will forever be etched in the minds of Americans across the country. 16 years after the terrible attacks on the Twin Towers in New York, we still come together as a nation on this day to remember the lives lost on that frightful morning. Over 3,000 people were killed during the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., including more than 400 police officers and firefighters.

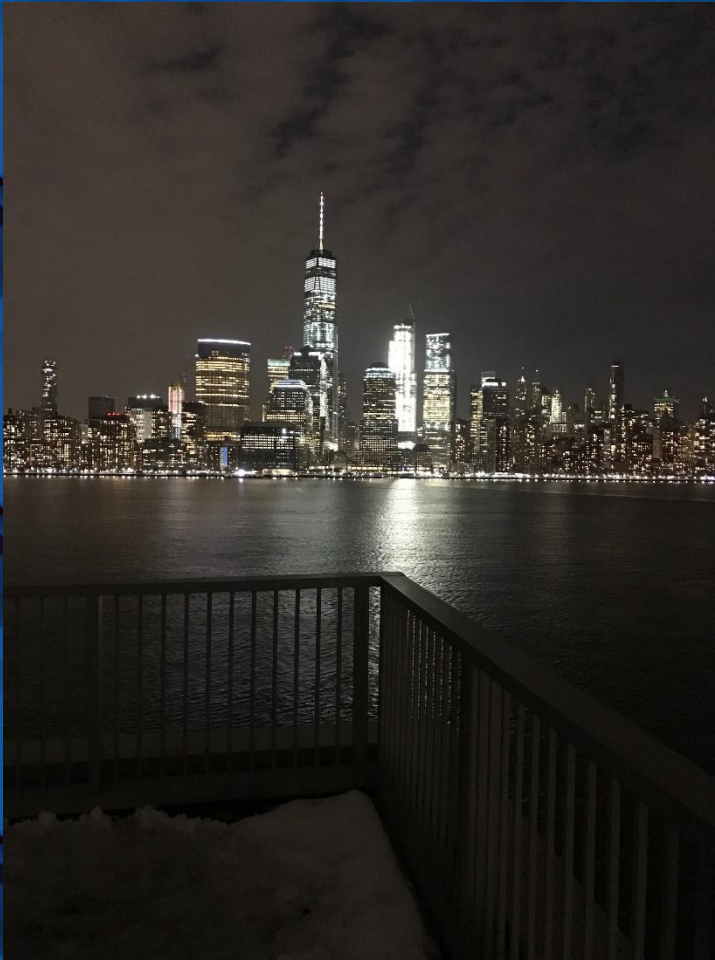
On that clear Tuesday morning at 8:45 A.M. EST, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more on higher floors.

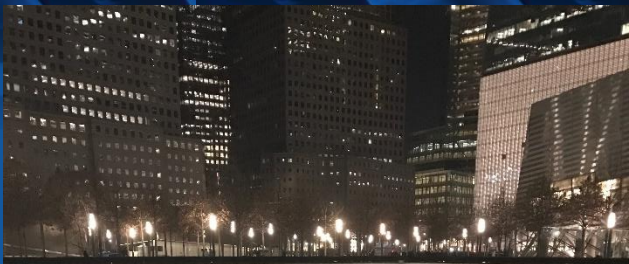
I had the opportunity to visit New York a few months ago and while I was there I stopped by the National September 11th Memorial. I couldn't contain the thoughts going through my head and I had a feeling that to this day I still cannot explain. I tried to imagine what it would have been like to stand in that same spot 16 years ago. To be walking to work at 8:30 A.M. not knowing that the world as we know it would change in 15 minutes. I walked around the entire memorial and read as many names as I could.

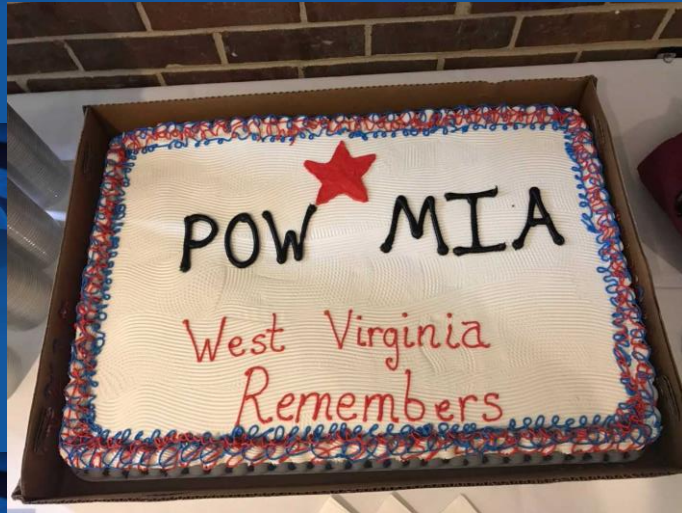
Hundreds were etched in the stone surrounding the enormous hole where the base once stood. As a patriotic American and a veteran, that was a breathtaking experience. For all of our readers, I encourage you to go see these piece of history if you haven't already. I took a few pictures while I

was there and am honored to be able to share them with you. I would like to leave you with this quote:

“Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America.” – George W. Bush







PBS Vietnam: *West Virginians Remember*

On Friday, September 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., Concord University hosted a WVPB documentary

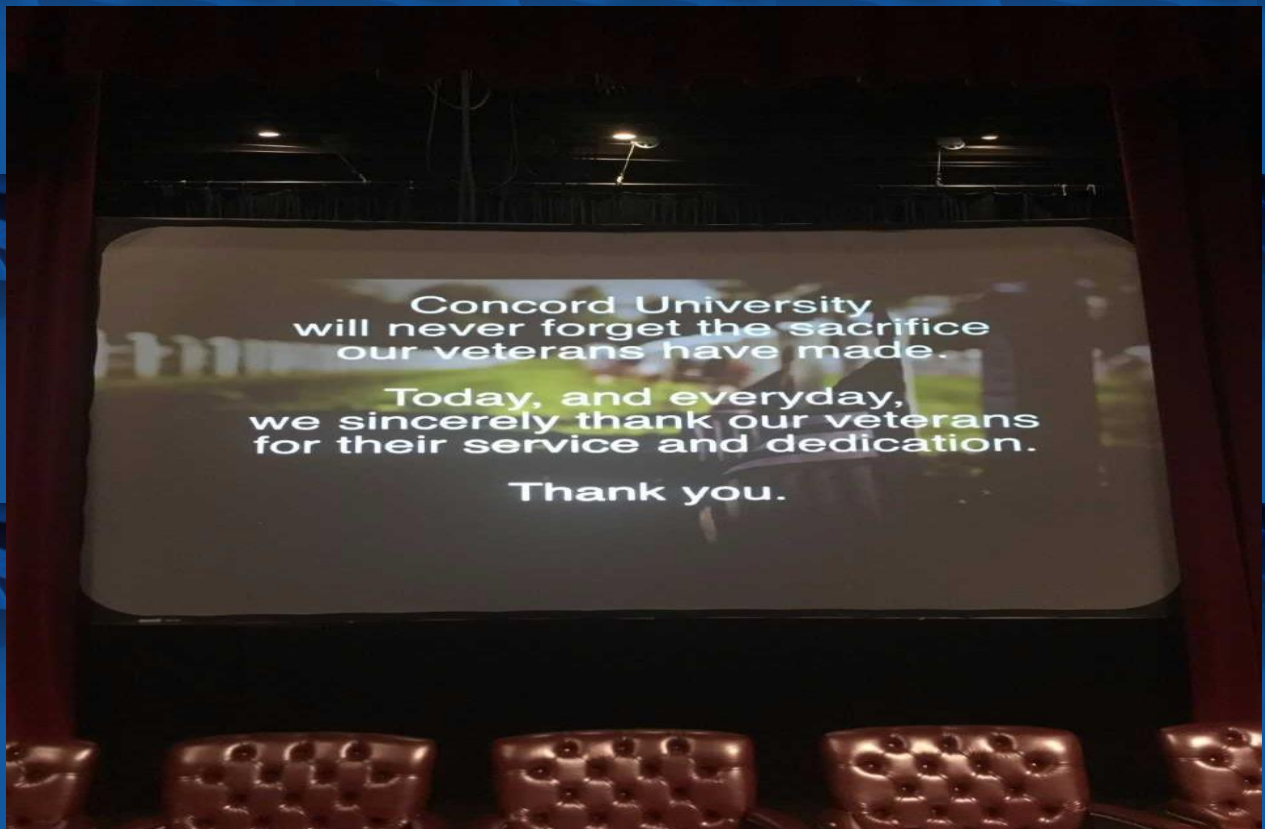
Vietnam: West Virginians Remember in the Main Theatre of

the Alexander Fine Arts center on the Athens campus. The general public, students, faculty, and staff were all welcome to come and see the documentary with refreshments afterwards with no admission charge.

Steven Kennedy, Student Veterans Advocate, began the event with the playing of The National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Award winning WVPB Executive Producer Suzanne Higgins, whom wrote and produced the documentary, gave a brief speech before the viewing to explain what all happened behind the scenes and the selection process of the five West Virginian combat serviceman.

The film was roughly one hour long and showed the lives of five veterans roughly 50 years afterwards. It explains the reasons why more than 36,000 West Virginians served during the Vietnam War and why per capita, more West Virginians served and more West Virginians died than any other state. In addition, it also examined public opinions of the war, conservatism, and the political environments nationally and locally.

The film was inspired as a companion film to *The Vietnam War*, a Ken Burns' Public Broadcasting Service series that airs this fall. The film premiered September 14 at 8:00 p.m. on WVPB and had scheduled encore presentations on September 17 and 24 at 7:00 p.m.



Princeton War Museum

The Princeton War Museum is a museum that allows visitors to relive the historic past through articles, true wartime memorabilia, and tour guides of which are Veterans that lived through and experienced first-hand what it was like during the wartimes.

The museum exhibits include German Nazi Uniforms, POW bracelet, WW II WAC Uniform, WW I Uniform, West Point Uniform, Spanish American War Medals, Medal of Honor Display, Civil War weapons and artifacts, and many other war-related artifacts.

Admission is free and the museum is located at 1500 West Main St. in Princeton, WV. It's operating hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.







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