

"A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

By: Skypilot A Proud American

I'm sitting here typing this article on September 12, 2011 after reflecting all day on yesterday's events at Prospect Hill Cemetery on "Soldiers Hill". As you can tell from the picture on top of two Granite Towers sits a piece of 3000 pounds of concrete and steel from the North Tower. Ten years ago yesterday an act against innocent Americans men, women and children an act of terrorism against our country which no one would have thought would ever happen on our soil. A band of "COWARDS" crashed a total of four Aircraft, two into the north and south tower, one into The Pentagon, and the forth a group of brave Americans stopped the last one that had headed back towards our Nation's Capitol crashing Flight 93 into a field in Shanksville, Pa.

There were thirty eight names added to the Granite Towers five of which were POW and five KIA. All the names on four panels are all from York County Pennsylvania and I'm proud to say my name is listed with the others on the panels (which required a Purple Heart or higher)

The Program started with a group of Motorcycle Police Officers parading by, Advancing of the Colors, a young group from a local High School Fife & Drum performing "The Battle Hymn of The Republic, followed by local BAGPIPERS Playing "AMAZING GRACE", followed with "The Pledge of Allegiance (with the word GOD shouted loudly), there was a Fire fighter who read "The Firefighters Dream", followed by the Police Officers prayer, a "Balloon Release in Honor of 9-1-1 Victims (343 red for the firefighters lost, 72 blue for law enforcement officers, and white for all the innocent lives taken that day), the local Life Line Helicopter Static Display, with a speech in RECOGNITION OF VETERANS given by Lt. Col Evelyn Laptok U.S. Army Medical/ Intelligence Corps, ending with two Wreath Placements performed by the United States Marine Corps (OORAH) Sempì Fi from an old Army Ranger.

All I can really say about my feelings yesterday they were from tears to being a proud American. I was never so proud of the Americans that attended Black, White, Hispanic and so on. We all gathered for one purpose only to honor all the HEROES from a decade ago from the people who gave their lives crashing into the "Twin Towers", "The Pentagon" and the ones who fought on "Flight 93 crashing in Shanksville, Pa.

I'm sure through our whole great Nation there were REMEBERANCE CERIMONIES" in every big city and small town across this great Nation, because lets face it "WE ARE AMERICANS" one and all and we currently have "AMERICANS" deployed still fighting "The War On Terrorism, may God watch over each and everyone of them and return them home soon.



To end with a chest stuck out with so much pride my son "Third Generation U. S. Army Airborne RANGER" CAPTAIN Todd M. Donaldson got promoted September 1, 2011 his team and he are still deployed "TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS". Say a prayer for all our Troops they return quickly and safely. Pick up those phones and call your local Congressional Representative and DEMAND THEY VOTE YES on House Resolution 111, phone 1-866-727-4894 so our POW/MIA can return to American soil. Until next month be safe on the highways and byways, keep an eye on the road and the other on those cages. " KEEP ON TRIKEN" ".

SKYPILOT OUT

FROM THE DESK OF JOE WEIGEL:

I want to thank ABATE of Wisconsin for the award I recently received at our annual meeting. I will cherish this, along with the other awards and recognitions received from ABATE. I've always been most proud of the work and effort I've put into an organization; rather than the amount of money I have put into an organization. I work closely with young people, including many former gang members. In 1998 I received the Citizen of the Year award from UMOS which is a national charitable organization with headquarters in Milwaukee. In 1999 I received the Friend of the Hispanic

Community award from the United Community Center on the south side of Milwaukee where I work with young people. I'm also proud of my awards from Moreland Boxing Club at the Martin Luther King Center on the north side of Milwaukee for working with youths. My wife and I are both USA amateur boxing officials, working mainly to mentor and assist young people in their lives, scholarships, and school work; in addition to various amateur boxing programs. We find ourselves doing actual "hands on" work with various charitable organizations many evenings and most weekends. If we can pull one kid out of 50 out of the gang life and into productive educated citizenship, we feel satisfaction. Our law firm donates about 20% of its advertising dollars to help promote charitable organizations and events. We have run thousands of the ABATE "Watch Out for Motorcycles" TV ads. We plan to start running it again this coming March. My advice: give of yourself; not just your checkbook.

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