# American Phoenix: Heroes of the Pentagon on 9/11

In the midst of the chaos and destruction, there were heroes who emerged from the wreckage. These men and women risked their own lives to save others, and their stories are an inspiration to us all.

#### The Pentagon's Heroes

The Pentagon is the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense. It is the largest office building in the world, and it is home to approximately 23,000 employees.



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On 9/11, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the west side of the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m. The impact caused a massive explosion that killed

184 people, including 59 passengers and crew members on the plane.

In the aftermath of the attack, the Pentagon was engulfed in flames. The building was severely damaged, and it took months to repair. However, the heroes of the Pentagon did not hesitate to risk their own lives to save others.

#### **Firefighters**

Firefighters were among the first responders to the Pentagon attack. They worked tirelessly to extinguish the flames and rescue survivors.

One of the most heroic firefighters was Brian Sweeney. Sweeney was a member of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. He was one of the first firefighters to enter the Pentagon after the attack.

Sweeney and his team rescued several people from the burning building. He also helped to put out the fire and prevent it from spreading.

#### **Police Officers**

Police officers also played a vital role in the Pentagon attack. They helped to evacuate people from the building and secure the scene.

One of the most heroic police officers was John Odermatt. Odermatt was a member of the Pentagon Police Department. He was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene of the attack.

Odermatt helped to evacuate people from the Pentagon and provide medical assistance to the injured. He also helped to secure the scene and prevent further attacks.

#### Civilians

Civilians also played a role in the Pentagon attack. They helped to provide assistance to the victims and the first responders.

One of the most heroic civilians was Barbara Olson. Olson was a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77. She was a lawyer and commentator for CNN.

Olson used her cell phone to call her husband, Ted Olson, who was the Solicitor General of the United States. She told him that the plane had been hijacked and that the hijackers were planning to crash it into a building.

Olson's call helped to alert authorities to the attack. It also provided valuable information about the hijackers and their plans.

#### The Legacy of the Heroes

The heroes of the Pentagon on 9/11 are an inspiration to us all. Their courage, sacrifice, and selflessness saved countless lives.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these heroes for their service. We must never forget their sacrifice, and we must always remember the lessons that we can learn from their example.

#### **American Phoenix**

American Phoenix is a book that tells the stories of the heroes of the Pentagon on 9/11. The book is written by James Stewart, a Pulitzer Prizewinning journalist.

American Phoenix is a powerful and moving account of the Pentagon attack and the heroes who emerged from the wreckage. The book is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about this tragic day in American history.

### To learn more about the heroes of the Pentagon on 9/11, please read American Phoenix by James Stewart.



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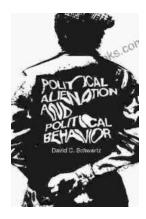
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