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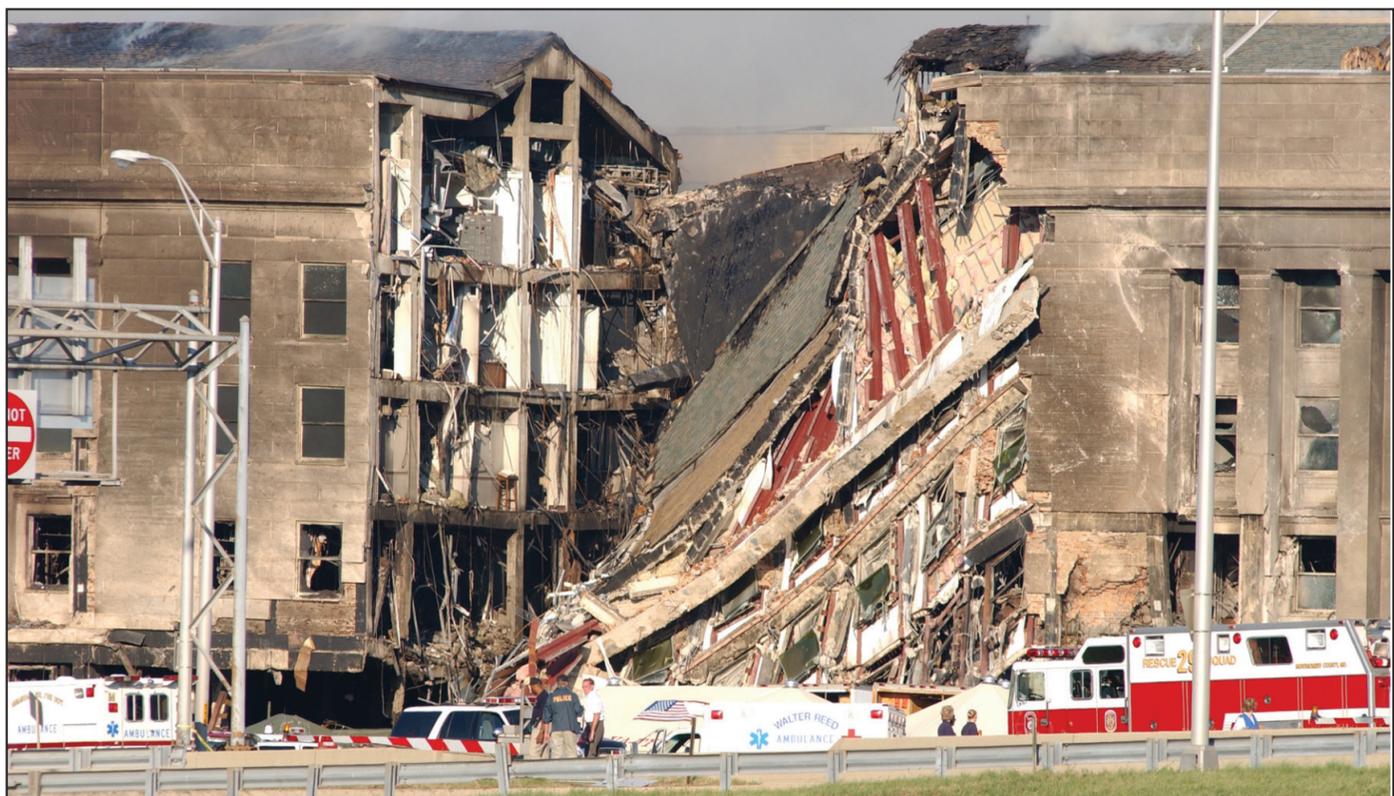
A message from the commander

Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway,

Note: Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway, Jr., is Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Commander Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Despite the sheer distance between those of us in Hawaii and the terrorist attacks on the mainland, Sailors and their families stationed throughout Navy Region Hawaii began feeling repercussions from the attacks almost immediately. The attacks along the East coast resulted in heightened force protection conditions at military facilities around the globe - and Navy facilities throughout Hawaii were no exception.

Tuesday's terrorist attacks were brutal assaults meant to instill fear in all Americans and to test the resolve of this country. But make no mistake, we will pass this test. And as members of our nation's armed forces, we must remember that our foremost mission is to protect our nation - and we will do that.



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Arlington, Va. - The military's "home" and headquarters - the Pentagon - was damaged as the result of the crash of a hijacked commercial airliner. The jet crashed into the west side of the building near the heliport Sept. 11.

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Pearl Harbor sets appropriate level of force protection

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The Force Protection Condition (FPCON) system describes the progressive level of protective measures implemented by all DoD components in response to terrorist threats. FPCON recently replaced the term THREATCON in the DoD dictionary.

Anti-terrorism and force protection (AT/FP) has been a concern of the leadership of Navy Region Hawaii long before Tuesday's attacks in New York,

Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. "The key to security is the establishment and strict enforcement of the appropriate force protection measures," said Capt. R. D. Hughes, Chief of Staff Navy Region Hawaii and Commanding Officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

"We are always assessing and reviewing force protection status and our security procedures for the entire Navy Region Hawaii area," said Andrew Iuvale, Region Force Protection Officer.

There are a variety of ways Navy Region

Hawaii addresses force protection. At determined times, only essential personnel will be directed to report to work. As such, all non-essential personnel should remain at home.

The number of personnel reporting to work, combined with number of access points, the level and frequency of thorough vehicle inspections, and other measures combine to form layers of force protection.

Education is the key. Teaching our personnel and our families about the measures associated with the different levels of

force protection is essential. Level one AT/FP awareness training is now a yearly requirement for all active-duty military, regardless of duty station.

"The most important thing about any of the FPCON measures is that each individual in the Navy community understands what each measure means to them personally," said Hughes. He added, "with that understanding, it is also important to be patient with the process and to remember that your safety and security are our number one concern."

Bush: 'No distinction' to be made between terrorists or those who harbor them

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WASHINGTON (NNS) — President George W. Bush sent a warning to countries that turn a blind eye to terrorist activities within their borders.

"The search is under way for those who are behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law-enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice," Bush said in a nationally televised address less than 12 hours after what is being called the worst act of terrorism in America's history.

"We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

At about 9 a.m. EST Tuesday, suspected terrorists crashed two hijacked commercial airliners into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, while a third collapsed a portion of the Pentagon shortly after. No casualty figures are yet available, but officials have said they expect them to be very high.

"Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror," Bush said, in describing the acts. But, he said, the attackers failed to "frighten our nation into chaos and retreat."

"Our country is strong. A great

people have been moved to defend a great nation," Bush said. "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

The president said America was targeted for attack because "we are the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world, and no one will keep that light from shining." He reassured the country that the U.S. military is strong and prepared.

"America has stood down enemies before and we will do so this time," Bush said. "None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world."



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President Bush (center) arrives at the Pentagon for a firsthand look at the damage caused by the crash of a hijacked airliner into the west wing of the building Sept. 11.

'Appropriate' Force Protection



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Members of the security force enforce heightened Force Protection Conditions at Pearl Harbor by performing random vehicle inspections at Nimitz Gate Thursday.

Navy makes assets available in aftermath of attacks on Pentagon, World Trade Center

By the Navy Office of Information

Washington, D.C., Sept. 12 — In response to Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the Navy is making units available to the National Command Authority and appropriate officials to assist with recovery, disaster relief, communications, transportation, medical support, and military readiness.

Meanwhile, rescue crews from various local agencies, including those from Fairfax County and Arlington County, Va., and Montgomery County, Md., and from Virginia Beach, Va., remain at the Pentagon this morning, working with fire fighters as they bring the blazes at the Pentagon under complete control. The smoldering debris is hindering the search for victims or survivors of Tuesday's attack on the nation's military center by suspected terrorist crash of a commercial airliner into the west side of the building.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting the criminal investigation of this and the World Trade Center attack. Smoke and flames rose over the

Pentagon at about 10 a.m. EST Tuesday following the attack. Part of the building hit collapsed. The building, located in Arlington, Va., just across the Potomac River from the nation's capital, was evacuated, as were other federal buildings including the White House and the Capitol.

The number of casualties remains unknown. The Pentagon's workday population is about 24,000. Updates will follow as they come available.

Persons with concerns for Navy family members that may have been involved in this morning's incidents may call toll free 1-877-663-6772 for updated information as it becomes available. Those injured in the Pentagon have been taken to various area hospitals.

There are 32 active-duty Sailors and Department of Defense employees manning phones at the Navy Emergency Coordination Center at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn. The center will be manned 24 hours a day until no longer needed.

President George W. Bush said Tuesday that the United States would find those

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