



Rising above the ashes

America must take action and avenge deaths

Many Americans watched thousands of their fellow citizens die before their eyes Tuesday morning. People who had their televisions turned on shortly before 10:30 a.m. Eastern time and 7:30 a.m. Pacific time had just watched video replays of a Kamikaze-type attack upon the World Trade Center. Even the chilling sight of a civilian passenger aircraft angling into position for a direct crash into one of the 110-story twin towers could not prepare us for what was next. We watched the towers shatter hunched and the top of the building wobble before our eyes.

We watched in stunned silence as it impacted on the structure immediately below, starting a horrible chain reaction of destruction. We knew immediately that an incomprehensibly high number of human lives were lost in these few seconds. And it didn't take long to realize that what we were witnessing was the result of perhaps the single most deadly attack against Americans, either on foreign or domestic soil. Together with Pearl Harbor, the attack on the World Trade Center was the most deadly in the history of the United States. It was the most deadly in the history of the United States.

Tuesday's Kamikaze-style attacks were nothing less than a direct attack against the people and property of the United States of America. The enemy didn't use bombs, didn't use missiles and didn't use ground or sea forces. Don't let anyone try to tell you that this was merely someone's attempt to make a statement. We will remember the horror of a successful attack of large magnitude

the day that the nation's eyes were opened forever to the scope of the threat posed by foreign terrorists. It was the day that an individual or group as yet unidentified declared war on the United States of America. The majority of our readers were not alive when Pearl Harbor

occurred, so this is the first time many have experienced the horror of a successful attack of large magnitude against the United States by a foreign interest. We're not exactly sure with whom, although it should become fairly clear in short order. Nobody is in favor of civilian casualties or the loss of human life of any kind. But the time has come for the United States to exercise its right and position as the world's superpower, and to spare no expense and leave no stone or nation unturned to locate and capture and/or eradicate the perpetrators.

We mourn the thousands and perhaps tens of thousands of Americans who died Tuesday in New York, Washington D.C., and near Pittsburgh. We must defend our way of life and avenge their senseless deaths by realizing we are at war and radicalizing our enemy.



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Morehead native in WTC when plane crashes it

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Family tense, then learn son's unharmed

A Morehead family held its collective breath yesterday morning for nearly three hours when one of their own was at work on the 71st floor of the second tower of the World Trade Center when a plane crashed through it.

Buford and Jenny Crager and their son Kip were on ping and needles as they watched acts of terrorism on television that hit home hard.

The Cragers' son Kyle works as a corporate systems analyst and was changing computer formatting for the port authority's software when the first airplane hit the east tower. Kyle was in the west building, which was hit by another jet just 18 minutes later.

"Our hope was that they evacuated after the first plane hit, but we weren't sure if that had happened," Kip said Tuesday from his parents' home in Morehead.

It must have been the plan, because Kyle was able to get to safety and get an e-mail to his wife at home in New Jersey, who, it turns out, called the Cragers around 11 a.m. "I think as the people were

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running from the buildings, Kyle ran into a neighbor of his from New Jersey and his neighbor gave him a ride in his van because all the trains had been halted," Kip said.

By 4 p.m. Tuesday, the Cragers still had not actually talked to Kyle, guessing that traffic had been delayed for so long that Kyle probably wasn't home yet. At that time they knew he was unharmed.

"The first thing when we turned on the television in the morning, there was devastation on all the channels," Kip said. "We tried to call my sister-in-law and she wasn't home, then she didn't know if he was OK yet."

"There is no way to describe that fear of the unknown, it is the strongest feeling you can have," Kip said. "We knew he worked in the upper portion of the building. He had worked overnight for the two previous evenings, because they were trying to meet a deadline, so we knew he was in the building or close by."

Kip is a cardiologist fellow in Huntington, W.Va.

"I went ahead and took the day off," he said. "We went over the worst-case scenario in our minds, but prayed for the best," he said. "It's terrible to have such a feeling of helplessness. You're 15 hours away from

something happening to a family member. He has three sons, too.

Kip was elated that his brother was OK. "For our family, circumstances turned out for the best. His tone saddened, said.

however, when he reflected on the terrorist act itself. "But for a number of other families out there, things have not turned out very well," he said.



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