

# WHY STILL SO MANY QUESTIONS?

## Welcome to the Stonewalled World of the 9/11 Victim Families

Where the Media Seldom Visits, the Truth Rarely Shines, and Unanswered Questions Never End.

September 11, 2001 America suffered the greatest national security disaster in our history. The attacks left thousands dead and millions grieving. The economy was gravely wounded, the country paralyzed with fear. Flags were waved, wars were launched, and harsh laws swiftly passed. Today 866 days later America is a very different place, facing fiscal ruin, endless war, and the politics of dread. Perhaps the only thing that remains the same is our people's ongoing ignorance about what really happened that day Most of us have since moved on and stopped asking. The victims' families have not.



Father of 9/11 Victim Christian Regenhard with Photo Memento of Firefighter Son

These days when people question our government's policies the spreading wars, ballooning debt, the shrinking Bill of Rights, they often meet the same response: "Have you forgotten 9-11?" as if its shocking memories should explain and justify it all.

The 9/11 victim families experienced the deepest pain and take the question two steps further. "Have you forgotten to ask what really happened and if it had to happen at all?" They too vow to "Never Forget," but they frame their promises in far more detail.

We shall never forget that in 2001 our leaders were warned over 20 times by eleven foreign governments of an imminent Al Qaeda attack, but then seemed to totally ignore them or somehow forget about it.

We shall never forget that on August 6, 2001 our own CIA briefed the President and staff with an urgent report entitled "Rin Laden Determined to

minutes that four planes were out of control.

We shall never forget that only Saudi royalty and Bin Laden family members were permitted to fly in our country during the national air lockdown, and were all allowed to leave the US without any serious questioning.

We shall never forget that unknown speculators reaped tens of millions short selling United and American Airlines stocks in the days before the attacks. (Nor should we forget that they remain unknown simply because the SEC refuses to tell us who they are.)

We shall never forget that no 9-11 air traffic controllers, NORAD staff, or pilots from the "combat-ready air squadrons" around DC have ever been searched out or interviewed by our free and fearless press.

We shall never forget FBI whistleblower Colleen Rowley recounting how her pre-9/11 attempts to investigate Al Qaeda were incessantly quashed and how the chief quasher was promoted after the attacks.

We shall never forget that NO ONE has ever lost their job or been held accountable for the failures of 9-11.

We shall never forget that after Derry NH 9-11 widow Ellen Mariani bravely filed a 62-page RICO racketeering suit against the White House for 9/11 malfeasance and conspiracy last November, only three small gutsy newspapers in the entire nation ever dared to report on her case. (One was the Manchester Union Leader. May we gratefully remember that too.)

# No, Let Us Never Forget What Happened on 9-11 or How Little We Still Really Know...

To educate yourself a bit, visit www.911independentcommission.org, the official website of the Family Steering Committee for the 9/11 Commission. To give you a sense of their concerns and frustration we offer a small sampling of other still outstanding questions below

- On September 9, 2001 the President reportedly had a war plan on his desk to go into Afghanistan. What was the origin of this plan and why was it prepared before the September 11th attacks?
- What negotiations was our government party to with the Taliban regarding the trans-Afghan pipeline before 9/11? What is the state of the pipeline now? Who will own it, run it, protect it, profit from it?
- Why did Donald Rumsfeld state that Saddam Hussein was involved immediately after the September 11th attacks? Who called Wesley Clark on 9/11 and asked him to implicate Saddam?
- In the months before 9/11, many foreign governments reportedly sent the US warnings about imminent terrorist attacks. Who sent those warnings, who received them, and what was then done?
- Why were Saudi nationals suddenly given preferential immigration treatment above all other nations and allowed fast-track visas without the normally required interviews? Why were the hijackers' incomplete and erroneous visa applications ever accepted at all?
- In March 2001 our intelligence services were told to back off investigating Saudis and Al Qaeda. Who gave those orders and why?
- Why did the FAA's and NORAD's standard operating procedures totally breakdown on 9/11 after they had scrambled interceptors 67 different times the previous year? Why were no jets sent up to guard DC from neighboring Andrews and Anacostia Air Bases, and why did planes from distant bases fly at less than a third of their top speed?

### How Many of These Mysteries Have You Ever Seen Addressed in the US Corporate Media?

Indeed, if it weren't for independent newspapers, alternative media and Internet access to the foreign press, few of us would ever hear there are still huge outstanding questions about 9/11 at all.

Please join us in urging Senator John McCain to exercise some needed leadership over the 9/11 Commission and ensure that all these questions are not left hanging for another year.

Also please take a moment to thank the foreign press corps for continuing to investigate 9/11 and show their compromised American peers the way back to journalistic ideals.

Please write your own note or clip out and use the appropriate coupon below.

Strike in U.S." but they did nothing to protect or warn us.
<b>We shall never forget</b> that after hearing the second Tower was hit and that America is under attack," our Commander in Chief continued to sit and chat a children's reading class for twenty minutes while people were dying in lew York and more hijackings were underway.
<b>Ve shall never forget</b> that no fighters were routinely scrambled to protect lew York or our capitol even though the FAA and NORAD knew within

#### Dear Senator John McCain,

In your esteemed role as legislative co-sponsor of the 9/11 Commission, I urge you to hold Senate hearings to address the deep concerns of the Family Steering Committee before Congress grants the Commission a much needed extension and additional funding.

Sen. John McCain, 241 Russell Senate Office Bldg, **WASHINGTON DC 20510** 

#### Dear Ms. Margaret Holwill, In your role as communications secretary for your

thousands of members, I'd like you to thank them for their continuing commitment to investigative reporting around the national tragedy of 9/11. Our own corporate press has proved to be largely useless and the future of our democracy may now depend on their aid.

Sincerely,

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