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Four planes, two towers and one Pentagon. On Sept. 11, 2001, this nation saw America unfold right before its eyes.

According to wanttoknow.info, 9/11 was one of the most pivotal events in all of the world's history. Al-Qaida terrorist organization hijacked four planes and went after the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

The fourth plane crashed. History.com says Flight 93 passengers called their families after knowing that they were being hijacked. They also decided as a group that they would fight back against their hijackers.

Joe Newlon worked the night shift at his job at the time of 9/11. Newlon went to work at midnight and got off work at 10 a.m the next day. He drove straight home. While getting settled down at home, he changed into comfortable clothes and turned on the television.

“When I turned on the TV, I remember Shepard Smith on FOX News reporting on the planes crashing into the towers. It showed video and images of the crashes repeating over and over on TV. Once the second plane hit, FOX already figured out it was a terrorist attack,” Newlon said.

Later on, Newlon called his parents living in Fort Smith to discuss what they thought about what happened. The rest of his day was spent at home, very relaxed but worried.

Newlon said the nation changed dramatically from these events. Security is a lot more prominent in all different aspects. Not only in airports, but also harbours and port of entries have multiple surveillances and security. Public-spectator sports such as big stadiums or arenas have metal detectors and more security officers around the area. The military needs to take extra steps now.

“They have to double check their personnel. In Fort Hood, a Muslim Army officer shot and killed fellow soldiers and because of this the military has to tighten security at the bases and screen their personnel more often,” Newlon said.

Newlon changed in many ways. He always makes sure of his surroundings and who he is dealing with. He said he will never forget what happened that day and how many lives and families were affected by the attacks.

“We should never let our guard down again and America should take care of all terrorists, foreign and domestic,” Newlon said.

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