

## September Edition: 15 Years Later. . . Perspectives and Hope for Healing



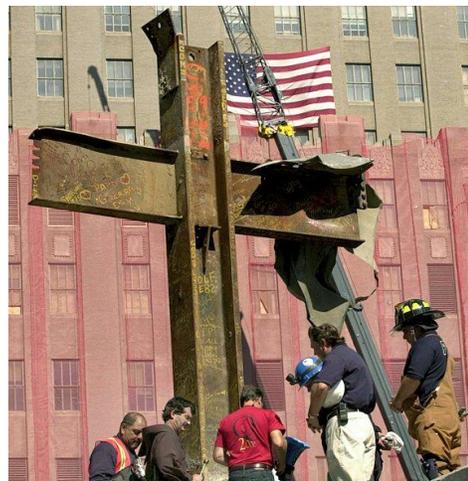
### Remembering 9/11: 15 Years Later

#### Contrasting Perspectives on 09/11/2016

Most liberals interpret 09/11/2016 as a day to remember a historical event, and they appear to possess an illogical confidence in safety (in spite of continued risks and attacks). Most Christian conservatives remember the event, desire greater policies to protect America from further deadly consequences, and pray for healing of a still-hurting nation.

#### Help Our Nation Heal

How do we help our nation heal? We must face the truth of what happened, step away from hate-filled political debate, start speaking the truth with love, and continue in prayer.



Indeed, on the fifteenth anniversary of 09/11, most Americans feel shocked by the passage of time and mourn the thousands of deaths. But the victims of 09/11/01 were not the only casualties resulting from the day's deadly terrorist attacks: We must remember the thousands of ensuing deaths of heroes serving in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as Benghazi, Fort Hood, Boston Marathon, Orlando, and the list goes on...

### **Return to the Facts about the Attacks.**

Yes, September 11, 2016 is the 15th anniversary of 09/11 when radical Islamic terrorists attacked our country and killed 2,752 innocent human beings. That was the bloodiest day in our nation's history since the Civil War. Think about it: Those people could have been your loved ones, your co-workers, your friends. Our country and the world have never been the same.

### **Honor the Heroes.**

We give tribute to the first responders who suffered and/or gave their lives to save others. We offer them our heartfelt thanks for running into danger to rescue the lives of strangers. We thank our policemen, firemen, paramedics, and all heroes who willingly put their own lives on the line on 09/11.

### **With that said, in memory of the 2,752 people murdered, we suggest doing these things:**

- **Watch this video of Billy Graham recounting 09/11.** Share it with the kids in your life!



- **From the heart, please pray to our Lord Jesus.** Ask Him to draw every American to Himself. Pray for our nation to come back to Him.

- **Visit the 09/11 web site. Take time to learn about the people killed on 09/11.** Learn about their stories and the stories of 09/11 survivors.
- **Teach the kids in your life about 09/11.** 09/11 may seem like just yesterday to many. But, remember that today's teenagers either weren't born yet or they were too young to remember that horrifying day. So, do your part. Teach them about what America was like before 09/11. Tell them about the freedoms we have lost since 09/11. Share what you remember about 09/11. If the next generation does not understand 09/11, it will be our fault. Let's do our part.

Yes, it is the 15th anniversary of 09/11. It is also the 4th anniversary of the terrorist attack at the U.S. embassy in **Benghazi**, Libya. U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone S. Woods and Glen Doherty were killed by terrorists on 09/11/12. We still demand truth and justice for Benghazi. Remember the innocent lives lost. Please join us in praying for our country today.

**In closing, remember that there are three kinds of people who harm America: those who do evil, those who do nothing, and those who give up. Never give up. Never give in. It's not too late.**

Pray, obey God, and quit complaining. Complaining only decreases morale and increases the problem.

**With God's help, America can soar again! Amen?** Now, we invite you to read more ways to help our nation heal and how to hope in God rather than government...

In God we still trust,  
Carrie and Stacie Stoelting  
Sisters and Founders of [Unite the USA](#)

**12 Ways You Can Help America**

*By Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth  
Stoelting*

**This Month's Bible Verse**

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." **Romans 12:21**

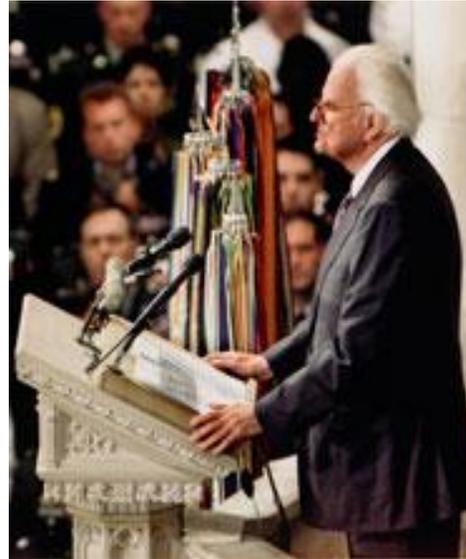
**Featured Quote**



***Like 9/11 hero Todd Beamer, we all need to say, "Let's roll!" With God as our guide, we can unite the USA to fight for freedoms today! Here are twelve tips:***

**1. Resist the urge to trust the media.** Understand for yourself why we became a country. Far too many Americans have no clue what the Declaration of Independence even says. Take time to read it. It's not a long document and it is a fascinating read. The Declaration of Independence was a statement adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. In the thralls of the American Revolution, it announced that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as independent states (no longer a part of the British Empire). Primarily written by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence details grievances against King George III and Great Britain regarding their abuse of power. [Click here](#) to read the Declaration of Independence.

**2. Read and re-read the U.S. Constitution until you can get a basic grasp on its truths.** On September 17, 1787, eleven years after the Declaration of Independence was written, the Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our Constitution has provided a stable, practical guide for governing. The underlying principles of the Constitution were gathered by the delegates from years of



"Who can forget the incredibly courageous action of the firefighters and the police rushing into the burning World Trade Center while everyone else was rushing out. They laid their lives down for total strangers. This reminds us of what Jesus did for us on the cross."

-Billy Graham  
(From his sermon in Fresno, California exactly one month after 9/11/01)

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careful study of governments and political thinkers, and also from the failed lessons learned from the failed Confederation. Limited government, separation of powers, and checks and balances are major themes in our Constitution. The Constitutional framers forged a working balance with these principles that has provided our country with liberty, order, and an enduring charter. [Click here](#) to read the U.S. Constitution.

**3. Discover, claim, and defend your rights!** Many people do not realize that the Bill of Rights consists of the first ten amendments of the Constitution. James Madison introduced these amendments on July 21, 1789 and they were ratified on December 15, 1791. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights made liberty secure. (i.e. The First Amendment insures five freedoms: religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition.) The amendments illustrate the principle of limited government. For example, Congress cannot establish any church or denomination as a state-sponsored church. People are free to worship as they choose. Read the Bill of Rights [here](#).

**4. Be able to answer this: What did the Founding Fathers intend?** Acclaimed by Thomas Jefferson as 'the best commentary on the principles of government which ever was written,' the [Federalist Papers](#) make a powerful case for power-sharing between state and federal authorities. The Federalist Papers were written by "Publius" the pseudonym for Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison. They were a collection of 85 articles promoting the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The Federalist Papers detail the intent of the U.S. Constitution as seen by the Founding Fathers. Read the Federalist Papers to learn what was thought and believed by the men who help shape our country.

**5. Oh say, can you sing the National Anthem?** "The Star-Spangled Banner" is our nation's National Anthem. The [lyrics](#) come from a poem written in 1814 by a 35-year-old lawyer, Francis Scott Key. He was inspired to



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### In Memory of Phyllis Schlafly

*"In a world of inhumanity, war and terrorism, American citizenship is a very precious possession."*

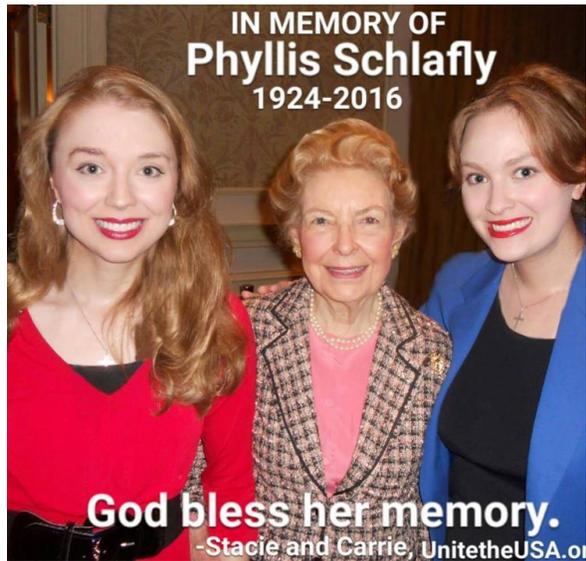
**-Phyllis Schlafly**

write it after watching the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was officially declared as our National Anthem in 1931. Learn the lyrics of the National Anthem. As a way to show respect for our country and freedom, always stand and place your right hand over your heart. [Click here](#) to watch Stacie Ruth sing our National Anthem.

**6. Pledge allegiance to the flag!** The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is a way for citizens to express their dedication and love for their country and freedom. Through the years, it has been modified four times. Most recently, the words "under God" were added in 1954. The introduction of "under God" in the 1950s was done during the Cold War, as a way to differentiate the U.S. from the concept of communist state atheism. Here is the Pledge of Allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**7. Pass the torch of liberty.** Take time to teach your children and grandchildren about the greatness of our God and country. Without you, how will they learn? Your personal touch, time, and attention are effective in encouraging children to love faith and freedom. No school, group, or TV/computer program can replace the impact that you personally can have on our next generation. Visit your local library or bookstore to find resources about our country, government, and history. Have your kids meet our nation's heroes in your community and explain for how they fought for your own freedom.

**8. Put your guard up about too much government.** Be aware of current events. Be aware about what is happening in the news and in the federal and state legislatures. Do not assume that government programs with nice sounding names are safe and for the good of the people. (Sometimes the most dangerous bills have great sounding titles.) It's easy to keep up with current events



Please join us in honoring America's friend, Phyllis Schlafly. We felt so blessed to have crossed paths with her when we sang at the FRC's Values Voter Summit in Washington, D.C. What a lady of faith and fortitude! May God bless her family with comfort and may her memory be cherished...

-Stacie and Carrie Stoelting  
Sisters and cofounders of UnitetheUSA.org

**In this critical election, are you equipped to cast your vote?**



Be educated about the presidential election. This voter guide shares information about major issues facing our nation today and the candidates' positions on the Supreme Court, religious liberty, and abortion. There is also

through the radio, TV, newspapers, and online tools. It's simply up to you to take advantage of those accessible resources.

**9. Voting does count!** Over 50% of eligible voters do not make the effort to vote. Don't be part of that group. It's easy yet very important to vote. You do not need to stand in line at the polls. Instead, vote via an absentee ballot. Contact your auditor's office to request an absentee ballot. In fact, throughout history there have been many elections when only a hand full of votes made all of the difference.

**10. Visit historical landmarks to make our history 'come to life'.** It reinforces the fact that our past is real. For example, visit your state capitol building, presidential libraries, battle sites, or any other historical landmarks in your area that interest you. Seeing places where our government works or where history happened makes history and government text books much more interesting, real, and applicable.

**11. Lawmakers serve you. Request meetings with your lawmakers.** Many state and federal legislators regularly tour their constituencies and hold town hall meetings. For example, it is widely know that in Iowa, Senator Chuck Grassley tours all 99 counties every year. Make the time and effort to meet with your public servants to hear what they have to say about current news and legislation. Our leaders need to hear from you.

**12. Pray for our nation.** America was founded by God-fearing men and women. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Prayer is powerful. Learn more about our prayer group at [www.prayingpals.org](http://www.prayingpals.org).

information about the party platforms on marriage, terrorism, and more.

**Request your free copy of Decision magazine's 2016 Presidential Election Guide [here](#).**

### Register to Vote

Everyone is mostly talking about the presidential election, but there are also many important U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and many state and local level elections. [Click here to register to vote and then be sure to vote on November 8!](#)

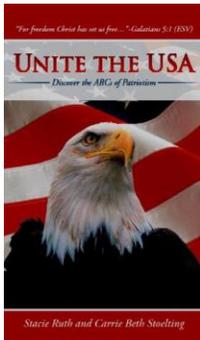
## Featured Founding Father



**Thomas Heyward Jr.** (July 28, 1746 - March 6, 1809) was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He also signed the Articles of Confederation when he served as a representative of South Carolina.

During the War of Independence, Heyward was in command of a militia force. He was taken prisoner by the British during the siege of Charleston. Heyward is an example of how our Founding Fathers suffered and sacrificed to form our country and to be free. ***We must never forget that fact!***

**Order Now**



*Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism* is a new book by **Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting**.

It's a book that empowers patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. With 100+ ways to make a positive difference in America, *Unite the USA* is a must-have tool for

patriots. *Unite the USA* will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom. (Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of [UnitetheUSA.org](http://UnitetheUSA.org).) [Order it here today!](#)

## ***In God We Still Trust*** **A CD by Stacie and Carrie Stoelting**



Per request from veterans who love patriotic and inspiring music sung by Stacie and Carrie, [In God We Still Trust](#) was recorded. From the National Anthem to "God Bless America" you will be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to [Unite the USA](http://Unite the USA). Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. [Buy or download a copy today.](#) God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

## **Booking Info**



Celebrate the true spirit of America with Carrie Beth and Stacie Ruth. Book Stacie and Carrie for concert or conference! E-

mail [info@unitetheusa.org](mailto:info@unitetheusa.org) for more information.

## **In God We Still Trust Video**

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".



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