



Khobar Towers Bombing Survivors Association

December 2013 Newsletter

From the Desk of the President, William Schooley

Well Merry Christmas! I think we have a great deal to be thankful for as this year comes to a close. We founded the Khobar Towers Bombing Survivors Association last July. I have been very lucky to be the President and have enjoyed meeting with and talking to other Survivors and the Families of our lost Brothers. I am looking forward to meeting many more of you in coming year. Please feel free to contact me anytime, with thoughts, concerns or hey even if you want to chat. The best Holiday Wishes to all of you and you families!

From the Editor, Patti Israel

Merry Christmas from snowy, chilly Utah! I'd be remiss if I failed to mention the warm wishes sent my way from readers in Florida, Puerto Rico, California and other sub-tropical areas. Suffice it to say that your warm wishes are truly appreciated; I've enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many wonderful members of the Survivor's Association since the last newsletter, and my life has been greatly enriched. Warm wishes did not, however, keep the thermometer from dipping well below the (now coveted) ten degree Fahrenheit mark!

As I've embarked upon the tremendous and incredible journey toward researching and writing the book, I've asked several survivors abroad, who are willing, to provide me with three items of information that are key to our project's development. The response has been overwhelming, touching and truly appreciated. For you, our newsletter recipients, I shall now ask the same three questions. Please forward your answers to me at pattigirl10@yahoo.com. There is no rush, take your time, and thank you in advance.

1. What was your personal experience the night of the bombing?
2. How has the bombing affected or changed your life in years to follow?
3. Seventeen years later, what are your reflections on its affect in your life (does it impact you daily? What changes have taken place in your life as a result of it? Where are you now, as a whole, regarding the tragedy of 9/25/96?)

I seek to build a bridge: a bridge that cannot be built without the strength of your individual accounts of then, afterward and up to today.

Latest News

I didn't know if all the Survivors knew about House Concurrent Resolution 32 June 24, 2008 KHOBAR TOWERS TERRORIST BOMBING, AIR FORCE MEMBERS – HONORING. If you haven't viewed this Resolution, you can now read a part of history. The attack on our heroes literally changed how the Department of Defense now governs deployments. This continuance marks the third continuance of the Resolution:

Whereas June 25, 2008 marks the 12th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on June 25, 1996; Whereas 19 members of the United States Air Force were killed, more than 500 other Americans were injured, and 297 innocent Saudi or Bangladeshi citizens were killed or injured in the terrorist attack; Whereas the 19 airmen killed while serving their country were Captain Christopher J. Adams, Staff Sergeant Daniel B. Cafourek, Sergeant Millard D. Campbell, Senior Airman Earl F. Cartrette Jr., Technical Sergeant Patrick P. Fenning, Captain Leland T. Haun, Master Sergeant Michael G. Heiser, Staff Sergeant Kevin J. Johnson, Staff Sergeant Ronald L. King, Master Sergeant Kendall K. Kitson Jr., Airman First Class Christopher B. Lester, Airman First Class Brent E. Marthaler, Airman First Class Brian W. McVeigh, Airman First Class Peter J. Morgera, Technical Sergeant Thanh V. Nguyen, Airman First Class Joseph E. Rimkus, Senior Airman Jeremy A. Taylor, Airman First Class Justin R. Wood, and Airman First Class Joshua E. Woody; Whereas the families of these brave airmen still mourn their loss; Whereas three months after that terrorist bombing, on September 24, 1996, the House of

Representatives agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 200 of the 104th Congress, honoring the victims of that terrorist bombing; Whereas on the fifth anniversary of that terrorist bombing, on June 25 2001, the House of Representatives agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 161 of the 107th Congress, which was concurred in by the Senate on July 12 2002, further honoring the victims of that bombing; Whereas on June 27, 2005 the House of Representatives agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 188 of the 109th Congress, further honoring the victims of that terrorist bombing; Whereas those guilty of carrying out the attack have yet to be brought to justice; and Whereas terrorism remains a constant and ever-present threat around the world: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Congress- (1) recognizes the service and sacrifice of the 19 members of the United States Air Force who died in that attack; (2) calls upon every American to pause and pay tribute to those brave airmen; (3) extends its continued sympathies to the families of those who died; and (4) assures the members of the Armed Forces serving anywhere in the world that their well-being and interests will at all times be given the highest priority. Agreed to June 24, 2008

Final Thoughts

Wishing you all a very warm and memorable Christmas, and a New Year filled with love, joy, positive growth, and healing from the staff of the Khobar Towers Bombing Survivors Association. On this end, we shall strive to ensure that they are...

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