

THE WAR ON AMERICA

The tragedies of the events of September 11, 2001 are felt worldwide. For many Americans it was inconceivable that our freedom would ever be put in jeopardy; it is our sense of freedom that makes America strong. To draw on this strength, however, is only the beginning of what we will need to win this war. Yet, it is difficult to understand how America can fight a war against those who have no fear. The willingness to live and protect our country, the independent idealism that gives us hope, the very core of our democracy is what is being challenged. Prophetically, in the days since this disaster transpired, this has all been said.



The personal stories told by many will be the remembrances in years to come. Most of our readers who know AMS know that we heavily depend on air travel for our business. With 75% of our clients located outside of Massachusetts, there is rarely a day that goes by without one of our consultants working in another state. During Tuesday's attack, we had Senior Vice President, Donna Watson Dillon, and Senior Consultant, Maura Buckley, working at **Geisinger Medical Center**, Danville, PA. They flew out of the Logan Airport American Airlines terminal at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday the 11th. Two days later, with a rental car and an 11-hour drive, they safely returned to Massachusetts. There was also Partner Thomas Webb and Senior Consultant Nadine Hill at **Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center** in Chicago, IL. Carpooling together to Cleveland then going their separate ways to Maryland and Massachusetts, they returned home 12 driving hours later. Partner Patrick Abrami, working at **Hialeah Hospital, Boca Raton Hospital, and North Broward Hospital District** in Florida decided that it made the most sense not to try to fly back home to New Hampshire when he needed to return to Florida the following week. Pat remained in Florida for one week after the attack. Lastly, and in some ways the most emotionally disturbing, Partner Alan Goldberg was scheduled to fly to LA the following day on the very same United Airlines flight that went into the World Trade Center.

AMS was fortunate that we were not directly part of this disaster, but indirectly, it is safe to say, we all were. Our sincere condolences and sympathy go out to all who know someone lost in this catastrophe as well as those who had to witness the horror of the destruction first-hand.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.