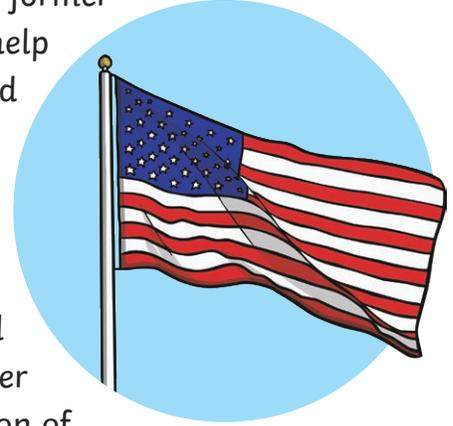


True Stories of 9/11 Heroes

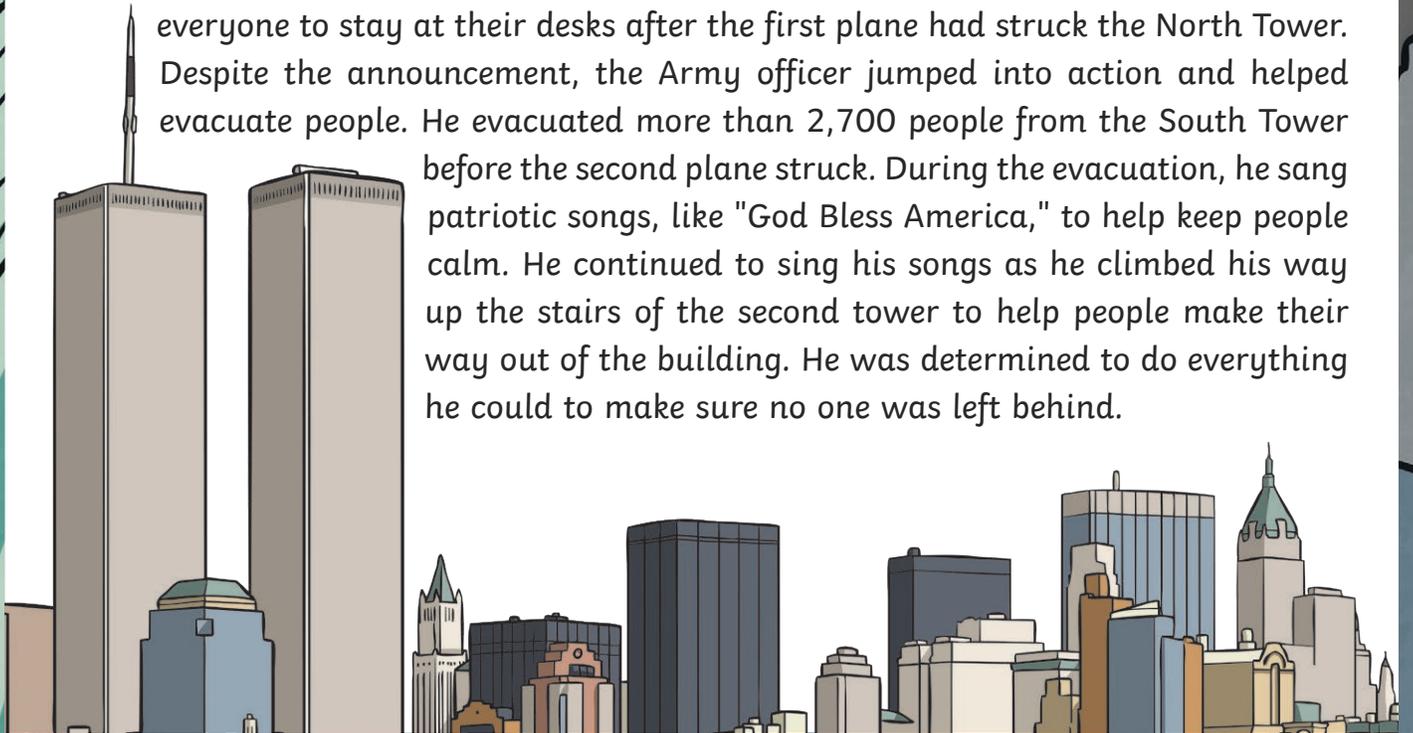
Two Former Marines Rush to Help

After hearing the World Trade Center was attacked, two former Marines rushed to put on their uniforms and offer help at the site. Before they arrived, both of the towers had collapsed. They risked their lives to search for any survivors who could be stuck under the rubble. With only a flashlight and shovels as tools, they set to work. They yelled out asking survivors to call back and let them know they were there. Two police officers had been trapped under the rubble when the second tower collapsed. The officers called out and caught the attention of the Marines. The Marines and other rescue workers spent almost 11 hours digging in the building rubble. They were able to rescue both police officers and reunite them with their families.



Army Officer Encourages Survivors with Songs

A highly respected Army officer, who worked for security in the South Tower, was shocked when an announcement came over the intercom. The announcement told everyone to stay at their desks after the first plane had struck the North Tower. Despite the announcement, the Army officer jumped into action and helped evacuate people. He evacuated more than 2,700 people from the South Tower before the second plane struck. During the evacuation, he sang patriotic songs, like "God Bless America," to help keep people calm. He continued to sing his songs as he climbed his way up the stairs of the second tower to help people make their way out of the building. He was determined to do everything he could to make sure no one was left behind.



Pentagon Tour Guide Provides Medical Aid

A trained emergency medical technician (EMT) was working at the Pentagon as a tour guide on September 11th. When he found out about the attacks, the tour guide chose not to go home. Instead, he rushed over to the crash site to help. For several hours, he provided medical care to his co-workers outside of the Pentagon. He even risked his own life by repeatedly going into the fiery crash site to save others. Vice-President Joe Biden shared this incredible story of bravery during the ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of September 11th.

Police Officer Reports Attack and Saves Hundreds

A New York City police officer was the first person to report the attack on the World Trade Center. She witnessed the first plane hit the North Tower. Despite the dangerous situation, she immediately ran to the buildings. The people panicked. They could not think clearly as they tried to leave the building. The police officer had been trained in evacuations, and she quickly took control. She began directing the survivors out of the building. Her calmness and clear-headedness enabled her to direct people safely and quickly. Her efforts encouraged others and saved hundreds of lives that morning.



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 - an EMT
 - a former Marine
 - an Army officer
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