9/11 MEMORIAL

With this memorial we honor the victims of the 9/11/2001 attacks. 2,977 lives lost are remembered with colored glass agates embedded in three markers representing The World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and a field in Shanksville PA. Each life is symbolized with a distinctive color:

- White agates for civilians
- Blue agates for Law Enforcement
- Red agates for Fire Fighters
- Green agates for Military members

1 The Clock Face
encircles the outer edge of the memorial chronicling the timing of events of 9/11

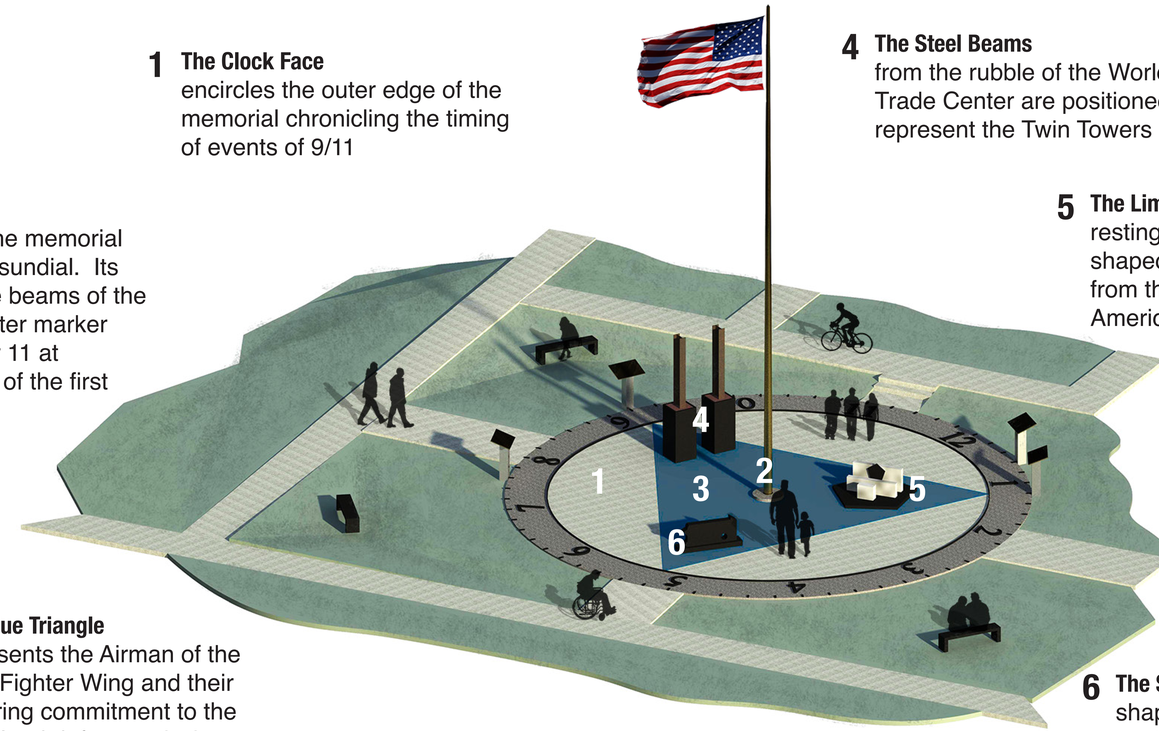
2 The Flag Pole
at the center of the memorial also serves as a sundial. Its shadow splits the beams of the World Trade Center marker every September 11 at 8:46am, the time of the first attack

3 The Blue Triangle
represents the Airman of the 180th Fighter Wing and their enduring commitment to the homeland defense mission

4 The Steel Beams
from the rubble of the World Trade Center are positioned to represent the Twin Towers

5 The Limestone Blocks
resting on the Pentagon shaped granite marker are from the impact site of American Airlines Flight 77

6 The State of Pennsylvania
shaped granite marker contains soil from the impact site of United Airlines Flight 93



08:46 A.M.
American Airlines Flight 11 impacts the World Trade Center North Tower.

09:03 A.M.
United Airlines Flight 175 impacts the World Trade Center South Tower.

09:37 A.M.
American Airlines Flight 77 impacts the Pentagon.

09:40 A.M.
The North Eastern Air Defense Sector directs the 180th Fighter Wing to launch aircraft.

09:42 A.M.
FAA grounds all civilian aircraft.

10:07 A.M.
United Airlines Flight 93 impacts a field in Shanksville PA

10:16 A.M.
'Sting11' a flight of 2 Toledo F-16's launch heading East in response to the attacks.

12:30 P.M.
'Sting 21' a second flight of 2 Toledo F-16's launch headed West to protect Chicago.

12:55 P.M.
'Sting 11' flight recovers at Selfridge Air National Guard base, Detroit, loading live missiles and returning to Toledo.

5:30 P.M.
'Sting 31' a third flight of 2 Toledo F-16's launched, 6 additional F-16's are loaded with live weapons and placed on alert overnight to posture for possible follow-on attacks.

12:00 P.M.
September 30, 2008
The Toledo Air National Guard accepts the Aerospace Control Alert mission; to this day our jets and Airman stand vigilant protecting our homeland and freedoms we hold dear.

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180TH FIGHTER WING