



Kitsap 9-11 Memorial

Bremerton, WA



The granite stories are told in a giant clock - due North is the top of the hour; South is half past the hour; and East and West are the quarter hours.

Example: Flight 11 departed at 7:59 (just before due North), and struck the North Tower at 8:46 (just past due West).



Each ring tells a story of what was happening in a different location.

The first 4 rings tell of the circumstances on each of the 4 hijacked flights.

The two steel beams reflect the two towers and are positioned in relation to each other in the same relation the North Tower and the South Tower were to each other.

Viewed from the west the beams lean to form an arch and remind us of ground zero. Viewed from the north or south they stand straight upward as the twin towers did before 9/11.



EXPLORE
The Design

NOT SIMPLY TO
BE VIEWED...
BUT TO BE
EXPERIENCED.

The next two rings tell the circumstances happening in each of the two towers. The last ring tells of the events at the Pentagon.



The innermost granite ring is the same diameter as the fuselage of a Boeing 767. The 7 squares are the same size and spacing as a row of seats in the plane.



The 400 lb. limestone cornerstone fell from the façade of the Pentagon when a portion of that structure collapsed on 9/11.

The colorful ceramic tiles were painted by 10-year olds who would have been born in the same year as 9/11, and depict the theme "What a Hero Means to Me".

These children represent our next generation of heroes.



Our American flag will forever fly over this memorial proudly reminding us that we live in a country founded on liberty, justice, and freedom for all.

From Washington state to Washington DC, and everywhere in between, we are one nation forever united.



For the nearly 3,000 people who perished that day, each tree represents roughly 100 individuals who lost their life. Ginkgo's are symbolic of longevity and resilience.

The curvy pathway symbolizes those in the WTC who were trying to find their pathway to safety.



The glass block contains a handful of soil from Shanksville, Pennsylvania where Flight 93 crashed.

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Not just a Memorial to view but to Experience on Many Levels

On September 28, 2009 Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, of Silverdale, WA, received confirmation that their request for steel artifacts from the World Trade Center had been approved by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. CKFR was the third in the nation to apply, and the first in Washington State to receive approval.

Learning of the impending arrival of these artifacts, team *Serendipitous* of the *Leadership Kitsap* organization, joined forces with CKFR to plan for the transport of the artifacts across our nation. With the beams weighing over 5,000 lbs. each the daunting tasks of planning and paying for their transport began. In August 2010, with approximately an 800 motorcycle escort the beams (honorably wrapped in an American flag) arrived at the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale, Washington to the cheers of thousands.

After the arrival of the steel, a non-profit group called the *Kitsap 9-11 Memorial Project* was formed and tasked with approving a design, raising construction funds, and securing an appropriate memorial location. Over the next three years the group earned tens of thousands of dollars by selling merchandise and engraved bricks so the first phase of construction could begin. The final phase came when local labor groups, representing various construction trades, joined forces with local businesses and hundreds of volunteers to complete this beautiful memorial.

Three major elements were incorporated into the final design to represent the twin towers, the Pentagon and the field in Pennsylvania. The design incorporated the stories of that day at the level of detail desired by the visitor. Some visitors may simply want to walk the location with no commentary and enjoy the beautiful surrounding views and memorial. Yet others may desire to know details of the memorial that explains the events of the day, the stories of heroism as they unfolded, and seek out the many hidden elements included into the design. Each element of the memorial tells a part of the story.

One element of the memorial is the colorful and creative tiles that were designed by 5th grade students throughout Kitsap County. These students, who were born in the year of the 9-11 event, were asked to design and paint a ceramic tile depicting "*What a Hero Means to Me*". These tiles are now imbedded into the wall surrounding the memorial.

Another element is the multi-colored granite rings designed to represent a giant clock that is aligned to a series of events as described and occurred on September 11. Due North is the top of the hour, due South is half past the hour and East and West are the quarter hours. Each ring tells stories of a hijacked flight relating to the WTC site, the Pentagon, or the Pennsylvania crash site of Flight 93. For example: The ring representing WTC North Tower, and American Airlines Flight 11, begins just before due north and a dark strip at the end of that ring indicates the time the tower was stuck by the plane. At 10:28 a.m. there is another dark strip representing the South Tower that radiates out to where it meets the low wall surrounding the memorial marking the time of its collapse. And, the Pentagon radial line runs through the center of a break in the low wall which contains an actual limestone cornerstone that was salvaged from the building facade. The diameter of the central circle is identical to the fuselage radius of the 767 aircraft, and the black granite squares represent the seating layout of the coach cabin on the three planes.

And, at the center of the memorial are the two steel beams that had plummeted to the ground in the crashing and crumbling of the twin towers. They are aligned north and south, and positioned in relation to each other in the same way the north and south towers were to one another. When viewed from the east or the west, they lean inward, form an arch, and remind us of Ground Zero. But when viewed from the north or the south, they are straight and erect as they were before 9-11.

This memorial now stands tall honoring those that lost their lives and also details the fateful events as they happened on that day. Events, that happened many miles from this location, yet events that will tie our nation together forever.

Upon completion, the Bremerton VFW Post 239 became stewards of the memorial and it was officially dedicated to the City of Bremerton on September 11, 2013.

Help Maintain the Memorial by...

- * *Buying an Etched Brick—which will be installed at the Commemorative Plaza at the memorial*
- * *Becoming a volunteer steward to help with landscape maintenance*

Brick order forms, Stewardship application and more memorial details can be found by visiting our Facebook page at—***Supporters of Kitsap 9-11 Memorial*** or the official web site is at: ***<http://www.bremertonwa.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Kitsap-911-Memorial>***

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