

## Remembering September 11, 2001 at FLETC-Glynco Building 912

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' (FLETC) Building 912 at the Glynco training delivery point signifies how far our nation has come since the events of September 11, 2001 (9/11). The building, which opened in 2016, is home to many of FLETC's memorials; the most meaningful being the 9/11 Memorial, located on the back deck of Building 912. Located just behind the memorial is a replica of New York City's twin towers, illuminated with a thin blue line to commemorate the fallen and to show support for law enforcement officers.



The centerpiece of the 9/11 Memorial is a section of an I-beam from the World Trade Centers donated to FLETC by the people of New York City, New York. The I-beam is shielded by white marble which represents respect, love and remembrance. On the left side of the I-beam are 9 pieces of marble and on the right side are 11 pieces of marble. The base of the memorial measures 110" wide, representing the 110 stories of the twin towers. The steps at the base begin with broken concrete and are refined in material until they end at the top with polished granite. Each step is 17.5" wide in remembrance of Flight 175, the aircraft that hit the World Trade Center's South Tower. There are 9" risers for the first 3 steps in remembrance of Flight 93, which crashed into a field in Somerset County,

Pennsylvania. Inscribed in the stairs are the

words "service," "country" and "family." The top step is adorned with the word "courage" in respect for the courageous men and women who protect the Homeland at home and abroad. The entirety of the base signifies the unyielding resolve of the human spirit as we recover and rebuild.

The name of Building 912 symbolizes all that has occurred in our Nation and at FLETC, including the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. FLETC Architect Michael Proteau mentions, "DHS was formed in the aftermath of 9/11, so it was decided in the early design phase that this building would be called "912" and that it would stand for everything that we have accomplished at DHS since 9/11. I designed the building number [on the exterior] to show 912 prominently in front and the shadow of 9/11 behind it as a symbolic gesture of where DHS came from and as an optimistic look ahead at where we are going.



“When designing the Glynco multi-purpose center it was always meant to be more than just a welcoming gesture, or an auditorium with more seats than the previous auditorium (Building 90).

Right from the start it was layered with meaning, history and symbolism,” said Proteau.

FLETC-Glynco’s Building 912 and the beautiful 9/11 Memorial signifies the lives lost and ensures the law enforcement officers trained are equipped to safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values.



Back Deck of FLETC-Glynco Building 912

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