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THE PENTAGON



A little history you may not already know



Ground breaking for the largest office complex of the day was on **September 11, 1941**. Clad entirely in Indiana Variegated and shot-sawn limestone covering over 6.5 million square feet, the Pentagon has over 3.7 million square feet of office space housing over 25,000 workers on a typical day.

On **September 11, 2001** terrorists hijacked and forced American Airlines Flight 77 into the West outer E-ring of the Pentagon, killing 59 innocent people on the plane and 125 people on the ground. The impact affected the structure over a 100-yard wide field that penetrated through to the inner C-Ring. The Pentagon was rebuilt and rededicated on **September 11, 2002**. A [Memorial Garden](#) was conceived and erected a few years later in memory of the **184 lives that can never be replaced**.

[Independent Limestone Company](#), [Bybee Cut Stone Co. Inc.](#), and [Stone Belt Freight Lines](#) joined the effort to bring 15,000 cubic feet of stone on 45-truck loads to "Heal the wound" [Laura Bybee]. The project was appropriately named "**The Phoenix Project**"

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