



10 Years Later

TIMELINE OF THE WAR ON TERROR



Sep. 11, 2001 Attacks are made against USA

- Terrorist hijack four commercial aircraft making cross-country journeys and fly two into the World Trade Center in NYC, one into the Pentagon in Washington DC, the fourth crashes in Pennsylvania after passengers attempt to overpower hijackers



Sep. 14, 2001 Bush Visits Ground Zero

- President Bush visits the World Trade Center site, now being called Ground Zero by the media. He addresses rescue workers saying...

"I can hear you! I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people -- and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon!"



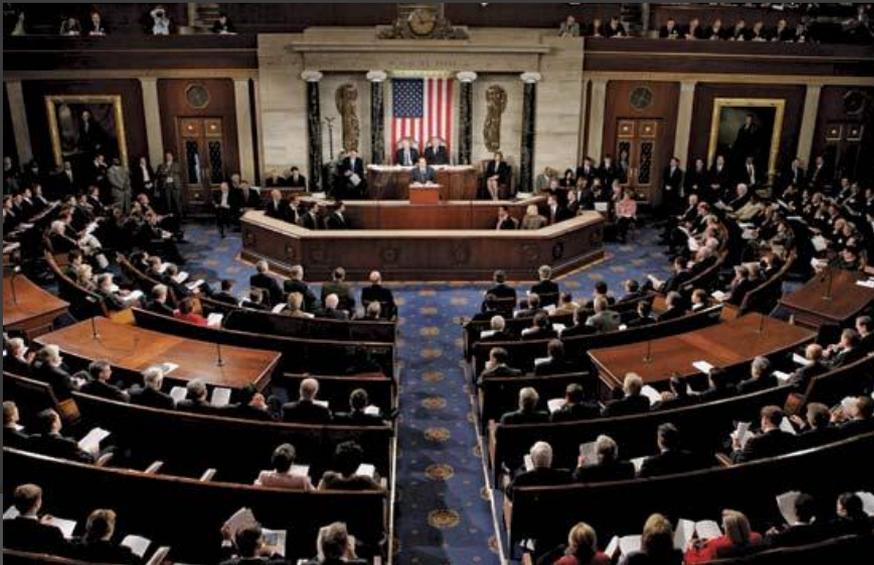
Sep. 18, 2001 Anthrax Attacks

- Letters containing anthrax, a deadly bacteria, were mailed to several media outlets and two US Senators, resulting in 5 deaths and 17 other infections



Sep. 20, 2001 Bush Addresses Congress

- President Bush addresses a joint session of Congress, declaring a war on terrorism, issuing an ultimatum to the Taliban to hand over those responsible for the attacks, and saying that every nation must decide if they are with us or with the terrorists



Oct. 7, 2001 Operation Enduring Freedom

- American and British forces begin air strikes against Taliban and al-Qaeda targets in Afghanistan. More than 50 nations assist the operations in Afghanistan in some way



Nov. 12, 2001 Kabul Falls, Taliban Flees

- Forces of the Northern Alliance, a resistance group in Afghanistan, attack and enter the capital city of Kabul only find that the Taliban forces and leaders had already retreated.



Dec. 2, 2001 Shoe Bomber

- British born Richard Reid attempts to set off a bomb hidden in his shoe during a flight from Paris, France to Miami. Reid's actions are discovered by flight attendants and passengers who subdue him.



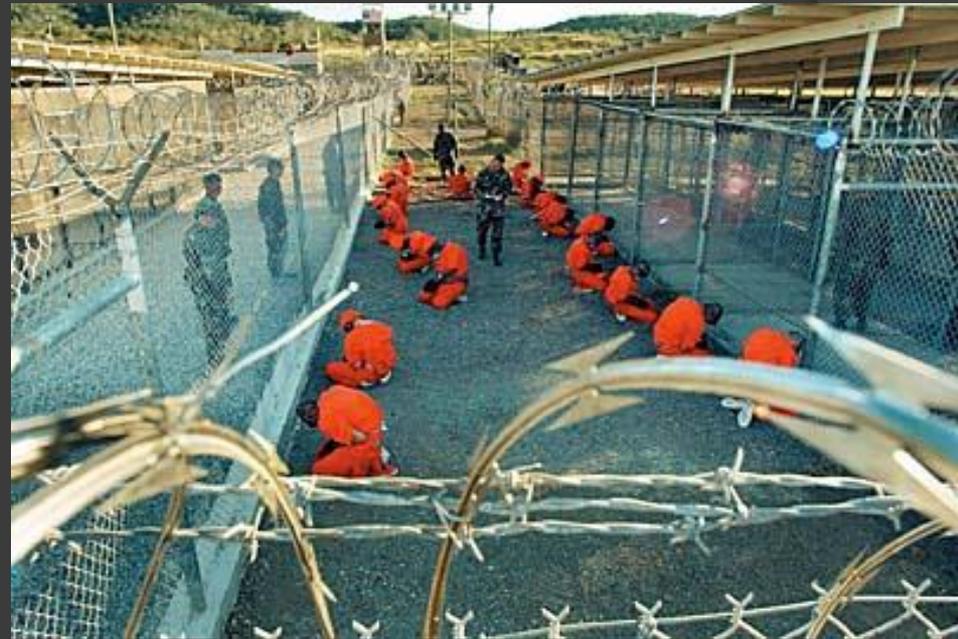
Dec. 12, 2001 Battle of Tora Bora

- American and allied forces launce attacks into the Tora Bora mountains of Afghanistan in an attempt to capture or kill Osama bin Laden, who is believed to be hiding in the mountains. Taliban and al-Qaeda forces were overrun but bin Laden was able to flee to Pakistan



Jan. 11, 2001 Guantanamo Bay

- The US Navy base at Guantanamo Bay Cuba is designated as a holding place for suspects captured in Afghanistan and later Iraq. The US government would be criticized for its treatment of prisoners housed there, including interrogation techniques that some considered torture



Oct. 11, 2002 Congress Authorizes Force in Iraq

- The United States Congress votes to pass a bill to use force in Iraq. Some of the factors that led to this vote were the beliefs that Iraq had WMDs, that al-Qaeda members were in Iraq and Iraq's history of abusing its own citizens



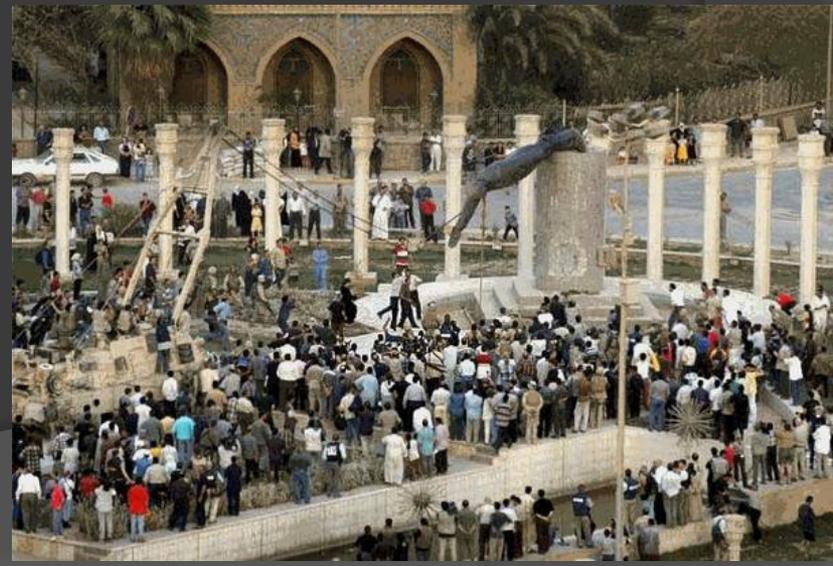
Mar. 20, 2003 “Shock and Awe” in Iraq

- American and coalition forces launch massive air attacks against Iraq, attempting to kill Saddam Hussein and weaken Iraq’s military forces.



April 14, 2003 Baghdad Falls

- American forces move into Iraq's capital city of Baghdad, signaling the end of Saddam Hessian's regime. Many Iraqis celebrated in the streets as statues of Saddam were pulled down and dragged through the streets.



May 1, 2003 “Mission Accomplished”

- President Bush gives a speech on board the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln to declare that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, with a banner reading “Mission Accomplished” in the background. This event would be highly criticized because of the intense fighting continued in Iraq for many years



July, 22, 2003 Saddam's Sons Killed

- Uday and Qusay Husaein are killed after a battle with American special forces. The brothers were said to be the heirs of Saddam's regime, and accused of many crimes against Iraqi citizens including tortures



Dec. 13, 2003 Saddam Captured

- ◎ American forces capture Saddam hiding in a hole on the property of a small farmhouse. Saddam is armed with a handgun but does not resist capture. He would later be charged for crimes against the Iraqi people and executed



Mar. 11, 2004 Madrid Bombings

- Four train bombs in Spain's capital city of Madrid kill 191 and injure 1,800. The attacks were carried out by a terrorist cell linked to al-Qaeda. The attacks took place three days before Spain's election. In the election the Spanish voted for new leadership that would withdraw support from the war in Iraq



April 29, 2004 Abu Ghraib

- Reports of prisoner abuse by American soldiers at the Abu Ghraib prison facility come to light on the news program 60 Minutes II. World wide outrage spread after photographs showed American soldiers treating Iraqi prisoners with extreme disrespect. Eleven American soldiers were convicted of crimes.



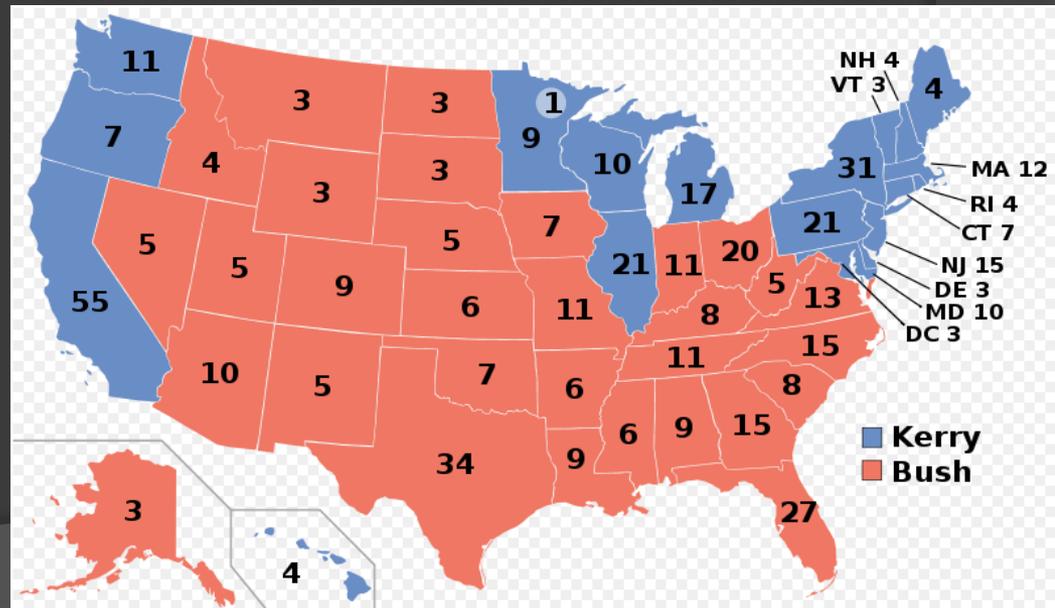
Oct. 9, 2004 Afghanistan Elections

- Afghanistan holds its first direct election in history as citizens vote for a president of the newly established government. Hamid Karzai won the election with 55.4% of the vote



Nov. 2, 2004 Bush Reelected

- President Bush wins reelection over Massachusetts Senator John Kerry. Bush wins 50.7 % of the votes and 286 electoral votes. Kerry receives 48.3% of the votes and 251 electoral votes



Nov-Dec 2004 Battle of Fallujah

- The city of Fallujah, Iraq had become a stronghold of insurgents. US Marines engaged in a two month battle to retake the city. This was the bloodiest, and hardest fought battle of the war. By the end of the fighting American casualties were 95 killed and 560 wounded



Jan. 30, 2005 Iraq Elections

- Iraq holds its first post-Saddam elections in order to elect representatives to draft a new constitution. More than 100 attacks take place at polling stations across the country resulting in 44 deaths



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July 7, 2005 London Subway Bombings

- Four bombs go off across the city of London, three in subway stations and a fourth on a double decker bus. The attacks kill 52 and injure more than 700. All four bombers were homegrown terrorists that did not have contact with al-Qaeda



June 7, 2006 Zarqawi Killed

- The leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, is killed in a US airstrike when the safe house he was in is hit by two 500 pound bombs. Zarqawi had taken credit for organizing many attacks in Iraq



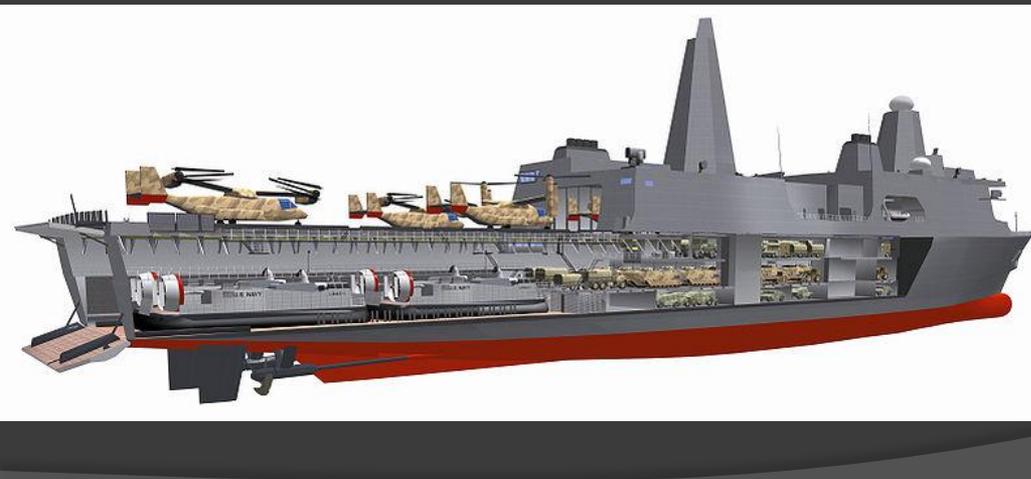
Jan. 10, 2007 US Troop Surge in Iraq

- President Bush announces that 20,000 additional troops would be sent to Iraq to assist Iraqi forces in securing the country. It was a highly debated decision as the war was growing unpopular in the United States. Over the course of the next year violence in Iraq would steadily drop



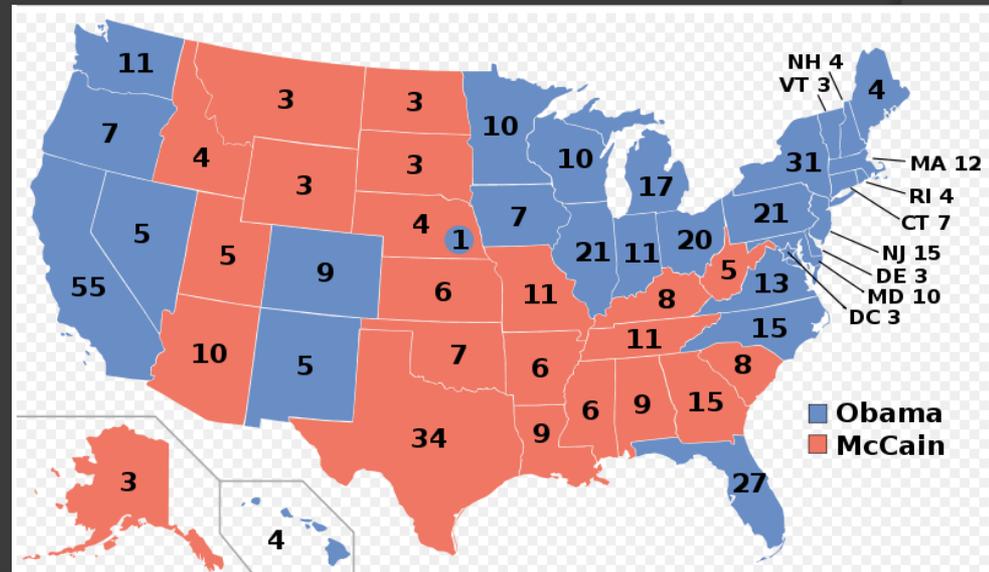
Mar. 1, 2008 USS *New York* Christened

- The USS *New York*, an amphibious transport dock ship made with steel that was salvaged from the collapsed World Trade Centers is christened. The ship is used to transport and land soldiers during amphibious missions.



Nov. 4, 2008 Obama Elected President

- Barack Obama is elected the 44th President of the United States. He wins 52.9% of the votes and 365 electoral votes



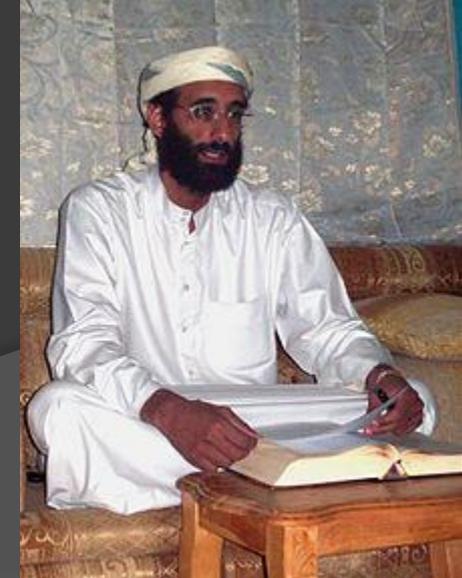
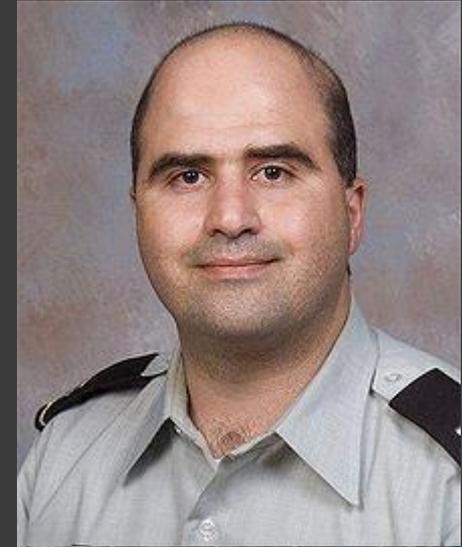
Nov. 26, 2008 Mumbai Attacks

- Pakistani terrorist launch 10 shooting and bombing attacks across India's largest city, Mumbai, killing 164 and wounding more than 300. The terrorists came from Pakistan and are believed to have received assistance from Pakistan's ISI intelligence secret service



Nov. 5, 2009 Fort Hood Shooting

- In a shooting at Fort Hood, Texas 13 are killed and 29 wounded when US Army Major Nidal Maliik Hasan opens fire on the base. Hasan had previously been investigated for statements he had made about the war and was found to have exchanged emails with Anwar al-Awlaki, a former imam in the US who is believed to be a recruiter for al-Qaeda



Dec. 25 2009 Christmas Bomber

- **Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab** attempts to detonate explosives sewn into his underwear on a plane flying from Amsterdam to Detroit. A small fire started as Umar attempted to set off the bomb and passengers subdued him. He awaits trial in the United States.



May 2, 2011

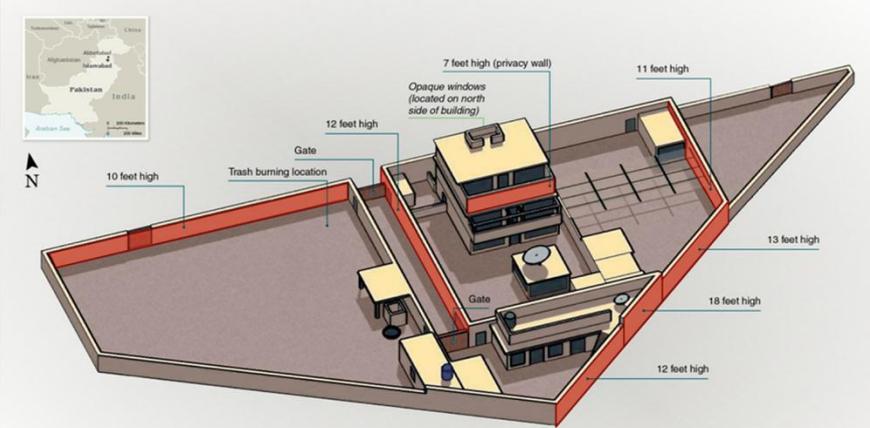
Osama bin Laden Killed



- Members of the US Navy's SEAL Team Six conduct a raid on a compound in Pakistan and kill Osama bin Laden



Illustration of Abbottabad Compound



Sep. 11, 2011 World Trade Center Memorial Dedicated

