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Abstract of Interview:

Interviewee Information:

1. Mr. Trant was born and raised in ██████████, Massachusetts. His father was an Army veteran of WWII, a two time Purple Heart winner. His father was drafted by the New York Jets as a pitcher and then played for the farm team in Quebec. His parents married in 1949 and had nine children. Mr. Trant was the 6th child. His eldest brother Michael, who died in 1999, was a former Deputy Attorney General of Pennsylvania; his brother ██████████ is a professional musician playing Irish-American folk music in the D.C. area; his sister ██████████ is a letter carrier for the postal service; his sister ██████████ is a registered nurse in Connecticut; his sister ██████████ works for the postal service at the Dulles facility; then Tim; his brother Dan, a stellar athlete who was a 2 time All American basketball player; was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1984. Dan went off to play professional basketball in Ireland and with the United States Basketball League; he died in the World Trade Center on September 11th, 2001. He worked on the 104th floor of 1 WTC with Cantor Fitzgerald. Following Danny is ██████████, who worked with Congressman Silvio Conte and continued in legislative staff jobs; and was the Deputy Executive Director of Massachusetts Port Authority (Logan airport was a part of that responsibility). ██████████, the youngest sibling, is a flight attendant for American Airlines. He did not know whether ██████████ was flying on September 11th.
2. He graduated from high school in 1977. Enlisted in the Navy until 1988; left the Navy as a PNC. He worked on the NMPC Congressional Liaison Staff for four years while he was in the service. He headed the Congressional Liaison Team here at BUPERS; and then as the Deputy of the Casualty/POW/MIA branch at BUPERS; then as a Deputy Legislative Advisor to CNP. He worked in the Navy Annex on the day of the attack. He is married to ██████████ They have been married almost eighteen

years; they have four children. His son Ryan died four years ago. Both Ryan and Tim's older brother Michael died of suicide. Tim and █████ were able to help Tim's parents deal with Michael's death two years later.

3. His wife and sister-in-law █████ worked within three blocks of the White House; another sister-in-law worked on Capitol Hill. That was one of his worries on September 11th.

Topics Discussed:

4. Danny was an inspiration for Tim. He touched many lives, starting back to his high school days. He would go to a sporting event and shake the hands of all of the parents; kissed the ladies on the cheek. In Northport NY he was a coach and mentor to his kids and their friends. The kids he coached came to the memorial service dressed like they came out of a GQ magazine, just as his brother Danny would have dressed. There was even a Dan Trant haircut and the kids had it. Danny met his wife █████ at a local bar in Springfield, MA. She was wet; he loaned her a set of sweats. They began dating and were married soon after. He adopted █████'s daughter █████ and they went on to have two boys, █████ (12) and █████ (10). █████ is a basketball player like his dad. █████ is a soccer player.
5. On September 11th Tim became aware of the World Trade Center attacks from looking at the TV. His first thought was that it was 1993; then he realized it could not be. Danny had told him that he worked near the top of the World Trade Center, and that the building he worked in had the antenna on top of it. Tim realized that the building that was hit was where Danny was working. Initially he thought that if Danny were up above the impact site he might be okay. He went into his office to call █████. She said Danny had just called her to say there was smoke all around, that he would try to get out of there. He told her he loved her dearly, that he loved the kids more than life and to take care of them. █████ was Danny's college roommate, and he had come down to New York the night before so that he and Danny could take the two boys to a Yankees/Red Sox game. He spoke to █████ on the phone, and █████ assured him that he would stay with █████. As he was on the phone with █████ he saw the second plane come in and hit the second WTC tower. He knew then it was not an accident. He called his brother █████ and asked if his parents were aware that Danny's office was in the WTC. He asked █████ to call their parents so that he could take care of getting his wife and sister in law out of Washington, D.C. He told his boss that he would need time off. He heard a plane go over the Annex, very low. He assumed it was a flyover, but it was so much louder. The blast could be felt at the Navy Annex.
6. He ran out into the parking lot. He decided he needed to leave because he had to get to New York. As he looked down the hill he could see the flames and smoke. He had mixed feelings and felt guilty for not running toward the Pentagon to help.
7. He got in the car to go and get his family in Washington, and as he got to the ramp to 395 North, the Marines and Arlington Police had already blocked it off. He drove down Columbia Pike and called █████ again. He asked █████ to get his wife and sister-in-law out of the city. He then went to Manassas to get his kids. He told his kids what had happened and that their mom was safe, but that Uncle Danny had probably died.
8. The celebration of Danny's life was held on the 16th, and the memorial service on the 17th of September. His remains have never been recovered. When he arrived in New York he checked the hospitals, put out flyers at ground zero. By this point the CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald, Howard Lutnik, held a meeting at the Family Assistance Center in New York and announced that approximately 750 of the 1000 employees were all unaccounted for. The other 250 employees were not in the office that day. Danny was on the 104th floor,

and the plane hit between the 97th and the 103rd floor. He believes that Danny died trying to help people get out of there.

9. After Tuesday night they began to make plans for Danny's services. The celebration of his life was moved out of the funeral home and was placed in the parking lot since it was too large to accommodate everyone who attended. It was set up as a memorial of his life, with basketballs and photos from his childhood. His two All American plaques were there; a flower arrangement from the Boston Celtics; photos with family and friends. As it was set up, approximately thirty minutes prior to the ceremony, he heard bagpipes. They were playing "Danny Boy." His brother Danny had arranged to have bagpipes at Ryan's funeral at Quantico National Cemetery. It was a poignant moment. After his son Ryan died, Tim never picked up his guitar to play with brother [REDACTED] again. The next day, Tim and [REDACTED] sang and played "Danny Boy" at the memorial service.
10. He left New York and returned to Washington. He thought eight people he knew were killed at the Pentagon. On the morning of the memorial service at the Pentagon, he discovered that thirteen of his friends had been killed at the Pentagon. His division officer from his first ship had been killed, CDR Pat Dunn. He had worked with Presidential Intern Brady Howell at the Annex; General Maude's legislative assistant was killed.
11. The memorial service was a tribute to those that were killed. He is proud of the way the American people, the government, the military have risen to the occasion and come together. We go through these tragedies as a country and not once has our country been close to collapsing. Every tragedy makes us stronger and the rest of the world sees that. Our response to this attack has been appropriate; our freedom and our way of life will not be taken for granted.

Editor's note: Mr. Trant's faith and the tragic loss he has faced in his forty-two years are a powerful part of his story. His loss spanned the suicide of one of his eleven-year old boys; the suicide of his elder brother; the loss of his brother Danny at the World Trade Center to terrorism and his thirteen friends at the Pentagon. This is a powerful and inspirational interview; a personal story of tragedy and a man whose faith has helped him to rise above his pain.

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His wife, brother [REDACTED], and sister-in-law [REDACTED] worked within three blocks of the White House; another sister-in-law, [REDACTED], was Chief of Staff to Majority Whip, Senator Harry Reid. These were among his worries on September 11th.

Topics Discussed:

Q. Looking back before September 11th did that thought ever occur to you, did you ever look at yourselves as being at risk, or is that more of a hindsight perspective now.

A. I don't think that anybody ever truly imagined that we would come under attack again. I mean it just seemed like the furthest thing from our minds, I mean since Pearl Harbor, that we never fathomed something like that happening again, and certainly not the way that it happened. Although I mean, obviously, we find out now that there's information to suggest that there were those who knew that there was something like that in the offing out there, but I don't think the average American going about their business everyday ever anticipated this. I mean we had seen the World Trade Center bombing in 1993, but to think that something could happen that would take those towers down, or that someone could attack the Pentagon, it just didn't seem plausible. And then all of a sudden everything became plausible. You know, as that day unfolded, to have visions of the White House being destroyed or the Capital dome, that the symbol of our democracy, to imagine, even if no one was killed, just to see icons like that destroyed. And that's what we potentially were looking at as this all unfolded and they were talking about additional aircraft still being airborne and you've got to give great credit to the quickness with which they responded to get every plane in the air space onto the ground and prevent further things from happening.

And you know, I never ever will forget the role of the people that perished on the plane in Shanksville. I think all too often it's all about the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but you know those are people that should never be left out of any discussion. You know, the heroism that they demonstrated on that day.

Q. (20:48) TIM, you had sent us an email and in your email you talked about DANNY and his relationship with his wife and how they met. And you gave a very good feeling about your brother. Would you mind going into that for the tape?

A. Sure. You know DANNY, DANNY was an inspiration for me. I think he was for all of us, but as I learned in the aftermath of this, just how many lives he touched—as I said, when DANNY left basketball and first of all it started way back. I mean every story that I've heard since this happened, and a lot of these things unfolded while I was out in the Persian Gulf on a ship, were things that I never knew about my brother. And you know, to hear the stories of “Here's this high school kid, playing basketball and all the younger kids looking up to him. To hear his coach today say, “There wasn't a younger kid that didn't want to be DANNY TRANT.” And then to hear about how he would come into a sporting event and shake the hands of all the, I mean, normally you see yourself as a high school kid. You know, you kind of keep away from adults and small children. You know, you hang with those that you hang with, but to hear how DANNY would enter a baseball game at which he was a spectator and as he came up into the stands, he would shake the hands of every father, every sports fan, every politician and kiss the ladies on the cheek. How would say hi to them all with an engaging smile, play with all the kids and have them all come running over to him. It started very early on. So to then find out, and I found it out in reverse order. I found out in Northport, New York here he is as a father and a

coach, what he meant to the kids, and I wasn't aware until I went up to Massachusetts where they were putting his high school basketball jersey on display up there, that he was that way when he was a high school basketball player. He was, I think he was the guy that was kind of destined for this type of stardom, even though it was relatively small in the scheme of things, you know. But it was big to the people who lived it.

But DANNY had left basketball after playing pro-ball for a couple of years and went to work in the District Attorney's office and he had met his wife in a local bar up in Springfield, Massachusetts. And ██████ had led a tough life, you know. She was a single mom, and she'd gone through a tough relationship with her first husband and everything. And when DANNY met her, I guess it was a rain storm or whatever that brought them together, and DANNY had lent her a set of sweats from the US Basketball League, because she was soaking wet when he ran into her, and then later on at some point she had called him to return the sweats or whatever. And DANNY went over, and as the story goes, he never had her return the sweats, but they started dating and within weeks, and months they were engaged and then married.

And DANNY adopted ██████'s daughter ██████, who at the time I think when they met was maybe three, and I think he adopted her after they married. He adopted her when she was about five.

Then they had two boys, ██████ and ██████. At the time of DANNY's death, ██████ is nineteen (19) now and on a soccer scholarship to Pace University in New York and his son ██████ is twelve (12) and son ██████ is ten (10). ██████ is an accomplished basketball player. DANNY was the coach of his AAU Team up on Long Island, the Long Island Lightning. He's got his father's knack. He's a little tiny, diminutive skinny little guy that goes out in these courts with these guys that are so much larger than he is, but he can pump a three pointer in, you

know. He can! It looks like he can barely lift the basketball, but he can sink the three pointers and so he sits outside all day and then plays against these guys, and it was just how I remember DANNY when I had seen him growing up. He was just this thin, frail, little kid, but he could sink a ball from a half a mile away, and it made him a star.

And then [REDACTED] is going the direction of his older sister as a soccer player. And when I say that, it's important to point out that DANNY was a star soccer player as well. DANNY holds the single game scoring records for our high school in both soccer and basketball. He scored six goals in a single soccer game which is a record to this day, and he scored forty-seven points in a basketball game in which he only played three quarters, because he was late for the game. He missed the bus and was benched during the first quarter. And when the coach brought him in, he hit twenty for twenty-four from the floor and seven out of eight free throws, and was taken out the last two minutes. So effectively he scored forty-seven points in three-quarters and that's a record to this day.

But, at any rate, DANNY had a very, very special relationship not only with his wife, but also with his kids, and with all the kids in the Northport, New York community, which is up in northern Long Island. Everyday he took the train down to the World Trade Center, about an hour and a half away, but it was so they could live in this community where they had met people by virtue of [REDACTED]'s playing on a travel soccer team. So they decided that's where they wanted to move, because they met these people that they really liked and learned of the community and everything. And having gone there now after DANNY's death, I can see exactly why.

It's a very special community. The kids all love DANNY. The parents loved DANNY and that was evident to me as I got up there and we were immediately family, you know, the TRANTS

and the [REDACTED], [REDACTED]'S family, were embraced by these people as if we'd known them all our lives, and you could tell that their sense of loss and grief was no less than our own. And to go through the services up there and see these kids come up in their uniforms, that they came as teams. They were all dressed in their uniforms and they each got up and had a spokesperson from each team say what they thought of coach TRANT and what he meant to them.

Then to see them at the memorial service; that was during a celebration of his life. To see them at the memorial service the next day, they all came down there, and here they are they're kids of twelve (12) years old and ten (10) years old and they're all dressed like they're right out of GQ. It was exactly how my brother DANNY dressed, you know.

At twelve years old you don't typically see kids in pinstripe suits, you know, with the little tie bars across their collars, but they all wore their hair just like he did. He had this crew cut that everybody got.

They took me to a barber shop while I was up there and when I went into the barber shop and the people found out I was DANNY's brother, they said there was a haircut called the DAN TRANT and kids would come in and ask for the DAN TRANT and they all knew just how to cut their hair.

To look at these kids, I said to the families when I spoke at the celebration of DAN's life, I said, you know, "There's nothing that I can tell you about my brother that you don't know better than I do." I said, "All I have to do is look out at you guys, look at your kids," and I see the impact that DANNY had on that community. It all, you know, those years that I missed with him. We were two years apart. DANNY was my best man at my wedding, but I spent the next several years gone and I missed a lot of this that my family got to see.

They all went over and saw him play ball in Ireland when I was out in the Persian Gulf and they got to see him play basketball. I saw him play for the US Basketball League for the Springfield Fame, one game. I saw him play one high school basketball game and I was there the night he scored the 47 points. I was so ticked off because he was benched when the game started, because here I was home from the Navy on leave and everything. I traveled from Westfield, Mass, to Pittsfield, Mass to see this game with my dad and I got there and he was benched. I was so ticked off that I wasn't going to get to see him play.

Little did I know that twenty-five years later, whatever this is, you know that that would be the game that he set the single game scoring record. But you know, I just, I understand the man that he came to be and the impact that his life has had on so many others. It's amazing.

Q. (30:20) Can you tell us about your experiences on 11 September. Can you kind of just walk through that?

A. Oh yes, yes, absolutely. I had just walked back in. I don't remember where I had stepped out to, but it was, it was the morning of September 11th and I had just walked back in to our office, our office suite and stepped into my boss's office. Because we work in Legislative Affairs, and track the Congress, we always have C-SPAN, CNN on the televisions in our office. I walked in and as I was talking to him I looked up at the television and the volume was turned down and I could see the World Trade Center smoking.

I said, "Is this happening now?"

He said, "I don't know. What is it?"

And you know, the first thought was, “Is this ’93,” but it was up so high on the building it just wasn’t all coming together. Here we were looking at this damage to the building well up on the tower.

Q. (31:17) But you knew by looking at it that it was the World Trade Center?

A. Oh, easily, sure, absolutely. I mean you could see the two towers sitting right there, and you could see, you know, you didn’t see flames, but you saw what appeared to be the hole, and the smoke. You know so the first thought was, “This is an accident.”

But my first thought was just within, you know, a couple of months before this I had talked to Danny and he told me that he worked near the top, and I assumed at the very top. I assumed that he was at the like the top floor, not knowing anything about the World Trade Center. I said,

“Well, which building is it?” He told me that it was the one with the antenna on the top of it.

So here was the building that I was looking at that had been hit. I thought at that point, well you know, he’s someplace significantly above where this looks like this has happened. I said to my boss, “My brother’s in there. You know, my brother works there.”

He said, “That building?”

I said, “Yes, it’s the one with the antenna.”

He said, “Well where is he?”

I said, “Somewhere close to the top floor.” At that point we were looking at, well this is quite a ways down, you know, he’s probably OK. I ran in to my office and I called [REDACTED] and I had my television on and I had turned up the volume at that point, and again, there was a lot of confusion. They didn’t know whether this was an accident, but they were saying that it appeared that it was a commercial aircraft, passenger aircraft.

I got a hold of [REDACTED], after dialing a couple of times and she said that she had just heard from DANNY, that he had borrowed a cell phone and that there was smoke all around and that they were going to try to get them out of there. He was assuring her that he was going to get out all right. That everything was OK. But then he told her that he loved her dearly and that he loved the kids more than life and to take care of them.

As [REDACTED] told me this, she began to cry. She was obviously, understandably very emotional, and she said, "Here, talk to [REDACTED]."

[REDACTED] was DANNY's college roommate and was a star basketball player as well, and I was thinking, "What's [REDACTED] doing there? How could he have gotten to the house so quickly? Is he living in Northport? Things are starting to go through my head, and all of a sudden [REDACTED] got on the phone.

What I didn't realize at the time, was that [REDACTED] had come down to New York the night before, the afternoon before, and he and DANNY had taken [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] down to see the Yankees and the Red Sox. Being from Massachusetts we were all big Red Sox fans so [REDACTED] had come down so that DANNY and he could take the kids to the game.

It rained and the game got rained out, but they were already down there in New York and everything and so they got to spend the time and I know that young [REDACTED] had made the comment at that time, that he loved being able to bond with the boys

So [REDACTED], his best friend, however you look at it, whether coincidence or whether you look at it as an issue of faith, [REDACTED] was able to spend DANNY's last night with him, and was there with [REDACTED] when DANNY died.

So [REDACTED] and I talked, and I never did question him at that point about how he happened to be there. Just you know, he was explaining to me what they knew at that point and that he was

going to be there with her. I told him that I would get up there, you know, that whatever happened I would get up there, and as I was on the phone with him, I was watching the television and saw the aircraft come in and hit the second tower.

I saw it coming in and I just couldn't believe that it was flying so close. I thought, you know, maybe they're just taking a look, even as I saw it come in from the right of the screen and I'm just thinking like, "Man, he's flying awfully close," you know. Then just to see the billowing flames coming out of the building as the second tower got hit.

So at that point, I mean obviously, at that point I knew that this was not an accident. That this couldn't possibly have happened twice in a row like this and be an accident.

I got off the phone and I called my brother [REDACTED] at his office, and I asked him if my parents were aware that DANNY's office was in the World Trade Center. He said, "I think they do know."

It seemed to me that the day that I had the conversation with DANNY—I spent more time with him in the last six months of his life than I had during the previous twenty years because the day where we had the conversation about him working in the World Trade Center - we had gathered down in Bedford, Virginia for the dedication of the National D-Day Memorial. My father and mother had flown up from Florida and most of the brothers and sisters gathered there to be there for my dad, and that was the day that DANNY told me. It seemed to me it was while we were standing in line waiting for the bus to go to the memorial. So I'm thinking, "Yes, Mom and Dad were there at the same time he told me where he worked."

So [REDACTED] and I agreed that instead of waiting to see how this worked out and hope that we could call and tell them, you know, maybe they weren't watching it. Maybe they were out golfing or maybe they were just out doing errands, that hopefully we would confirm that

DANNY was all right. We could call and say the World Trade Center got hit by a plane, but DANNY's OK. But we decided that if they knew this and they happened to be watching television that, here they are retirees down in Winter Haven, Florida they'd be watching this by themselves, and you know, and recognizing the magnitude and the significance of it.

So we decided that we needed to call. So I said to [REDACTED], "I'll make the call." So we agreed. I got off the phone with [REDACTED] and I went into my boss's office again and I just said, "Whatever happens, I'm going to need time off."

He said, "Of course."

I said, "I'm going to go up to New York, but I'll wait to see what happens here, whatever, but I just want you to know that no matter what happens I'm going to need time off."

He said, "We'll make that happen," and as we were talking we heard a loud aircraft, and we were used to hearing aircraft, fly right over. It just so happens that the flight path for the flyovers for Arlington National Cemetery goes literally right over my desk. When I hear the flyover come, I can spin my chair around and look out the window and see the aircraft perfectly centered on my window. So as this was happening we assumed it was a flyover. But it just, it seemed so loud. It just seemed so much louder, and almost before —DENNIS jumped, DENNIS is CDR DENNIS MURPHY, my boss, and I was facing his desk that looks out his window which is side by side with my window, but there's a wall between. And as we heard this, DENNIS spun around in his chair to look out over the cemetery and I started moving toward the window. Well by the time I could even move, we heard the explosion, and it was so loud and the percussion was so great that we felt as if our building had been hit. You know, so having just watched what had happened at the World Trade Center and then hearing this, you know, we thought, and I mean our first thought—my first thought, I shouldn't speak for him, but my first thought was, you

know, the Ballistic Missile Defense office is here in our building and, you know and ADMIRAL RYAN is at that end of the building and I just ran out the door and ran down to the Admiral's office and when I got there, I went into the Admiral's office and I looked out the window. ADMIRAL RYAN wasn't in his office at that point, but I could see the billowing smoke. It pretty much covered everything that I could see looking out the window. I could barely see the side of the Pentagon, because the smoke was so heavy, but I knew that, you know, that the Pentagon had been hit. I just didn't know how badly.

I ran back to my office, and as I came down, the halls were starting to fill with people and everybody was going, "What's happening? What's happening?" I remember just saying, "We're under attack. They attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon's just been attacked." You know, and of course that was virtually impossible for them to believe. I mean they didn't have TVs in their offices, so, you know, I'm saying it, just you know, I'm answering their questions, but I'm saying what I naturally know is happening there. Never occurring to me that this is completely unfathomable to anybody who's listening to it said, because they weren't watching what I had watched, you know. Or they just heard the noise and hadn't yet seen the side of the Pentagon.

I ran back into my office and I just pressed the re-dial which called back over to, or my auto-dial, called back over to my brother's office and I just said, "██████, they just hit the Pentagon." He said, "Oh my God, No, TIM."

I said, "I gotta go. I gotta go, we're evacuating." I said, "I can't make the call." Which was the call to my parents. I had tried between the time I had started to dial and couldn't get through to my parent's house, but my mom goes on the internet a lot and they only have one phone line so I thought she might have been on her computer.

So at any rate, you know, we left the building and I got outside, and I saw ADMIRAL RYAN standing out there and he was all by himself. He was there trying to dial on a cell phone and he had thrown a notebook onto the back of his car, and I just, I looked at him and I just said to myself, "They've left the Admiral standing there all by himself." I just ran over and I said, "Admiral is there anything I can do for you?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Do you want me to stay with you?"

He said, "No, go ahead and go."

I said, "Then I need to leave, Admiral. My brother's in the World Trade Center." (He's becoming emotional).

So then I was with DENNIS and he said, "Well what do you want to do?"

I said, "Well, let's walk out." I said, "They're having everybody," I could see the security coming down because everybody like in a normal fire drills goes out and stands inside the compound, but outside, and I could see that they were waving them all to leave the compound.

You know, as he came down he was yelling, "Go down to the cemetery! Go down to the cemetery!" You know, because Arlington National Cemetery is adjacent to, along side, the Annex, but it's far enough away from the building that if the building were going to be a target that people would be sufficient distance away.

So I just said, "Well, let's go ahead and go." I said, "I'm inclined to walk around to the other side of the Annex to try to get my car." You know, and as I got around the other side and started walking down toward my car, and you're looking straight down on top of the Pentagon and you could see the commotion and you could see the flames and the smoke and everything, and I was kind of mixed between whether I should go to the Pentagon or whether I should go ahead and

leave. As we were coming around I was trying to call my wife on the cell phone. I was trying to call my brother on the cell phone. Mainly to say, "You guys have got to get out of those buildings. They're saying that there's other aircraft still airborne," and that the White House was a likely target, you know. If it missed it all or whatever the case may be, it could easily be their buildings or, you know. I just didn't want them to be there if the attack occurred.

I was having difficulty getting through on my cell phone and so as I got around I decided that I needed to go ahead and go, which I had second thoughts about continuously since that day, you know, as I looked and saw the devastation at the Pentagon, and people who I knew and loved who were lost, and you know, that I didn't make any effort to go down and help try to save them. I realize, realistically that there's, by the time I could have, there would have been nothing that I could do probably by the time I got down there anyway, or nothing that I was specifically trained to do that would help, as opposed to having gotten in the way, but it was just the feeling that I felt that I should have gone down. But I got in the car, and I was going to go over to Washington and try to get my wife and my sister-in-law and my brother out of there. As I got to the ramp to go onto 395 going north, the Marines and the Arlington police had already blocked it off.

So I continued to try to call on the cell phone and I figured well what is the next best thing for me to do, and so I continued to head down Columbia Pike and I thought, "I'm going to keep going until I find an empty payphone." Every payphone that I drove by was being used, and I pulled into the Giant down at Columbia Pike and I waited. The lines for the phones weren't that long and there were several phones to use.

People were being very, very generous about it. They were getting on (snaps fingers), they were making their calls and they were getting off. They would look at you and they would say, "Do you need to make a call?"

You know, people were embracing each other in the parking lot and you know, I mean the unity had already started, you know. It was clear and I got on the phone and I wasn't able to reach my wife's office, but I was able to reach my brother, [REDACTED], and I said, "[REDACTED], I need you to do a big favor for me. I need you to go over to Levine and Associates and get [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and get them out of the city."

He said, "[REDACTED]?" He wasn't aware that she had started her job the day before.

I said, "Yes, they're working, she's working in Levine and Associates with [REDACTED]." So I was explaining to him where they were.

He said, "I'll try to get a hold of them."

I said, "[REDACTED], I'm going to keep going out to Manassas. I gotta get to the kids before they hear that this has happened." Then I called my brother [REDACTED], and as I did I heard an explosion and in the parking lot as people were saying, "The State Department's just been hit." They were talking about a car bomb at that point. You know, there were all sorts of rumors flying and everything. But then my brother, I got my brother, [REDACTED], on the phone. Because he's a musician, he's home during the day. So I was able to reach him and he was watching the news unfold on television and he said, "They're saying that they've either scrambled military aircraft, and they're saying that that was either the sound barrier being broken, or it was the after explosions at the Pentagon." Either the fuel tanks of the aircraft or the fuel tanks for the heliport. They're saying that it was an explosion at the Pentagon, that it wasn't true about the State Department, but there were still newscasts coming on saying that there was speculation that the State Department had been hit. There was even more stuff about an aircraft that they thought was either, at that point, I think they were saying either heading for the White House or heading for the Capital and then, at one point, they were talking about them heading for Air Force One. But

at any rate, it was just so very confusing at that point in time that I figured I needed to get out and let the kids know that I'm all right and that their mother's all right. And that, you know, UNCLE [REDACTED] is going to go and get them, get her out of the city and we'll go and get her later. But I knew until they saw her that it would be very difficult for them.

So I told [REDACTED] that I—he said, “What are you going to do?”

I said, “I'm going to continue to go out to Manassas and go round the kids up from school, and let them know what's happened.” I said, “If, “ you know –

He said, “Well, I'll call, I'll touch base with [REDACTED],” and oh, he had touched base. He'd reached [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that she was going to drive her car out of there. She was OK to drive and everything, so he said, “So, I'll call [REDACTED] and tell him he doesn't have to go get them.” He said, “Where do you want me to bring,” you know, “Where do you want us to bring [REDACTED]?”

I said, “If you'll just bring her back to your house,” which is in Kensington, I said, “and just keep her there and I will come and get her by the back roads later on.” I said, “ Because the highways in here are all going to be jammed up.” I said, “I'll come up Route 15 and come in the back way through Rockville, through 28.” I said, “So, you just keep her at your house and I'll bring the kids with me.”

So he said that he would do that and then, and so I kept, I hadn't, obviously at this point, I don't think that anybody had yet reached my parents. I wasn't sure, but I just figured I had to keep going. So I took the back roads all the way out Columbia Pike to Braddock Road and out to Manassas that way, and as I arrived out there, I pulled into my house and the neighborhood was very quiet, but as soon as I got there, my neighbor came running out of her house, our next door neighbor. Her husband is the Principal at the middle school where my son [REDACTED] goes, but

they also know where each of our kids goes to school. So she called him to tell him what had happened and said, "Let [REDACTED] know that there's been an explosion at the Pentagon."

I don't know that the kids would have discerned between the fact that I'm in the Navy Annex and how far the Pentagon, I mean they've been here and everything, but I don't know when you're thinking in terms of an explosion rather, you know, and so [REDACTED], our neighbor had called and said, "[REDACTED], go get [REDACTED]. Let him know that there's been an explosion at the Pentagon, but that their dad's all right."

Then in the meantime, she called the secretary at the high school and said, "Please get a hold of [REDACTED] TRANT and let him know that there's been an explosion at the Pentagon, but his dad's all right." She said, "I told them at the elementary school, but they've made a decision not to tell any of the kids anything yet, but they're making sure that they don't have access to news or anything."

So I said, "Well I'm going to go to the middle school first and pick up [REDACTED]," and so as I got there parents were starting to gather and they were frantic. They were all signing in and saying, "I want my kid out of school." Well, the schools were releasing the kids.

So when I came through the door, and the security was there and they know who I am, and they saw me and they said, "We'll get [REDACTED] right away." They said, "Don't even bother signing in. We'll get [REDACTED]." They know where I work, and so a few minutes later the Vice Principal, [REDACTED]'s husband, [REDACTED] said, "I'm going to go get [REDACTED]. I've already gone and told him. He's doing fine. I asked him if he wanted to come to my office." He said, "No, he stayed in class."

So they went and got him and brought him back and he and I drove over to the high school and picked up my son, [REDACTED], and when I walked in there, they all know the people there, they knew me, came over and said, “Are you all right? Is everybody doing OK?”

I said, “No, everybody’s not.” I said, “But I’m fine,” and I said, “I’d just like to take [REDACTED] if you don’t mind.” I said, “My brother’s in the World Trade Center.”

So I took [REDACTED] out of school and we went over and picked up [REDACTED] and after I had all three of them I said, “Look, there’s been an explosion at the Pentagon.” I’m, OK.”

They wanted to know what happened, and I said, “A plane crashed into the side. They think that it might be a terrorist attack.” I said, “I just want you to know that mommy is OK,” and that “she and Auntie [REDACTED] are leaving their office and they’re heading up to UNCLE [REDACTED]’s house where we can call them so you can talk to them.”

So they said, “All right,” and then I said, “But the World Trade Center’s also been attacked.”

And I said, “UNCLE DAN’s there.” By that point we were certain that he couldn’t have made it out, and I told them it didn’t look good. You know, that DANNY had probably died. That he was trying to get out, but by this point the Towers had fallen.

Q. (53:01) Did you see the Towers fall?

A. I didn’t see them fall. I listened to it on the radio. I was on Columbia Pike. So when I got home with the kids I turned on the coverage and started watching it and so that was the first time I saw them. But I had heard about both towers falling while I was—it took me that long to get out—while I was on Columbia Pike I heard about the first tower and I think I was probably out on 28, or Braddock Road or something when I heard about the second tower falling. I guess

almost an hour later, something like that. I don't even remember right now. And the second tower that fell was the tower that DANNY was in.

So, we got a hold of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had just arrived when we called there.

They had just arrived at the house.

I said, "Well, where's [REDACTED]? What's going on with [REDACTED]?"

They said, "They've evacuated [REDACTED]'s building, but [REDACTED] refused to leave, because he was waiting for a call back from New York." When security came in and told him he had to leave, he told them that our brother was in the World Trade Center and he was waiting for a call back about DANNY's fate. He said, "I'm not leaving here until I get the call." So one of his friends came and stayed with him to wait and see, and then [REDACTED] said, "What do you want us to do?"

I said, "Well, I'll drive up, take the back roads."

He said, "You stay there. We'll bring [REDACTED] down there." So he asked me which way to go.

I said, "[REDACTED] knows," I said, "but just take 28 all the way out to Point of Rocks and you can pick up Route 15 South there and you come the back roads.

He said, "Can't I just come down 270 and 66?"

I said, "I don't think you want to mess with coming in towards town at this point in time." I said, "They're closing a lot of roads. People are fleeing from the city and everything." I said, "It's just a mess out there. You know, you don't lose anything by coming this other way. You know, and it's going to be a peaceful drive. It's going to be a scenic drive and everybody's nerves the way they are, it's probably just best if you come down this way. We'll wait for you."

So by the time they got there they said, "What are you going to do?"

I said, "I'm going to New York." And I said, "But I'm waiting to hear," because by this point they were saying that they'd already closed all the accesses into the city. You couldn't go in. I said, "So I may not go today." You know, "I'll wait until tomorrow."

So ultimately, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I ended up driving together. My wife and kids stayed and they came up the day of the celebration of DANNY's life, which I think was the 16th. The memorial service was on the 17th.

They never recovered his remains, so we did a memorial service and not a funeral. So when I got there we were doing everything we could to try to check with all the hospitals and check the funeral homes and they broke people up, friends and family, into groups and were going down to ground zero to pass out fliers with DANNY's picture, with identifying information and who to call.

You know, but by this point, HOWARD LUTNICK who was the CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald had held a meeting for the families at a Family Assistance Center that had been set up in Pierre Hotel in New York and had said that they had no information that suggested that anybody from Cantor Fitzgerald had gotten out. That they lost somewhere around seven hundred and fifty employees out of a firm of about a thousand people and the two fifty were because they weren't there for various reasons.

You know, and the thing was, and as it turned out, DANNY's office was on the 106th floor, and by this point they were saying that the plane had hit like between the 97th and 103rd, or excuse me he was on the 104th, excuse me. And the plane had hit between the 97th and 103rd and so, at first, well I'm thinking he's quite a ways above it. You know, they were saying, "Well did you hear that they're telling them to go to the roof?"

Well obviously, there never was and there never could have been any type of airlift off the roof because of the flames and the smoke and the heat and everything up that high. They probably never could have safely brought an aircraft in there, so had he gone to the roof, it's not like they would have gotten down, and then I saw the people jumping and I'll tell you I stare closely at every photograph that I see of the people in the windows and the people dropping. But I believe that DANNY probably was running around helping people, you know, that's just his character. I suspect that he was probably making sure that everybody got out of there, and I looked and I said, "Man, there's no way if they're above it, that they can get around it to get down."

So when I heard that the tower had fallen I just thought, there's no way he could have made it out, and then LUTNICK did his announcement that night when I got up to New York, that they had no information about anybody from Cantor Fitzgerald getting out.

So we moved ahead to start making plans for the services and everything. It was awesome, I mean there was, I don't know what the actual number was, but it was well over a thousand people. They had to move the celebration of his life out of the funeral home into a parking lot where they set up one of those big canopy type tents, and moved everything from the funeral home. They brought it out exactly as it was. In the same order: this was all orchestrated by [REDACTED]'s sister. She had everybody bringing it out in the exact sequence and lining it all up, because it told his story.

She had it all so it told his story, so as you went around, every few feet, there were basketballs set up on little stands, so as you went through there were all these basketball photos from when he was a little kid up through high school.

His college coach had brought down his Clark jersey in a glass case and the two all-American plaques which had the list of the two all-American teams that year with his name his junior and

senior year, and big flower arrangement that came down from the Boston Celtics. It was a big green, you know, shamrock-type thing with a big orange basketball made of flowers in the middle of it from the Boston Celtics.

You know, and photographs of him with family and friends throughout the years, and it was just an amazing, amazing tribute to him. Just jam-packed and as we finished setting it up, and we were just about ready. We were probably about thirty minutes before people were supposed to start showing up, I guess, as we were putting the finishing touches on arranging it and everything—I was still waiting for my clothes. I was in street clothes and my wife was bringing them up from Washington. I didn't have any suits with me. So she was bringing my clothes up from Washington, and I was waiting for them to arrive. We were about thirty minutes out, and all of a sudden I could hear bagpipes. [There is a pause here.] This whole marching band of bagpipes came down the street playing "Danny Boy." It just blew me away. Blew me away, and it was so appropriate because when my son RYAN died, and we buried him down at Quantico National Cemetery and I had no idea, it's cold, January morning, freezing rain, and they were doing the service in one of the little gazebo areas at Quantico Cemetery as they do, as opposed to right at the grave sight, like they do in Arlington or other cemeteries, they do them in these little gazebos, and as the Priest finished the service and everybody was standing there in silence, all of a sudden I could hear the bagpipes [another pause] playing in the background and I found out that DANNY was the one who had gotten the bagpipes. So it was all the more poignant for me to hear the pipers coming down the street playing "Danny Boy."

So then at DANNY's funeral on the 17th - after my son RYAN died, I never picked up my guitar again. [REDACTED] and I used to play as a duo in pubs around Washington, and after RYAN died I

decided I needed to change my priorities, and I was still dealing with the grief from his loss. I just put down my guitar and I've never picked it up again.

I actually gave it to my oldest son, but when DANNY died, they had come and asked if [REDACTED] and I would sing "Danny Boy" at the service, and we did. People that have heard us play that song hundreds of times over the years and everything, family members came up and said, "You guys have never played that song so well." And it just resonated throughout that place, but it was the best send off that we could give him.

Q. (01:03:45) Wow!

(Long pause while he collects himself.)

A. It's funny how it's still so hard to talk about it. You know, some days, better than others. But then I left New York and came back here, and by this point I understood that about eight people that I knew were on the list of casualties and as I got back here, the list grew and grew and grew. You know one at a time, I would hear about somebody else and then I came back and I think it was twelve, on the morning of the memorial service at the Pentagon, which was the one-month anniversary and ADMIRAL RYAN had gotten me tickets to go to that. As I was there, I found out ironically enough that the 13th person that I learned about was my Division Officer from my ship.

He was just a young ensign then. I remember him pinning on Bull Ensign, fellow Irishman and had no idea that he was working at the Pentagon. I hadn't seen him in over twenty years, and –

Q. (01:05:18) Who was that?

A. PAT DUNN, and he and I had served together on the USS INCHON, and he was, shortly after he was commissioned. I think that was his first tour, and you know, I was probably a First or Second Class PN at the time. Unbelievable.

Q. (01:05:46) When you heard about the casualties at the Pentagon, did you just hear that through word-of-mouth or was there a time where you knew that the list was there and you -?

A. In the, in the immediate aftermath when the first list came out, I had called my boss and I had not yet left for New York, and I had said that if he didn't mind I would drive back into work that morning so that I could look at the list, you know. The list was being kept very close hold and he said, "I have a copy of the list here. Let me just go down the names with you."

So he read down the names, of those that he had, and I think the reason that the list grew as I got back was because he had the Navy names and several people that I knew that died were Army or were civilians that were not Navy civilians. You know, like GENERAL MAUDE, who was ADMIRAL RYAN's counterpart, so I worked on a lot of legislative stuff. He was, he's the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, but he also lost his legislative advisor. The person that is in the same job as me, MARIAN SERVA, and I didn't find out about her 'til I got back. BRADY HOWELL was the first one that I heard about. BRADY I had just seen a few weeks before, had come back over here to the Annex. He had been on an internship program over here when he was coming into the federal government, so he had worked over here and he and I had developed a bond and a friendship and I had kind of become a mentor for him. Just kind of teaching him the ropes around the Bureau and things of that nature. So he had, a month or a couple of months before that, I guess had gone over to the Pentagon and began working over there in the Intelligence area. So one day he happened to be up for a meeting with MATT HENRY and I had

gone in to see MATT HENRY and BRADY was in there. So he came down to my office afterward and we talked for a while. We made some plans to get together and in fact when I got back from New York, I remember flipping back through emails and finding an email that he sent me after meeting with me that day. You know, following up, because I was helping him find some information or whatever.

But he was the first one that I heard about that was killed. But at any rate, so it kind of like started it all over again, you know, having just gone through everything up in New York and then coming back here. But I was very thankful that I got the chance to go to the memorial service. It was a beautiful tribute, as so many of them have been.

I think America's done a wonderful job to pay tribute, you know, not only to those that lost their lives but you know to the spirit of America. As we went off to war, as we dealt with the anthrax situation, the potential for additional attacks and so on and so forth, I just, I mean how can you be anything but proud of the way the American people, the government, the military and the intelligence people, the Congress, the President, the Mayor of New York City, as inspirational as anybody could be, have risen to the occasion. And the way people have come together through diversity that has for whatever reason kept us apart for so long. The minute it became truly necessary for them to put it all aside they pulled together and I think it's just illustrative of the fabric of our country.

You know, and for people to, anywhere else to look at it and see it, see how to do it right, to get through something like that. But I guess it doesn't surprise me, but it was very heart warming. You know, I don't think I was shocked by any of that. I think that you probably could have expected America to come together rather than to tear ourselves down in the aftermath of something like that. But just to see it, I think is extremely gratifying to be an American.

Q. (01:10:37) Well, when tragedy strikes like that and some of the adversity that you've been through, some people would just shut down. Do you remember a point where you just kind of got up and starting going, because obviously you're right in the thick of some very key things legislative-wise, etc.? Was there a pivotal point for that or was it gradual getting back into the normal routine.

A. You mean after I returned to work?

Q. (01:11:04) Afterwards. Or even the return to work part of it.

A. I think that when I came back, I wanted to come back immediately, You know my boss encouraged me to take as much time as I needed, but I told him I think I need to come back for any number of reasons. I needed to get myself on a schedule. I needed to have a reason to get up in the morning. I needed to continue to function, and I thought that the best way for me to continue to deal with my grief without letting it overtake me was to, to deal with, to take the time that I needed to, but in the midst of that to continue moving on. I needed to play my part for my own health and well being to come back and play my own part to respond, you know. I wanted to come back and be a part of the response to this attack.

Q. (01:12:17) Was that something that you just knew? How did you know that?

A. I don't think it was something that I knew. I think it was something that I just felt, you know, I think you, I think it's the same thing that I alluded to earlier, that while I sensed I needed to move and go take care of my family, I sensed that I needed to go to the Pentagon and do whatever I could. Whatever that was, you know. Whether it was try to help remove people from

the building or whether it was to take care of people who were out there, or whether it was just to do whatever, to bring water to people, or just to go down and be a part of it. I don't think it's something, in a circumstance like that I think about necessarily.

I don't think I stopped and dwelt on it, and decided this was something I—when I came back it was just like I'm either sitting here at my house and there's nothing for me to do except to dwell on this, or it's you get up and you go. Not that I was avoiding my grief. I was going to grieve but I was going to do it in the midst of other things that I knew I needed to do.

I'd been there before. I had lost my son in 1997 to a suicide, you know, and I knew that I needed to talk about it. A lot of people keep things like that inside. I felt it not only benefited me to talk about it, and my family to talk about it. I think it benefited everybody else who didn't know exactly how to approach us. Or who for many years had carried things inside of them because they had loved ones who had committed suicide and they chose to handle it differently, and they thought this was kind of unusual. They were like, "How can you just come and talk about this?" I can't tell you the number of people that God put out there for me to meet, is how I see it, you know, that said, "I lost someone to a suicide and I've never been able to tell people about it. I've always kept it inside. I've always felt self-conscious about it. I've always been guilty and felt guilty about it." All of those things - I think that the things that we experienced were not coincidental. I think it was a way that we were able to use our tragic experience to help other people through similar circumstances and ultimately—I have to tell you, while we searched for what it was the good that came out of RYAN's death. You know, two years later, two and half years later, my oldest brother MICHAEL took his life, and then it became crystal clear, here my parents were in their seventies, having raised nine children, all of them who were alive and healthy. Had never had true tragedy befall any of us. We never lost anybody until RYAN died.

So our whole generation was still alive and now my son RYAN was the first one and no one can make sense of it. It's that old adage that you're never supposed to die before your children.

They're not suppose to pre-decease you, and so when MIKE died, my oldest brother who happened to die, because of a suicide, which was the same way that RYAN had died, my wife [REDACTED] and I and my kids through example, not that it necessarily needed to be that way, but my parents were able to look at us two and a half years after losing our eleven year old son to a suicide and see how we dealt with it and how we got through it.

We were able to share with them something that nobody else in our family was experiencing.

We all grieved over the loss of my brother MICHAEL, you know. We all loved him dearly.

We're all going to miss him. Family, friends, you know, but the one thing that was unique for

[REDACTED] and I and for our kids was that we had gone through it. We had lost our oldest son, I mean he was a twin, but we had lost our child to a suicide and they had lost their oldest child to a suicide. You know, my parents came and stayed with us when this happened. My father at that point decided, and I offered it to him just as a suggestion, that MIKE being a Navy veteran was eligible for burial at Quantico and he'd left no will and he kind of up and left his roots in Pennsylvania and decided never to go back there, so there wasn't a plot or anything anywhere.

I just said, "Dad, you know, he's eligible for burial at Quantico." By this point after my son was buried at Quantico, my dad, whose original funeral plan was for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, had decided that he was going to be buried, he and my mom wanted to be buried, at Quantico.

Now their son died and they opted to do it. So both he and RYAN are buried in section twelve down at Quantico National Cemetery, but you know, but we shared that unique experience that

nobody else in our family had, and so [REDACTED] and I have been able to sit down and talk Mom and Dad through this like nobody else could.

You know, so when DANNY's death came, I think RYAN's helped prepare them for MIKE's; MIKE's and RYAN's helped prepared us all for DANNY's.

We don't know why tragedy keeps befalling us, but we found that we can get through it, and we will, and we will find the good in each one of their deaths. We've been able to find the good that has come from it and we've used it to help other people and will continue to do so.

Q. (01:18:57) Wow, well said. Personnel issues, from your position standpoint since 9-11?

Anything significant, yet, or —?

A. Well, I mean there's all kinds of it. Not that it necessarily, I mean most of the things going on, personnel issues that would impact us would be, you know, the response, Homeland Security, you know, manpower changes. ATFP enhancements. You know —

Q. (01:19:37) What do you see from your perspective, what are historians going to look at? What are the significant issues you see, we as a nation, we as a Navy, particularly in the personnel areas, that this is probably the most pivotal for this period in history from your standpoint?

A. I would say, I mean, not just personnel but in general I think one of the most significant lessons that we can take away from this is that we take too much for granted. We recognize and we say when we got to ceremonies, when we're at events, we recognize that we live in the greatest country in the world. We recognize, that our strength is in our diversities. We recognize that we enjoy the greatest freedoms of any nation. We recognize that our Constitution has lasted us two hundred years, despite formidable challenges from various things. From political scandals

to civil war or whatever, civil strife, like the Civil Rights movement of the 60s and everything. There have been formidable challenges to our way of life, from Pearl Harbor until September 11th, nothing has ever been able to defeat the spirit of America. I think we now recognize that the threat to security can come to our doorstep. Just as I alluded to at the very beginning, I don't think that we ever anticipated something like this happening, and so the most significant thing that comes from it is, I think it refocuses so that we won't get caught off guard.

Frankly I hope and I trust that we will never become so complacent again, you know. I can't say whether we're going to be able to fix all the problems that had been identified out there that permitted something like this to happen, but it's certainly causing us to focus on them and place priority on them, and if we're going to protect the freedoms that we cherish, but all too often take for granted, those are the things that need to be priorities in our daily life.

We need to be willing to make the sacrifices on a day-to-day basis to ensure that those freedoms are protected whether that's the inconvenience of long lines to get baggage checked at airports, or you know, curtailment of other civil liberties, like access to weapons of our choice.

I think that there needs to be people who will look at things and think all these wonderful things that I have and can do because I live in American. Now they may have to look at them and say there can be challenges to our way of life and because of that I need to be willing to make some sacrifice about those freedoms that I enjoy in order to be able to protect the rest of the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans.

I think we set an example. I think it's a shining light for the world that they consistently see us go through these challenges to our democracy and we come out with our heads high. We go through the turmoil of a Watergate, or an Iran Contra scandal or an Enron, or whatever, and not once has our government been close to collapsing, which is what you see in every other country

in the world. When something like this goes on elsewhere, you've got, governments falling and wars starting over, and so on and so forth. But we came out stronger, and that's the example that this tragedy has caused the rest of the world to observe as this entire thing unfolded. So I think what we're doing now to respond to terrorism, I think is to have the world understand that we are not going to let this type of aggression against us go unchallenged, or without responding. So I think there's all kinds of things out there, but from the bigger picture I think it's—we're not going to take our freedom and our way of life for granted and it's going to serve as a constant reminder.

Let's hope that it doesn't take another attack...I'm sure after Pearl Harbor, people swore we would never come under attack again. Well it took sixty years, but it's happened, and it just goes to show us that there's only so much we can do to prevent it. We've got to continue to hone those tools we have available to preserve our freedom and our democracy. I don't know what better things could come out of it.

Q. (01:25:06) Anything else you want to add for the historical record?

A. No, not that I can think of right now. I mean I appreciate this opportunity. I'm very much appreciative of the work that you are doing as a team. I was always concerned about the fact that there seemed to be this tendency in more recent years to let recording of the history go by the wayside and I think that people again tend to forget that, those who forget history are destined to see it repeated. And so I was glad when I heard, when we met that day, that this cell was stood up, because I had seen a number of things go on over the years that suggested to me that we weren't doing a good job of recording our history. That's one of the places we were taking manpower cuts and I think that it's extremely important that we do a very careful job of

recording it for future generations. We tend to be a kind of throwaway society now. We buy equipment that you use and you don't repair it, you get rid of it, and you get into a marriage and if it's not working (snaps fingers) you get out of it, and everything just seems to be, that's the direction we're heading, and I think that's what was happening with the recording of history. I need look only as far as my own family and realize I wish I had a better history of my father's life experience during World War II. Only when things like this occur do you go back to look and find out what happened. You know, my father's an American hero, but he never talked about it. So there was no way for us to learn it. And so this is an experience right now that this country's going through. That's a personal note, but this is an opportunity to record a tragedy in history, the recording of which should be used to make sure that people don't forget and that we keep focused on what's really important.

Q. (01:27:31) Well said, TIM thanks so much for taking time to be with us.

A. Pleasure. Thank you for having me here.

Q. Thank you Tim.

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