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In The News 9-11 Flag

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Security Guard Secures 9-11 Flag - 9/26/02

For the past nine years Pinkerton Security Guard Josephine Hull has had smile for all employees and visitors at first, the Jefferson Road Operations Center, and more recently at the Scottsville Road Operations Center. She has now given us even something more tangible than her friendly demeanor, a 9-11-01 remembrance flag.



The flags at Scottsville Road.

Since this Sept. 11, the light blue and black flag with its decorative stars has fluttering and snapped in the breeze below the American flag at the Scottsville Road Operations Center. She has also purchased a similar flag for West Avenue.

Mrs. Hull purchased the remembrance flags and donated them to RG&E as token of her esteem for employees and in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "I care for these people (RG&E employees)," she said from behind her counter at Scottsville Road.

Hull worked at Eastman Kodak Company for 32 years before retiring and joining Pinkerton. "I thought very highly of my co-workers at Kodak and I thought nobody could ever be as nice. But they don't compare with RG&E employees," Mrs. Hull said.

Stephen and Joanne Galvin of Wolcott, NY designed the remembrance flag. The proceeds from the sales go to the Relief Efforts of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The flag and stickers are available from the Galvins by calling (315) 594-9274 or at the Stars & Stripes Flag Store, 455 South Ave., Rochester.



Josephine Hull.

Mrs. Hull also has a sticker of the remembrance flag on her beloved red Cadillac. "You can't believe how many people roll down their windows at stop lights and ask me where they can get one of those stickers," she said.

The Flag and What it Means

The flag consists of a blue background with a black block in the middle. In the center are two white stars, a blue star, a red star, and in white the date 9-11-01.

The blue on each side of the flag represents the color of the state flags for each state where a plane was downed -- New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The black in the center represents the sorrow for the innocent lives lost on the jets, in the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and of those killed in the rescue efforts.

The 9-11 remembrance flag also comes as a sticker.



The stars represent the four jets that crashed on the victims on the flights. The blue star has a drawing of the Pentagon and represents American Airlines Flight 77. The two white stars have a drawing of the Twin Towers and represents the two jets that crashed into those structures, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175. The red star honors United Flight 93 that was brought down by passengers near Shanksville, PA as they fought the terrorists for control of that jet. The points of the stars all touch, forming a circle. Portions of the white stars overlap into the blue area signifying the unity of the United States.

The flag was meant to be flown throughout September, but people can fly it for the entire year.