

# Vengeance

Yesterday morning, IAM members went to work cleaning planes, checking reservations, loading bags and making passengers comfortable. At Logan, Newark and Dulles airports, their pre-dawn routines went on as usual.

The planes they prepared for flight had been built by IAM members. Their engines had been checked and re-checked by IAM mechanics. Their fuel tanks had been topped off by IAM fuelers.

IAM members were aboard at least one of the flights. And IAM members were working in the Pentagon.

So. This is personal.

It was our planes that were used as weapons of mass destruction. It was our members who were forced to endure the unimaginable nightmare. It was our members who were among the murdered.

And we will have our vengeance.

The terrorists and the nations who shield and support them miscalculated badly. They struck at the symbols of America's economic and military power: the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon.

They did not touch the reality of that might: the men and women across the United States and Canada whose souls were seared by these acts of war.

Today, IAM members return to work. They will be prepping the planes that can just as easily carry troops to the farthest reaches of the earth. They will be building the F-15, F-16, F-18 and F-22's that will impose a new reality on those who have dared attack us.

For it is not simply justice we seek. It is vengeance, pure and complete.

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