

## 9/11 Attack on the Pentagon



The Pentagon Police had risked their lives to save others  
Entering the Pentagon in search for bodies, one after another  
Some officers were denied entry by the heat from the jet fuel  
One officer had reached the point of using his voice as a tool  
Officers were dedicated to maintaining their post under control  
There were officers helping the injured victims while on patrol  
The fire was spreading within that section by the minute  
The Pentagon Police officers did their best to help defend it  
There were a few police officers that stared death in the face  
They were struggling against time, without a second to waste  
There were police officers escorting the fire and rescue team  
Lives were definitely at risk during the evacuation from the scene  
The police officers that were off, arrived without any delay  
Pentagon Police officers have more pride than words can say  
The Pentagon Police officers created a new meaning for brave  
They didn't ask for anything in return, for the lives they help save  
The Pentagon Police are mixed with different cultures and race  
They work together as a family with the threats they may face  
The police officers risked their lives and worked extremely hard  
They deserve a lot of respect for doing a great job

—Charles E. Cooke  
Pentagon Policeman/former Infantryman

Poem by David Vergun, in "Soldier for Life: Former Soldier Inspires Others through Poetry," Army.mil,  
[https://www.army.mil/article/150510/soldier\\_for\\_life\\_former\\_soldier\\_inspires\\_others\\_through\\_poetry](https://www.army.mil/article/150510/soldier_for_life_former_soldier_inspires_others_through_poetry).