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REGENT REMEMBERS 9/11

Admiral Vern Clark, a former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a Regent distinguished professor, recalls the attack on the Pentagon and its effects on America

When terrorists hijacked and later crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m. on September 11, 2001, Admiral Vern Clark, Regent distinguished professor, was inside the iconic structure. As the Chief of Naval Operations and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2000-2005, Clark was in his office at the time, working on budget issues while his staff kept him informed of events at the World Trade Center.

“I’m embarrassed to say I didn’t even think about them coming to get us at the Pentagon. I had at other times. But at that moment, I was focused on what was

going on in New York,” Clark remembers. “So, we went back to work, and a few minutes later, we heard this incredible explosion ... and the Pentagon was hit.”

Over his 37-year career in the U.S. Navy, Clark had felt the effects of many artillery and munitions explosions. He says the plane colliding with the Pentagon felt and sounded like the cannon blast of a destroyer.

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The Pentagon is a five-sided structure made up of five rings and 10 joining hallways, called “spokes,” emanating from a central hub. Clark explains that Flight 77 hit the building between spokes four and five. His office was at the end of spoke six.

“The staff immediately came in and said, ‘Admiral, you’ve got to get out of here right now.’ Smoke was coming down the hall, and before we left, I said, ‘We need to try and call the Navy command center.’ ... But there was no answer.”

Before leaving the Pentagon to join up with other military and government

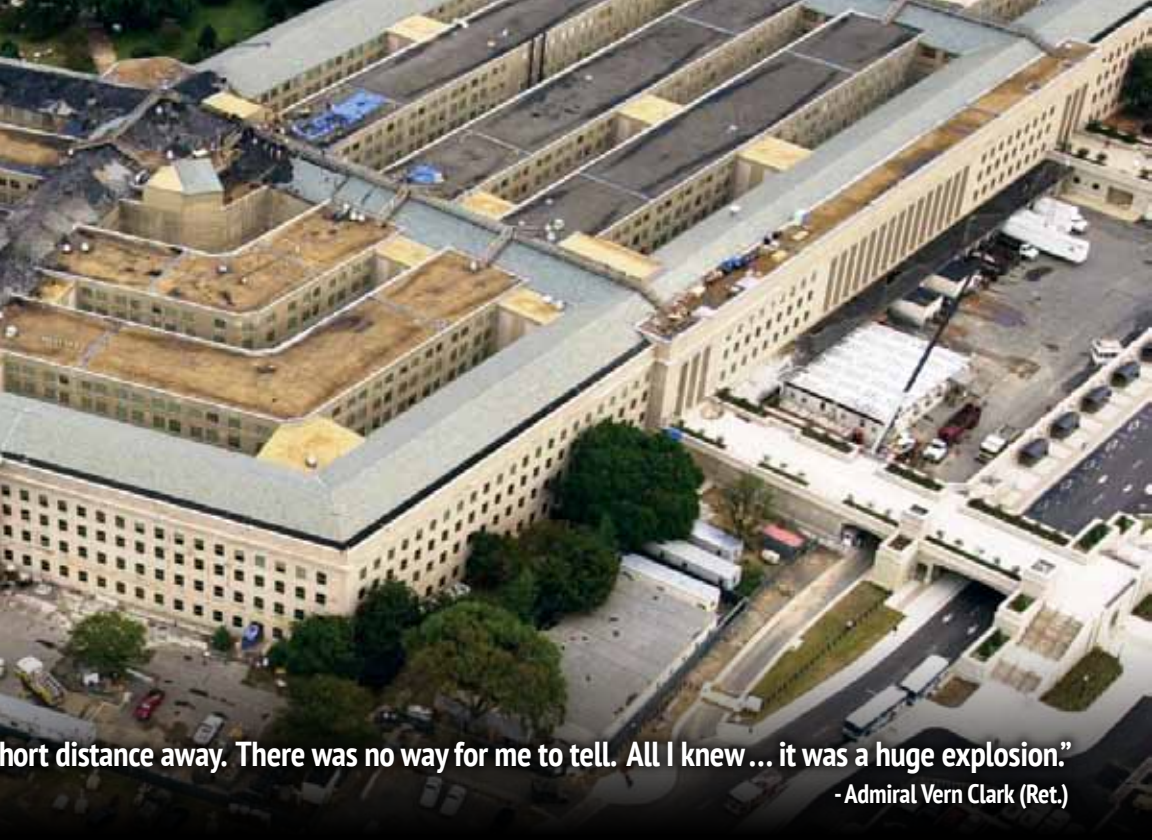
officials at a secure location, the chief of the Navy set out for the National Military Command on the opposite side from where the plane entered the Pentagon. One of his officers stumbled into the

command center and told him the plane had crashed through the concrete walls of rings one, two and three, killing most of those on duty: “We lost 42 people in our command center,” Clark says. “We lost 10 more members of the Navy family in the hijacked airplanes.”

When the four-star admiral finally left the Pentagon, he saw an NBC News reporter who asked how he was doing. After a brief exchange, Clark headed to an

alternate command post. While in the car, he contacted his wife Connie and let her know that he was O.K. Almost immediately after hanging up, Clark’s

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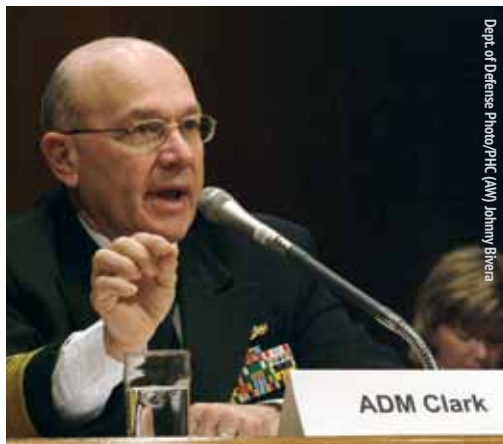


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phone rang with a call from their son Matt. A friend had seen that same NBC News correspondent report that the Chief of Naval Operations was alive and well. Fighting back tears, Clark shares, “That’s how my son found out I was alive. It was an amazing day.”

Ten years later, Clark says 9/11 made him realize the United States has lost its sense of protection and is no longer impregnable.

Never again will we be an “island nation” free from attack: “More than anything else, we need to remember what happened that day and what’s at stake. We have years under our belt since the event, and the nation has been careful to treat this day with great concern. But, if we aren’t careful, the events of life will cause us to let this moment go— if we don’t pledge that we won’t forget September 11th.”



As Chief of Naval Operations Vern Clark’s office was only yards from where Flight 77 hit the Pentagon.

The U.S. Navy’s former “Senior Sailor” says it’s important for the American people to understand we’re in for an extended fight: “This is a challenge and a battle and a war that we, most likely, are going to have for a long time. We need to gird ourselves for the long war.” Clark continues, “Now in this country, where we like sound bites and instant gratification, this isn’t the kind of solution that suits us best. But if we’re a disciplined people, who work hard to comprehend and ‘study to show ourselves approved’ (2 Tim. 2:15) and worthy and able and capable, then we will understand the things that we need to deal with the challenges that lie in front of us.”

Watch a video about retired Admiral Vern Clark’s 9/11 experience at regent.edu/impact.



Fighting *for* life

Husband-and-wife Regent alums are in a frontline battle to save the unborn

Supporters might say that Ryan and Bethany Bomberger are making an impact in all the right ways on all the “Left” places. They’ve been denounced by the NAACP, the ACLU and liberal politicians. The Bombergers also have been featured by *The New York Times*, NPR, “The Huffington Post,” CNN, FOX News and many other national news outlets. The reason? Their nonprofit organization, The Radiance Foundation, is behind TooManyAborted.com, a pro-life campaign targeting mostly urban areas with a series of controversial billboards and Web content.

The Bombergers want to raise awareness of what they see as the “epidemic of abortion” in the African-American community. In their online and media content, Ryan and Bethany site CDC statistics that show black babies are aborted at five times the rate of the majority population, making abortion the number-one killer of African Americans.

Ryan is uniquely qualified to speak about the value of every human life. In a powerful video and biography on The Radiance Foundation website, the 1997 School of Communication & the Arts alumnus explains that he was “born of rape but always a child of God.” His birth mother was sexually assaulted by his biological father. He writes that, despite her pain, his mother chose life.

Ryan was adopted as an infant and raised in what he describes as a loving, multi-racial Christian family of 15. He says growing up with 12 brothers and sisters,

nine of whom also were adopted, gave him a great appreciation for diversity.

“We are committed to saving beautiful possibilities no matter the race,” Ryan explains. “Our TooManyAborted.com campaign was launched as part of this effort, simply because there’s no demographic more impacted by abortion than those of my complexion. It exposes the history of racism and eugenics that led to the great disparity in abortion’s impact.”



Bethany and Ryan Bomberger

Bethany, a 2001 graduate of Regent’s School of Education, says The Radiance Foundation was birthed through very real personal transformations for both her and Ryan: “We believe that The Radiance Foundation is a mouthpiece for Godly truth in a time when truth is too often

silenced.” She continues, “With a mix of compassion and boldness, we expose the lies that much of today’s schools, media and even churches espouse.”

Bethany adds that there’s plenty the Regent community and the church can do: “Pray. Engage. And pray some more!”

“As Christians, we believe that we all are created in the image of God,” Ryan says. “Our hope is that the Regent community and the church connect with The Radiance Foundation to illuminate the truth in their schools and their churches to inspire people to embrace God-given purpose.”

Visit theradiancefoundation.org for updates about the Bomberger’s efforts to inspire people everywhere to embrace life.

A VOICE FOR FAMILIES

Regent Law alum Scott Bergthold works to protect our communities

What would you do if a sexually oriented business bought a former truck stop along an interstate in your community and opened an adult bookstore, strip club and other sex-themed “attractions” on the property? It happened in one Indiana county, and that’s when local officials called Regent University alumnus Scott Bergthold ‘97 (Law).

“Obviously, the community was caught off guard and concerned about the negative secondary effects this sexually oriented carnival would bring to the community,” Bergthold explains. “Our firm has a national practice drafting and defending laws that regulate the commercial sex industry in order to prevent the documented negative secondary effects that sexually oriented businesses have on their communities. These effects include crime (prostitution, drugs, etc.), blight and adverse impacts on surrounding properties.”

In the Indiana case, the married father of four helped rewrite the county’s ordinances, obtain an injunction prohibiting the sexually oriented business from violating them, and then proved that the business violated those ordinances and the court’s orders on multiple occasions.

“In the end,” Bergthold says, “the business was closed by court order and paid the county \$379,534 in fines, fees and court costs.”

Bergthold says the “first-rate education” he received from Regent Law gave him the ability to see how the practice of law fits within a life of service: “I chose Regent University School of Law because of its commitment to approaching the practice of law from a Christian perspective, a perspective that teaches attorneys to be servants for the greater good of the community.

“The ability to be a voice for individuals and families that might not otherwise have a voice on this issue in their communities is a large part of what motivates me.

I also am motivated to protect the First Amendment from being distorted and becoming unmoored from its historical roots.”

Originally from Davenport, Iowa, Bergthold’s law practice is based in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Its motto is *National Experience, Local Solutions*: “We have written laws for approximately 250 local governments as well as a few states. These laws regulate when, where and how sexually oriented businesses can operate.” Bergthold continues, “In these communities around the country, citizens have often thanked us for helping their cities take action to protect against sex businesses’ negative secondary effects when others had told them that nothing could be done.”



“We honestly believe that our work gives a voice to families who would not otherwise be heard over the sex industry’s claims that the First Amendment protects all that they seek to do. We have litigated approximately 29 cases to judgment in the past eight years, and have prevailed in about 25 of those cases.”

Bergthold has a God-inspired passion for the rule of law that has equipped him to be a Christian leader who is changing the world: “Regent’s mission has impacted my life and career by giving me a vehicle, the School of Law, to guide me from an undefined desire to have a life of service in the law to a unique, specialized practice assisting communities in protecting their citizens against the detrimental impacts of the sex industry.”

To learn more about Regent’s School of Law visit regent.edu/law or call 877.267.5072.

A Message From the President



Dear Friends,

September 11, 2001, was one of the darkest days in human history. The attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., devastated the hearts and minds of people across our nation and the world.

The events and images of that day shook the very foundations of America, impacting our communities, our government, our sense of security and our economic prosperity. But the terrorists responsible for the attacks could not destroy our faith. For many of us, 9/11 led to a renewed focus on God, His plan for this great nation and our shared blessings as Americans. Lord, help us to never forget or lose our zeal for You; may 9/11 serve as a constant reminder of our need for You.

As the Regent community remembers the 10th anniversary of the attacks, please join us in celebrating the stories of heroism and sacrifice that serve as indelible reminders of everything that is great about America.

Thank you for believing in Regent as a university that is committed to keeping America strong and great by relying on principles of integrity, founded in faith in Jesus Christ, our only true hope and Savior. Thank you for investing in our students, our mission and our future. Thanks to the many readers who became “first-time” givers last month, and for those who sense God calling them even now to support this great school, committed to the ideals commemorated in this issue of *Impact*.

Your friendship is a blessing.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Campo". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.
President

WE PUT OUR HOPE IN THE LORD. HE IS
OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.

PSALM 33:20 (NLT)



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REGENT WORLD CHANGER



Dr. Shannan Crawford

Dr. Shannan Crawford, a 2009 graduate of Regent University's School of Psychology & Counseling, spent eight days in Indonesia recently helping train counselors, educators and church leaders: "Using the training I gained in psychology, and through the incredible grace of God, I was able to help encourage and equip the body of Christ, who are living as a very small minority."

Crawford worked with leaders of a local counseling center that has served the Banda Aceh community since the devastating 2004 tsunami that killed more than 166,000 Indonesians: "We were able to train teachers and school counselors to use the tools of psychology and counseling to build relationships with unbelievers and to work through church conflict and parenting issues."

Please join the Regent University community in praying for the work and ministry of Dr. Shannan Crawford, September's alumni world changer.

GIFTS THAT MULTIPLY

If every alumnus gave just \$10 to Regent every month, the university would have an additional \$1.8 million annually to equip Christian leaders to change the world. Find out how you can give on a monthly basis using one of Regent's recurring gift options. Visit regent.edu/giving or call 800.335.4409 to set up regular donations via electronic check or credit/debit card.

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By the Numbers

14,893

graduates have received Regent University degrees.

5,773

graduate and undergraduate students are enrolled at Regent for the start of the 2011-2012 academic year.

207

undergraduate freshmen and transfer students moved to on-campus housing this fall, a 72.5 percent increase over last year.

88

countries and all 50 states are represented by Regent University alumni.

18

percent is the increase in the number of Regent students from Fall 2011 to Fall 2012.



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