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Staggered by its grievous loss and facing the threat of a terrorist war, the nation digs out and discovers amazing strength and courage along the way

PULLING TOGETHER

At Martin's Flag Co. in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, co-owner Scott Van Gundy says the place "has been a zoo." He doesn't even know how many thousands of flags the store has sold in the past week. The only thing for sure was that his supply could barely keep up with demand. Day after day he felt a growing awe at the sense of togetherness. "We can gauge patriotism by the number of flags we sell, and this

has been indescribable," says Van Gundy. "We've never seen anything like it before."

All across the country there were countless such defining moments. The talk—and more important, the action—was of resolve and unity in the wake of Sept. 11. But beyond that, there was a growing spirit of community in the nation, a realization that the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., which were designed to sow fear and discord, had also brought out the generosity, caring and solidarity of Americans of all kinds.

To be sure, there was anxiety over the threat of more assaults as well as disquiet about possible military action against an unseen and ruthless enemy. But nothing could dampen the feeling of hope and recovery that was everywhere in evidence around the country. Putting out an urgent appeal for blood, the American Red Cross hoped to get 150,000 pints in that first week. Instead,



A week after the attack, 152 of the 218 victims pulled from the rubble of the Twin Towers had been identified.

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**“YEA THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH I SHALL
FEAR NO EVIL, THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME”**

Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Matthew Fogg leads a team of somber search & rescue workers as they carry the body of a fallen firefighter away from the rubble of Ground 0, the World Trade Center disaster. He was laid to rest in a hero's ceremony.

