



THE BLUE FAMILY TREE

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Thanks for reading this special edition newsletter. I know your inboxes fill up fast, and we do not want to add to the clutter, but September 11th, deserves it's own time for reflection, and I want to share with you why this day is so important to The Blue Family Tree.

This day was intricate in the creation of our organization. On September 10th, 2001, I was working a grave shift. When the planes struck the buildings I was fast asleep, but soon woken up by my very scared bride. After spending the day glued to my television and changing out VHS tapes every two hours... I went back to work that night. But it was very very different. Our jobs had changed instantly and forever.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET became our motto. But when I woke up on the morning of 9/11/18, I watched the clips and listened to President Bush's words, and I realized just how much I had forgotten. Of course we cannot live feeling that way everyday, but when the emotions flood back, we remember again. 9/11 moved me to give back in a way greater than myself, and is at the very foundation of the dream that became The Blue Family Tree. From chaos comes control. From fear comes strength. From evil comes good.

God bless everyone of us with scars from that day, a day that ripped through our hearts from from Caribou, Maine to Kekaha, Hawaii.

My charge to you is this: Whether it's supporting fallen peace officer's families through The Blue Family Tree, or donating your time to an education program in your community... Do something. Be bigger than you are. Make a difference with your time and your dollars. Fight the urge to self indulge, and use your skills and talents to improve other's lives. Find what matters to you, and make it better.

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