

The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski
U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania (1985–2011)

“Magnificent 10”

Representative Kanjorski shares his memories of the morning of September 11, 2001, and how he learned of the attacks.

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My chief of staff picked me up at my apartment on the Hill because I had a meeting at the White House, probably 7:30. And I remember it well because it was such a beautiful day, and we actually commented together what a magnificent 10. We called it a “10 day” in September. And I completed the meeting at the White House rather quickly, so that I think I arrived back at the Hill, oh I, I would imagine 20 of nine, something like that, and we were getting ready to park so I could return to the office. And I recall the throes of people pouring out of the buildings, literally thousands were coming out of the House side complex. And I rolled the window down and I said, “What, you know, what’s happening, what’s the matter?” And somebody said, “We’ve been instructed to get out of here, there’s a bomb on a plane,” or something to that nature.