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After 9/11, Americans demonstrated their patriotism in many ways, flying the American flag on car antennas and placing it in the windows of their homes and businesses. Flag motifs were painted on the sides of barns and city buildings. The flag appeared on T-shirts, lapel pins, bumper stickers, and holiday decorations. Some people felt so strongly about the flag that they included the Stars and Stripes in tattoos commemorating the attacks. Together Americans gave each other strength and hope for the future.

On 9/11, Joel Klein was on 14th Street when he saw a plane strike the North Tower. First as a humanitarian volunteer and then as a professional electrician, Klein worked near Ground Zero for the next few months. During that time, he learned that 17 members of his trade union, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workersians, Local 3, had been killed. Klein attended many of their funerals and memorial services and was motivated to create an American Flag Memorial in their honor. Its inscription reads, "We went to our jobs fathers

and sons.”

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