



# Port graduate among missing

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Army Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson, the son of a Port Edwards couple, was reported "missing" following a terrorist attack on the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.

Dennis Michael Johnson, 48, a Wisconsin Rapids native born April 1, 1953, was the first-born child of his family. At the time of his birth, the family was living at the same 140 Letendre Ave. residence where his parents live today. At the home Thursday, a flag was flying at half-staff.

Johnson was a John Edwards High School graduate.

Still officially listed as missing after Tuesday's hijacked aircraft crash at the Pentagon

were 126 people, including 21 Army military personnel, according to the Department of Defense Web page, [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil).

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After remains are identified and the families of the dead are notified, the Defense Department will release the names of the dead to the public, the Web site indicates.

The Johnsons were among five Wisconsin families who anxiously awaited word Thursday about the fate of relatives missing following Tuesday's airplane crash into the Pentagon, as well as the two airplanes that crashed into the World Trade Center, New York City.

Waiting is hard, according to Elva Johnson, 73, the soldier's mother. "You can't explain it," she added.

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terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, friends and relatives of missing persons at the armory (bottom photo) to file reports on ones.

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An American flag flies at half-staff Thursday at the home of Robert and Elva Johnson, 140 Letendre Ave., Port Edwards. Their son, Dennis, was in the Pentagon at the time of the terrorist attack and is missing.

## Travel begins to return to normal

but made clear that words needed to be backed up by deeds.

The president, who at one point was near tears as he discussed the impact of the tragedy on American families, said he was determined to turn this disaster to advantage.

"Now is an opportunity to do generations a favor by coming together and whipping terrorism, hunting it down, finding it and holding them accountable," Bush said.

Fighting to keep his voice steady, Bush said, "I'm a loving guy. And I am also someone, however, who's got a job to do and I intend to do it. And this is a terrible moment."

In a clearly orchestrated campaign, different officials drove home that Americans

Rescue workers move debris under the twisted steel of the World Trade Center towers Thursday in New York. The search for survivors and the recovery of the bodies of victims continues in the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attack.

— long accustomed, to tit-for-tat responses to terrorist attacks in the past — should be braced for much broader, longer and riskier retaliatory action. The warning extended to nations that have aided terrorists.

And the targets will not be just those behind Tuesday's suicide attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon, but any and all terrorist groups and networks.

Powell said once the United States has identified the culprits in the audacious Sept. 11 attacks, "We will go after that group, that network and those who have harbored, supported and aided

that network, to rip that network up. And when we are through with that network, we will continue with a global assault against terrorism in general.

"We should see this in a broader sense that this is a horrible blight on the civilized world," Powell said. "And so we will also be focusing on other organizations, terrorist organizations, who go after us, our citizens, our interests and allies."

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz echoed Powell: "You don't do it with just a single military strike, no matter how dramatic. You don't do it with just military forces alone. You do it with

buildings, and hundreds of police and firefighters rushed in to begin efforts only to have the structures collapse on them.

Dozens wandered in the area, flashing pictures, desperately hoping so would have seen a loved one.

There also were signs the nation was slowly coming off its knees.

Air traffic was cleared to resume at 11 a.m. EDT Thursday, but limited cargo commercial aircraft were not into the air. It will be a week, at least, before an approach anything like normal schedules.

Financial markets, for a longer stretch than were during the Depression and World War II, are urged to reopen at 9:30 a.m.

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Johnson had an office in the Pentagon near where the plane slammed into the building Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

"The status of his whereabouts is unknown," Elva Johnson said. "That is all they could tell us."

She has turned to prayer for comfort and to get through the day. "When you get really upset all you have to do is stop and pray," she said. "Without family and friends, we wouldn't have made it."

Her son was on vacation last week so he could move his family into a new condominium they had purchased, she said. "He was real happy."

The mother and her husband, Robert, intended to leave Friday to drive to Vir-

ginia to be with their daughter-in-law, Joyce, and her two daughters, Dawn, 20, and Cassandra, 16.

"It touches all of us, whether we're in New York or Washington or Port Edwards, Wis.," Port Credit Union President Jerry Roth said. "We'd like to feel we're isolated from these things, but, unfortunately, we're finding out that we're not."

"This may start in New York or Washington, but it still ends up on your back door," said Lisa McIntee, co-owner of the Cafe LaPorte restaurant, Port Edwards. "That's because the United States is one big family."

Lisa owns the eatery with her sister-in-law, Shirley McIntee, who said the terrorism "affects everybody's lives,

one way or another."

Other Wisconsin possible victims of the terrorism:

■ Patty Statz, a 41-year-old Pentagon worker. Her Chippewa Falls parents, Vince and JoAnn Statz, awaited word about her Thursday.

■ Jason Oswald, 28, who worked in the first tower of the World Trade Center. He's the son of Ken and Jane Oswald, Merrill.

■ Scott Johnson, 26, who worked for a banking firm on the 85th, 88th and 89th floors of the World Trade Center. His grandfather, H. Norman Johnson, lives in Racine.

■ Andrea Haberman, 25, who worked on the 92nd floor of the World Trade Center. Kathy and Gordon Haberman, Farmington, are her parents.

## TRAVEL

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but it's giving airport staff a little more attention to security issues, Yaron said. Newly enacted restrictions include a ban on all knives of any type, elimination of curbside and off-airport check-ins, more physical checks of passengers and only ticketed passengers will be allowed to proceed past airport metal detectors.

"Local law enforcement are very involved and are partici-

stranded travelers. Only a handful of people extended their stay at Hotel Mead as a result of being stranded in Wisconsin Rapids.

"The feeling I'm getting from the industry is that they're seeing a lot of cancellations because people haven't been able to get to their destinations," Hansen said, adding that travelers rented cars, took buses and trains to reach destina-

allowing them to cancel without any fees or penalties. In fact, I got two personal calls from people thanking us and re-booking for the future."

Judy Wagner, travel consultant with Marathon Travel, Wisconsin Rapids, said Tuesday's incidents have had surprisingly little effect on bookings.

"I really don't think many people are scared," she said. "They just figure life has to go

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