

# CDR David Bates Reflects on His Role During 9/11 in *My Honor to Serve: 9-11-01 World Trade Center Disaster*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [My Honor to Serve: 9-11-01 World Trade Center Disaster](#), authored by CDR Reverend David Bates, USPHS (Ret.), is a deeply personal account of his experience as a chief pharmacist deployed in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center disaster. In this memoir, Bates takes readers through his crucial role in managing pharmaceutical operations and logistics, providing insight into the challenges emergency responders faced as they worked to restore hope and health to New York City.

The book chronicles Bates' deployment from September 19 to September 29, 2001, during which he was tasked with overseeing medical supplies, managing disaster medical assistance teams (DMATs), and ensuring pharmaceutical care was delivered to thousands of patients. His narrative sheds light on the behind-the-scenes operations that kept responders, victims, and even rescue animals supplied with vital medications.

Beyond his professional duties, *My Honor to Serve* delves into Bates' personal response to the disaster, sharing how the experience affected him physically, emotionally, and spiritually. His reflection on the devastating impact of 9/11, both as a responder and as an American, provides a moving tribute to those who served in the wake of the tragedy.

Bates explains his motivation for writing the book, saying, "It took 22 years for me to bring this story together. There were so many pieces, but now it feels like the right time to share it."



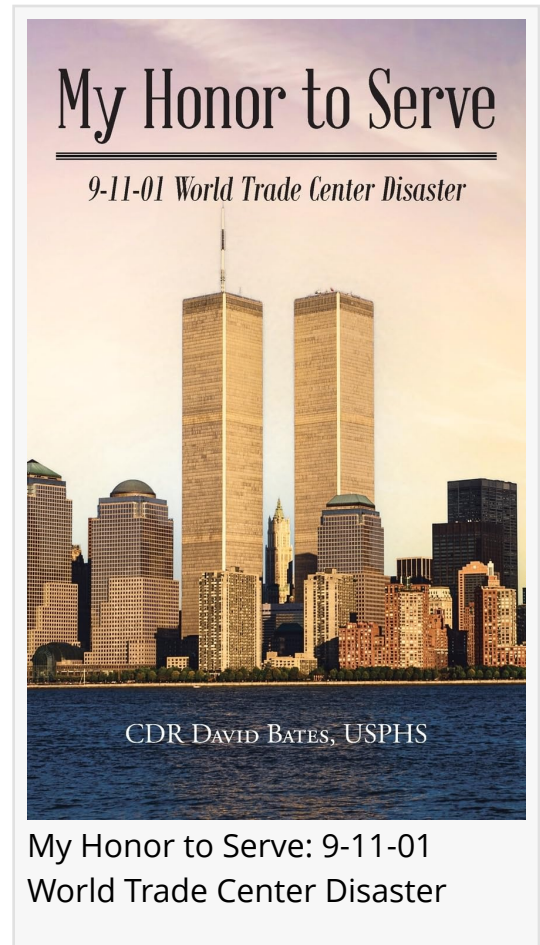
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With a career spanning over 22 years of active duty service, Bates is no stranger to high-stakes situations. A veteran of both the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service, Bates' extensive background in national emergency response makes his perspective invaluable. Over his career, he was deployed 26 times, including his critical role during 9/11. His service continues to inspire a deeper understanding of the sacrifices and efforts made by disaster responders.

"My message is simple," Bates shares. "9/11 caused America to stand still, but the emergency responders, supported by 112,000 volunteers, brought hope and restoration. I am proud to have played a part in reviving the spirit of freedom that continues to define this nation."

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