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## AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77

American Airlines Flight 77, from Washington to Los Angeles, crashed into the Pentagon with 64 people aboard.

## CREW

**Charles Burlingame** of Herndon, Virginia, was the plane's captain. He is survived by a wife, a daughter and a grandson. He had more than 20 years of experience flying with American Airlines and was a former U.S. Navy pilot.

**David Charlebois**, who lived in Washington's Dupont Circle neighborhood, was the first officer on the flight. "He was handsome and happy and very centered," his neighbor Travis White, told The Washington Post. "His life was the kind of life I wanted to have some day."

**Michele Heidenberger** of Chevy Chase, Maryland, was a flight attendant for 30 years. She left behind a husband, a pilot, and a daughter and son.

Flight attendant **Jennifer Lewis**, 38, of Culpeper, Virginia, was the wife of flight attendant Kenneth Lewis.

Flight attendant **Kenneth Lewis**, 49, of Culpeper, Virginia, was the husband of flight attendant Jennifer Lewis.

**Renee May**, 39, of Baltimore, Maryland, was a flight attendant.

## PASSENGERS

**Paul Ambrose**, 32, of Washington, was a physician who worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the surgeon general to address racial and ethnic disparities in health. A 1995 graduate of Marshall University School of Medicine, Ambrose last year was named the Luther Terry Fellow of the Association of Teachers of Preventative Medicine.

**Yeneneh Betru**, 35, was from Burbank, California.

**M.J. Booth**

**Bernard Brown**, 11, was a student at Leckie Elementary School in Washington. He was embarking on an educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society.

**Suzanne Calley**, 42, of San Martin, California, was an employee of Cisco Systems Inc.

**William Caswell**

**Sarah Clark**, 65, of Columbia, Maryland, was a sixth-grade teacher at Backus Middle School in Washington. She was accompanying a student on an educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society.

**Asia Cottom**, 11, was a student at Backus Middle School in Washington. Asia was embarking on an educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society.

**James Debeuneure**, 58, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, was a fifth-grade teacher at Ketcham Elementary School in Washington. He was accompanying a student on an educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society.

**Rodney Dickens**, 11, was a student at Leckie Elementary School in Washington. He was embarking on an

educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society.

**Eddie Dillard**

**Charles Droz**

**Barbara Edwards**, 58, of Las Vegas, Nevada, was a teacher at Palo Verde High School in Las Vegas.

**Charles S. Falkenberg**, 45, of University Park, Maryland, was the director of research at ECOlogic Corp., a software engineering firm. He worked on data systems for NASA and also developed data systems for the study of global and regional environmental issues. Falkenberg was traveling with his wife, Leslie Whittingham, and their two daughters, Zoe, 8, and Dana, 3.

**Zoe Falkenberg**, 8, of University Park, Maryland, was the daughter of Charles Falkenberg and Leslie Whittingham.

**Dana Falkenberg**, 3, of University Park, Maryland, was the daughter of Charles Falkenberg and Leslie Whittingham.

**Joe Ferguson** was the director of the National Geographic Society's geography education outreach program in Washington. He was accompanying a group of students and teachers on an educational trip to the Channel Islands in California. A Mississippi native, he joined the society in 1987. "Joe Ferguson's final hours at the Geographic reveal the depth of his commitment to one of the things he really loved," said John Fahey Jr., the society's president. "Joe was here at the office until late Monday evening preparing for this trip. It was his goal to make this trip perfect in every way."

**Wilson "Bud" Flagg** of Millwood, Virginia, was a retired Navy admiral and retired American Airlines pilot.

**Dee Flagg**

**Richard Gabriel**

**Ian Gray**, 55, of Washington was the president of a health-care consulting firm.

**Stanley Hall**, 68, was from Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

**Bryan Jack**, 48, of Alexandria, Virginia, was a senior executive at the Defense Department.

**Steven D. "Jake" Jacoby**, 43, of Alexandria, Virginia, was the chief operating officer of Metrocall Inc., a wireless data and messaging company.

**Ann Judge**, 49, of Virginia was the travel office manager for the National Geographic Society. She was accompanying a group of students and teachers on an educational trip to the Channel Islands in California. Society President John Fahey Jr. said one of his fondest memories of Judge is a voice mail she and a colleague once left him while they were rafting the Monkey River in Belize. "This was quintessential Ann -- living life to the fullest and wanting to share it with others," he said.

**Chandler Keller**, 29, was a Boeing propulsion engineer from El Segundo, California.

**Yvonne Kennedy**

**Norma Khan**, 45, from Reston, Virginia was a nonprofit organization manager.

**Karen A. Kincaid**, 40, was a lawyer with the Washington firm of Wiley Rein & Fielding. She joined the firm in 1993 and was part of the its telecommunications practice. She was married to Peter Batacan.

**Norma Langsteuerle**

**Dong Lee**

**Dora Menchaca**, 45, of Santa Monica, California, was the associate director of clinical research for a biotech firm.

**Christopher Newton**, 38, of Anaheim, California, was president and chief executive officer of Work-Life Benefits, a consultation and referral service. He was married and had two children. Newton was on his way back to Orange County to retrieve his family's yellow Labrador, who had been left behind until they could settle into their new home in Arlington, Virginia.

**Barbara Olson**, 45, was a conservative commentator who often appeared on CNN and was married to U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson. She twice called her husband as the plane was being hijacked and described some details, including that the attackers were armed with knives. She had planned to take a different flight, but she changed it at the last minute so that she could be with her husband on his birthday. She worked as an investigator for the House Government Reform Committee in the mid-1990s and later worked on the staff of Senate Minority Whip Don Nickles.

**Ruben Ornedo**, 39, of Los Angeles, California, was a Boeing propulsion engineer.

**Robert Penniger**, 63, of Poway, California, was an electrical engineer with BAE Systems.

**Lisa Raines**, 42, was senior vice president for government relations at the Washington office of Genzyme, a biotechnology firm. She was from Great Falls, Virginia, and was married to Stephen Push. She worked with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on developing a new policy governing cellular therapies, announced in 1997. She also worked on other major health-care legislation.

**Todd Reuben**, 40, of Potomac, Maryland, was a tax and business lawyer.

**John Sammartino**

**Diane Simmons**

**George Simmons**

**Mari-Rae Sopper** of Santa Barbara, California, was a women's gymnastics coach at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She had just gotten the post August 31 and was making the trip to California to start work.

**Bob Speisman**, 47, was from Irvington, New York.

**Hilda Taylor** was a sixth-grade teacher at Leckie Elementary School in Washington. She was accompanying a student on an educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society.

**Leonard Taylor** was from Reston, Virginia.

**Leslie A. Whittington**, 45, was from University Park, Maryland. The professor of public policy at Georgetown University in Washington was traveling with her husband, Charles Falkenberg, 45, and their two daughters, Zoe, 8, and Dana, 3. They were traveling to Los Angeles to catch a connection to Australia. Whittington had been named a visiting fellow at Australian National University in Canberra.

**John Yamnicky**, 71, was from Waldorf, Maryland.

**Vicki Yancey**

**Shuyin Yang**

**Yuguag Zheng**

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

## Related sites:

[National Geographic Web tribute to staff, students and teachers on the flight](#)

[ECOlogic Web site, with a memorial to the Falkenberg family](#)

[Wiley Rein & Fielding law firm Web site, with a tribute to Karen Kincaid](#)

[Work-Life Benefits Web site, with tribute to Christopher Newton](#)

[University of California at Santa Barbara Web site, with tribute to Mari-Rae Sopper](#)

[Genzyme Corp. home page, with tribute to Lisa Raines](#)

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