

Forum Evokes Memories of 9/11 Victims

In a poignant and emotional presentation, United States Attorney Chuck Rosenberg of the Eastern District of Virginia recently reminded an audience at the Naval War College of the excruciatingly painful memories we carry from 9/11. In a presentation concerning the prosecution of Zacarias Moussaoui for his role in the run-up to those attacks, Mr. Rosenberg focused



Virginia U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg (center), with Rhode Island U.S. Attorney Robert Clark Corrente and members of his staff, at the Naval War College

on the victim impact portion of the Moussaoui trial rather than the legal strategies of the prosecution.

Rosenberg played recordings of calls to 911 operators from victims trapped in the World Trade Center, begging the operators to send messages to their loved ones, and other calls from passengers aboard hijacked airplanes saying good-bye to their loved ones.

In a particularly telling moment, Rosenberg displayed a collage of pictures of almost all of the 9/11 victims. By focusing his presentation on the victims of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, Rosenberg demonstrated the importance of the effort against terrorism that we continue to press every day.

Moussaoui was arrested in Minnesota in the summer of 2001 after instructors at a flight school became suspicious and contacted the FBI. He is serving six life sentences for conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, conspiracy to commit air piracy, and four related offenses.

The Naval War College sponsored the forum, and invited members of the U.S. Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council. Among those in attendance, in addition to U.S. Attorney's staff, were Warwick Police, Rhode Island State Police, the Federal Security Director for the Transportation Security Administration, and the Agent in Charge of the Rhode Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.