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Will Little still remembers vividly his moment of recogni-
tion on Sept. 11 a decade ago. At the tender age of 11, he watched as his teachers witnessed the horror unfold on live television. “I remember being at school. The teachers were staring at the screen, but I turned to face the television and I saw the smoke coming from the first tower,” Little said in reflection. He realizes, remembering, hard the feelings of confu-
sion and surprise. The teach-
ers told him that a tower had been hit — an accident. He turned to his left and glanced out a long window, staring at the sky. He won-
dered what was going on. The sci-fi fanatic thought about aliens or planes com-
ing for the school. “All of a sudden, I looked back at the TV and saw the explosion from the second tower. Then a phone call came and told the teachers to turn off the TV. My teacher didn’t. She sat us all down, and we talked about it the rest of the day. I was afraid we’d have to leave,” Little said.

A decade later, what hap-
posed that day still reson-
ates with Little, as with all of America, the world and the rest of his generation. For the pensive 21-year-old, the experiences propelled his desire to teach history, allowing his own witness of 9/11 to give perspective to students who were not there or those who may never fully grasp the magnitude of that day. Little wonders what he’d like his own children or younger generations to take from the infamous day. “I wouldn’t want to keep something like this from my children. Living through that terrorist attack was a univer-
sally shocking part of my generation’s history. It is our testament to future genera-
tions,” Little said.

Little is not alone in his sentiments among those who were still young, fresh-faced and naive at the time to ter-
terrorism and the evils of the world. ‘At 11, you think everybody is good,’ Little said. Chris Hills, 21, and Nicholas Trouy, 20, are both students at Georgia Military College. Both young men are waiting to serve their coun-
try Trouble grew up in Lebanon, Tenn. He remem-
ners watching the events unfold on television and the dead silence that followed. “A news reporter started breaking out when the sec-
cond tower was hit. Our teacher was crying, and we didn’t understand what was happening. We didn’t have to know what the Twin Towers were to realize that some-
thing bad was going on,” Trouy said. “I remember watching the president’s address. It was serious, and I could see in (President) Bush’s face that this was something that was going to change everything,” Trouy said. "I’ve always wanted to go into the military, and this gave me a supporting reason. Our country needs men and women to fight for us and other countries," he said. He believes, now more than ever, that the United States should protect other countries from the threat of Communism and govern-
ments that threaten its sub-
ject’s liberties. He will be a second lieutenant in June, a rank that he has worked hard to earn. “I want my kids to know the truth of what is going on, whether it be in the past or the present. I want them to..."