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OFF-ROAD TRANSPORT

Shock and fear came to America on September 11, 2001. It began in New York City. That is where **terrorists** crashed planes into two tall towers. More than 3,000 people were killed.

The United States responded. Its military wanted to stop such terrible acts from being repeated.

It was believed groups in Afghanistan and Iraq planned the attack. So, the U.S. sent troops to those countries.

The soldiers needed to get around. The ground in those countries is rough. There are few paved roads. So, they hopped in their Humvees.



A U.S. Marine rides atop a Humvee mounted with an anti-tank missile during a patrol near Camp Rhino in southern Afghanistan in December 2001.

The tough off-road vehicles saved them. Humvees can handle any **terrain**. They are built strong.

Humvees had become a U.S. military staple. All four **branches** used them. And the soldiers soon learned why.



U.S. soldiers stand with their Humvee in Afghanistan in 2008.



FAST FACT

FOR CIVILIANS TOO

The public also likes strong vehicles. So, a vehicle like the Humvee was created for them. It was called the Hummer. The first were built in 1992.

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