

## #LostTrumpHistory: Trump's 9/11 claims become a George Conway-pushed meme

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Over the years, President Trump has used the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to push falsehoods, attack political opponents and credit himself. (Video: JM Rieger/Photo: Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

President Trump, who this month told Americans about the [airports taken over in the Revolutionary War](#), had a new contribution to the historical record Monday at the signing of the Sept. 11 victims compensation fund extension.

"Many of those affected were firefighters, police officers and other first responders. And I was down there also, but I'm not considering myself a first responder. But I was down there. I spent a lot of time down there with you," he said to a Rose Garden crowd that included 9/11 first responders.

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There is no evidence that Trump went to Ground Zero after the 2001 terrorist attacks, but the president does have a long history of inserting himself into it, as The Fix's JM Rieger details [here](#).

Monday's comments quickly drew condemnation from the president's critics, including from George Conway, the wayward husband of Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway and Twitter's unofficial [Martha Mitchell](#).



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Trump was not "down there" during 9/11 with first responders, and the only role he played was bragging on TV that he now had the biggest building in NY once the

towers fell. Oh and lying about how American Muslims reacted to 9/11.  
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Soon after, Twitter user [@JoJoFromJerz](#) joked: “Did you know that Donald Trump was the first aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean? It’s true. Believe me. I wonder what other, little known facts there are about Donald Trump’s accomplishments or roles in history. Please share if you know one. #LostTrumpHistory.”

Within hours, some of the same Twitter denizens who drove the #RevolutionaryWarAirportStories hashtag a few weeks ago were trending with a new one.

George Conway spent much of the afternoon retweeting them.

That would be *Sir Edmund* Hillary.

This one pokes fun at Kellyanne Conway’s erroneous 2017 claims about the “Bowling Green Massacre,” which doesn’t exist.

By Tuesday morning there were thousands of tweets on everything from the Sermon on the Mount to Great Wall of China.

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