



## ***THOUSANDS ATTEND PENTAGON BRATS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL***

Thousands of Pentagon employees joined celebrity guests and top Pentagon officials in the Center Courtyard on Thursday, Oct. 7 to enjoy sunny skies, music and food during the Pentagon Brats & Music Festival.

The event was held in honor of the 184 people who lost their lives at the Pentagon during the 9/11 attacks and all proceeds went directly to the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Approximately \$33,000 was raised in connection with the event.

Johnsonville Sausage provided the bratwursts and cooked 3,700 of them in a little less than four hours on their "Big Taste Grill," a 45-foot-long grill on wheels that was set up in the Pentagon South Parking Lot. The brats were served with chips, a drink and an ice cream bar. Several national food and beverage vendors contributed their products to the event.

Celebrities were also on hand to entertain the crowd. Miss America Deidre Downs, Miss Virginia Mariah Rice and members of the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders autographed postcards and calendars, while Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Pentagon "Mayor" Ray DuBois spent some time greeting participants. Four local radio stations also set up different booths throughout the Courtyard to play music, while DJs gave away prizes.

"It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time." said Jim Laychak, president of the Pentagon Memorial Fund. "We really appreciate everyone who braved long lines to support our cause."



**Pentagon employees lined up to receive lunches at the Brats and Music Festival.**



**Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, meal in hand, interacted with some of the event participants.**