

Timeline 5. Global War on Terrorism: Historical Overview

1979

- Throughout year **Islamic Revolution in Iran (Shah forced into exile in January)**
- Nov. **Seizure of U.S. Embassy and personnel in Tehran**
- Dec. **Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; Jihad begins against Soviets in Afghanistan, eventually assisted by U.S.**

1983

- Oct. **Marine barracks bombing, Beirut, Lebanon**

1991

- Founding of Al Qaida, following Gulf War**

1993

- Feb. **World Trade Center bombing**
- June **Khobar Towers bombing**

1996

- Aug. **Bin Laden declares war on U.S.**

1998

- Feb. **Bin Laden issues fatwa against American people**
- Aug. **U.S. embassies in East Africa bombed**

2000

- Oct. **Bombing of U.S.S. *Cole***

2001

Sept. 11

Attack on World Trade Center and Pentagon; downing of United Airlines flight 93