

FIELDNOTES

A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever



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We Walk to Remember 3rd Annual Walk 93!

For the third consecutive year, the Friends of Flight 93, the National Park Service and Leadership Somerset County will host Walk 93 on September 30 in honor of the forty passengers and crew members. All proceeds for this event will be used to fund the design and construction of the Temporary Memorial Trail at Flight 93 National Memorial, which will lead off the Allée to the site of the original temporary memorial that was formed after the events of 2001.

This year's special guest is Family member Deborah Borza who will welcome event participants before the walk begins. Walkers will experience a guided, ranger-led journey down the 2.28-mile Allée Walkway, over the Wetlands Bridge, and end at the Western Overlook Trail with special interpretation stops along the way. Registered walkers will learn about themes and architecture at Flight 93, enjoy different perspectives of the memorial in the early morning light as well as a spectrum of burgeoning vibrant colors that highlight Flight 93 in the fall.

Registration is \$25 for adults, \$12 for children ages 13-17 and FREE for children 12 and under. Sponsorship opportunities are available to support this initiative.

Walk with us on September 30 to ensure that the story of Flight 93 remains relevant and inspirational to future generations. To learn more and register, visit www.Flight93Friends.org/walk-93.



Did You Know?



Speaker Series – Sponsored by Somerset Trust Company

The final event of the Flight 93 Speaker Series will feature Family members Deborah Borza and Calvin Wilson.

Deborah's daughter, Deora Bodley, was the youngest passenger on Flight 93. Calvin's brother-in-law was First Officer LeRoy Homer.

Concluding programs will take place on August 19 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and August 20 at 1 p.m.



Volunteer Opportunities - We Need Your Help!

New service engagement projects are being developed for volunteers.

Are you a part of a service group, or looking for new ways to volunteer through a business or organization? We have flag flying opportunities, invasive species removal events, maintenance projects and volunteer opportunities over the September 11 weekend.

Contact us for more information on getting involved!



Community Outreach - Tell Your Friends About Us!

Take your passion for the Friends and Flight 93 National Memorial into your community. We have developed a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the Friends' mission, ways to become a Friends member and how to give back to the memorial.

If you would like to speak to organizations you know about the Friends, contact us for a copy of the program!

Volunteer Spotlight - Flag Flyers

Flag flying at the memorial takes place all year round and is an important volunteer project for Friends members. We would like to thank Ron and Pat Reinbold, Scott Scherer, Doug Vest, Stanley Smith, Robert Clites, Brenda Torrey and Sheena Baker! Your dedication to flag flying is very much appreciated and valued!

We have another 500 flags that need flown for sale in the Visitor Center and to send to the National Park Foundation for direct mail donors. Contact us to start flying this summer!



Sixteenth Remembrance of September 11, 2001



Please join the Friends of Flight 93, National Park Service, Families of Flight 93 and National Park Foundation for the Sixteenth Remembrance Observance of September 11, 2001 as we come together to pay tribute to the forty lives we honor and respect every day at the memorial.

Sunday, September 10 will mark the final phase of memorial construction on the Tower of Voices with an exclusive “soundbreaking” being held at the site of the future tower off of Route 30. The Tower of Voices will be a gateway in and out of the memorial, and serve as both a visual and audible

reminder of the heroism of the forty passengers and crew members of Flight 93. Meant to forever echo their voices, the tower will stand 93 feet tall and feature forty individual wind-activated chimes. The Tower of Voices is a one-of-a-kind musical instrument that is the final feature meant to complete Flight 93 National Memorial from Paul Murdoch’s original design. We invite Friends members to join us for the special “soundbreaking” and groundbreaking next month.

The Friends will host the annual Luminaria Ceremony at dusk on the evening of Sunday, September 10. Explore the memorial at night with the Wall of Names lit by forty lanterns in memory of the passengers and crew members of Flight 93. Forty candle lanterns will be carried to the Wall of Names and placed below the names of each of the passengers and crew members of Flight 93. The memorial will have special late hours on this evening only closing at 9:30 pm.

On Monday, September 11, Flight 93 National Memorial will hold its annual remembrance ceremony in honor of the forty passengers and crew members of United Flight 93. The ceremony will be held adjacent to the Visitor Center. This open air, rain-or-shine service will include brief remarks, special music, reading of the names of the forty passengers and crew members of Flight 93, and ringing of the Bells of Remembrance. The Friends of Flight 93 Hospitality Tent will be open Saturday through Monday outside of the Learning Center.

Sunday, September 10

Soundbreaking - 3:30pm at the Future Tower of Voices Site
Luminaria Ceremony - 7:30pm at the Wall of Names

Monday, September 11

16th Remembrance Ceremony - 9:30am
Wreath Laying - 12:00pm at the Wall of Names



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A Helping Hand



Thank you's are in order for a few very special foundations! The Friends would like to thank the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation for granting us \$10,000 to use towards educational programming at Flight 93 National Memorial.

The Penguins Foundation has generously supported the memorial and our youth/education initiatives over the past few years, and we are so excited to continue educating the next generation through their support.

Focusing again on education, the Pirates Charities have generously gifted the Friends of Flight 93 a \$25,000 grant that will help educate students across Allegheny and Somerset counties by providing bus transportation to schools in need. Going above and beyond, the Pirates Charities has created "Flight 93 Day" at PNC Park where students who benefited from Pirates transportation funding will receive a free baseball ticket to further raise awareness for this national memorial! School visits include on-site educational programming and funding support for transportation. Know a school in need? Recommend your local district by contacting Henry Scully or Brooke Neel!

We thank both the Penguins Foundation and Pirates Charities for being so committed to remembering and honoring the legacy and story of Flight 93.



Dark Sky Program *Exclusive Event!*



On Friday, September 22 we are hosting the first-ever Dark Sky Program at Flight 93! You are cordially invited to watch the Milky Way come out, view constellations and have a moon viewing party with us this fall!

The staff of the Buhl Planetarium and Observatory at the Carnegie Science Center are excited to present live stargazing to the Friends of Flight 93 featuring several high-end telescopes, real meteorite samples and more.

The evening targets include a beautiful crescent moon, the ringed gas giant Saturn, nebulas, galaxies and more!

The program will include a Learning Center presentation with interactive displays including meteorite samples, star maps and an introduction to stargazing before we walk to the Allée to take in the night sky views.

What should you bring? A lawn chair, blanket, binoculars and your own telescope if you have one. This program will take place in the dark, so please plan accordingly as all memorial lights will be off. Flashlights are permitted and we will provide red tape to make it a night-vision flashlight!

You must RSVP to Brooke Neel at brooke_neel@partner.nps.gov by Monday, September 18 to attend. We'll see you under the stars!



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From the Director's Desk



BY HENRY C. SCULLY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93

Dear Friends,

This is a very emotional and exciting time for all of us at Flight 93 National Memorial and for many of you as well, I am sure. The 16th anniversary of September 11, 2001 is approximately one month away. This reminds us of many difficult memories, but also thoughts of inspiration and good memories of loved ones.

The Friends, NPS, NPF and the Families of Flight 93 are busy preparing for the special three-day event at the memorial. We look forward to seeing many of you in a month, as we again formally honor the forty heroes on Flight 93.

The Friends' staff has been spending much of the year working hand in hand with the National Park Foundation raising funds for the construction of the Tower of Voices, which has its official "soundbreaking" and groundbreaking on Sunday, September 10 at 3:30 p.m. (all are

invited) and dedication on September 11, 2018.

The Tower of Voice will be adjacent to the entrance of Flight 93 National Memorial, near Route 30. This is the final design piece at Flight 93 and so many people (especially the family members) greatly look forward to seeing construction begin later this year. This is a feature meant to forever echo the voices of the forty passengers and crew members, and serve as a visual and audible reminder of the heroism of those on board Flight 93.

Thanks very much to all the Friends volunteers who are helping over the memorial weekend and thank you to all of the members for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Henry C. Scully

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*Sacrifice is a type of offering that acknowledges that there's something or someone beyond yourself. And I think that makes sacrifice both *tragic* and *beautiful*.*

Photo from Glass Magazine
Entry walkway along the flight path