

# FIELD NOTES

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## Commemorative Events at Flight 93 National Memorial

New events and familiar traditions alike are planned for four days of remembrance at Flight 93 National Memorial. On Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, programming in a tented area at the location of the future Learning Center will focus on the Flight 93 story as experienced from many perspectives, providing a sample of the type of educational events which will one day take place at that location. Panels of speakers who were key figures in various aspects of the Flight 93 story will share their experiences and answer questions in the “Learning Center Without Walls”.

On Monday evening, September 10, forty glowing candle lanterns will be carried to the Wall of Names and placed in front of each marble panel, honoring the passengers and crew. The lights will be in place from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, weather permitting.

September 11 will be marked with a traditional memorial service beginning with prelude music at 9:45 am. The ceremony will include reading of the names of the passengers and crew, tolling of the Remembrance Bells, a wreath laying, and brief remarks.

Extended hours on all four evenings, September 8-11, will allow the public to view the dramatically-lighted Memorial Plaza.

For more details about this special programming, special park hours, the luminaria ceremony, and the memorial service on September 11, see the schedule on page 2. All events are open to the public and no admission fee is charged. Parking will be in satellite parking areas and shuttles will provide service to the Memorial Plaza and the site of the future Visitor Center/Learning Center.

The Friends are pleased to support these commemorative activities, as well as a private reception for the families of the passengers and crew, and appreciate the assistance of many donors, including the Families of Flight 93.



The Flight 93 crash site lies beyond the hemlock gate. Forty candle lanterns will illuminate the Wall of Names on Monday evening, September 10, honoring the passengers and crew. *(Kathie Shaffer)*

***Complete schedule  
September 8-11, 2012  
on page 2***

# Schedule of commemorative events

## Saturday, September 8

**Extended hours:** Memorial open from 9 am to 9:30 pm, last entry at 9 pm

### “Learning Center Without Walls” programs

1 pm: 9/11 and the Next Generation  
*Panelists will explore how children experienced September 11, 2001, and how they continue to express their feelings through art.*

3 pm: Dispatches from Shanksville:  
Journalists Remember Flight 93  
*Television, newspaper, and radio journalists reflect on their experiences in writing and recording the first drafts of history in the days, weeks, and months following September 11, 2001.*

**Ranger/Volunteer talks** on the hour from 11 am to 4 pm

**Tribute activities on the Plaza** on the half hour from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm

## Sunday, September 9

**Extended hours:** Memorial open from 9 am to 9:30 pm, last entry at 9 pm

### “Learning Center Without Walls” programs

1 pm: The Criminal Investigation:  
Searching for Evidence at the  
Flight 93 Crash Site  
*Members of the FBI describe their work at the Flight 93 crash site and the importance of what was recovered.*

3 pm: A Grateful Nation:  
Stories from the U.S. Capitol  
*Panelists were at work in the U.S. Capitol on September 11, 2001, and were evacuated in the face of reports of an incoming aircraft. Hear their stories and their feelings about the crashing of Flight 93 a mere twenty minutes from the nation’s capital.*

**Ranger/Volunteer talks** on the hour from 11 am to 4 pm

**Tribute activities on the Plaza** on the half hour from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm

## Monday, September 10

**Extended hours:** Memorial open from 9 am to 9:30 pm, last entry at 9 pm

**Luminarias**, forty candle lanterns, will be placed at the Wall of Names, 7:30 to 9:30 pm  
(In case of inclement weather, check the National Park Service website for information.)

## Tuesday, September 11

**Extended hours:** Memorial open from 8 am to 9:30 pm, last entry at 9 pm

**Eleventh Anniversary Observance - Memorial Service**, 9:45 am to 10:45 am on the Plaza

Visitors may bring folding chairs for seating during the ceremony. Please arrive early to allow time to park and ride a shuttle to the Plaza. Service will be held rain or shine.

**Ranger/Volunteer talks** on the hour from noon to 4 pm

**Tribute activities on the Plaza** on the half hour from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**For the most current information about these commemorative events, check the Flight 93 National Memorial website:**

[www.nps.gov/flni](http://www.nps.gov/flni)

**Reminder:** Friends membership dues for the 2013 program year should be paid by October 22, 2012. Don’t miss out on an issue of *Field Notes*, opportunities to volunteer, and invitations to Friends-only events. Please continue your support of Flight 93 National Memorial by sending your dues of \$25 per individual, \$40 per couple, or \$93 sponsor-level to Friends of Flight 93, P.O. Box 911, Shanksville, PA 15560.

