

FIELDNOTES

A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever



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Friends Hire Executive Director Henry Scully

A Note From Henry

I would like to introduce myself. I am Henry Scully, the new Executive Director of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. I am very honored to be in this position and to work on your behalf. In just a short time, I am amazed to learn about all that you have accomplished, and that we have so much to look forward to in the coming years. With the true spirit of the first volunteers on September 11, 2001 in Shanksville, to the continued and growing momentum of selflessness, all of you, along with our valued leaders and teammates in the National Park Service, have so much to be proud of at Flight 93 National Memorial.

We look forward to working closely with the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the community and donors to make the next period at Flight 93 National Memorial a foundation for educating the world about the monumental sacrifices that were made here almost 13 years ago. The Visitor Center and Learning Center will both offer amazing opportunities for the Friends to educate visitors. I look forward to meeting all of you and I want to thank you for your continued volunteering and financial support for the Flight 93 National Memorial.



September 10 Luminaria Ceremony

Friends are invited to participate in the luminaria ceremony at Flight 93 National Memorial on Wednesday, September 10. The Friends will again organize a procession of forty lighted lanterns to the Wall of Names on the Memorial Plaza at dusk that evening, weather permitting. The Memorial is open to the public for this ceremony. Flight 93 family members will be invited to participate by carrying these beautiful lanterns to the Wall for their loved ones. Family members are responding and will be participating in the luminaria ceremony. However, since not all passengers and crew will have family present for the event, members of the Friends are invited to participate as well. We are accepting the names of Friends who wish to carry a lantern in the procession from the Visitor Shelter to the Wall of Names at approximately 7:30 pm and from the Wall back to the Shelter at approximately 8:45 pm.

If you are willing to participate, please respond by September 1 to Rebecca Kuzar. She will provide you with more detailed instructions for the evening. Please be aware that if a family member decides to participate, even at the last minute, you may be asked to give up your position in the luminaria ceremony.



2013 Luminaria Ceremony

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Save the Date!

Saturday, August 23, 7am-9am

Volunteer Event - Wall of Names Washing

RSVP by August 18

Wednesday, September 10, 7:30pm-9pm

Luminaria Service

RSVP by September 1

Thursday, September 11, 9:30am-11am

September 11 Observance Ceremony

Details to come!

Saturday, October 25, 5am-12am

Friends Bus Trip to the National 9/11 Museum

RSVP by August 22

Mid-Year Membership Event Review: A Look at the Memorial's Future

Forty-one Friends gathered at the Memorial on July 25, after park hours for a special tour of the new Visitor Center and Learning Center construction site. Superintendent Jeff Reinbold and Deputy Superintendent Keith Newlin led the tour. Friends viewed the footprint of both buildings and the dramatic view from the Flight Path Overlook. It was exciting to see the progress! The Friends walked a portion of the allée that lines the Memorial Groves and concluded the evening by enjoying some light refreshments and visiting the illuminated Wall of Names at dusk. The Friends would like to thank Superintendent Reinbold and Deputy Superintendent Newlin for providing such an interesting and exclusive tour for the Friends.

Photos contributed by
Chuck Wagner & Rebecca Kuzar



Construction Quick Facts

1. All of the concrete for the building walls and foundations comes from New Enterprise Stone and Lime, Inc. facility in Somerset County.
2. There will be 95 parking spaces at the new Visitor Center & Learning Center.
3. The allée is a 1.7 mile walk to the Memorial Plaza.
4. The Flight Path Overlook will be 20 feet high.
5. The walls of the Visitor Center & Learning Center will be textured to resemble hemlock.
6. There will be 16 restrooms at the Visitor Center Complex.
7. The Visitor Center will feature an exhibit space that shares the September 11, 2001 story, information desk and small sales area.
8. The Visitor Center & Learning Center are scheduled to open in September 2015.

