

FIELDNOTES

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SEPTEMBER 11 OBSERVANCE

The Eighteenth Observance of September 11, 2001 will be held at the Memorial Plaza at 9:45 am on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in honor the 40 passengers and crew members of United Flight 93.

This year's observance will be highlighted by guest speaker Mitchell Zuckoff, Boston University journalism professor and author of the newly released ***Fall and Rise: The Story of 9/11***. In 2001, Zuckoff covered the September 11 attacks for the Boston Globe. He has since gone on to author eight nonfiction books, including two that focus on the September 11. Additional remarks will be made by family member Gordon Felt, president of the Families of Flight 93. Music will be provided by Pittsburgh's River City Brass Band.

During the ceremony at 10:03 a.m. – the moment Flight 93 crashed – the names of the passengers and crew members will be read, the Bells of Remembrance will be rung in their memory, and a wreath will be placed at the Wall of Names.

Entrance to the memorial will close at sunset on Tuesday, September 10 and will reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the hour-long annual observance. Limited seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

All visitors on the morning of September 11 will park in designated lots and shuttle to and from the event site located at the Memorial Plaza. Accessible buses are available to accommodate wheelchairs. Shuttles will begin running at 7:15 a.m. The Friends of Flight 93 look forward to supporting this year's annual observance in honor of the 40 heroes.

Welcome New Members!

June

Stephan W. Beam, Cara A. Bordner, Deborah Brooks, Kathleen A. Cowie, Ryan & Maureen Edney, Joseph L. Holt, Cheryl J. Peckenpaugh, Marcia R. Reefe, and Jeffrey L. Shoemaker

July

Jana Asher, Gregory & Diane Bretz, Tom Green, Orie Good, Kenneth Hanula, and Patricia A. Hudson, Lawrence Janicki, Richard & Christine Powers, John Tilden

August

Josephine Mercantini Bocci

Join Us for Walk 93 on October 12!

Walk 93 is back! Join the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial on October 12 as we walk in remembrance of the 40 passenger and crew members of Flight 93. This public walk raises awareness about Flight 93 National Memorial and will support landscaping to complete the original memorial design.

Participants will experience the memorial's 2.28-mile Allée during a ranger-led walk that takes walkers over the Wetlands Bridge, down to the Wall of Names and up the Western Overlook Trail. Rangers and event staff will offer insight into the architectural design of the memorial, the living memorial landscape and sustainable initiatives at Flight 93 including the memorial groves, reforestation and the pollinator project.

Continuing the tradition from previous years, participants may become a "team captain" to register walkers under their name as part of a friendly competition started by the Friends of Flight 93 Board of Directors. The walk will include opening remarks and a prize giveaway to this year's team captain winner. Pre-registered participants will receive 15% off any purchase in the Visitor Center Book Store while wearing their event t-shirt! You must register by October 1 to receive an event t-shirt.

Learn more about this 21st century historic event through special, event-day programming and build a connection with Flight 93 National Memorial while experiencing the natural beauty of the living memorial landscape. This walk is non-competitive and meant to encourage reflection about the events of September 11, 2001 while cultivating stewardship and friendship.

No bikes or recreational equipment are permitted on the trails. However, pets are permitted and encouraged to participate with their humans! We had quite a few furry friends walk with us last year, and are happy to have more join us for the walk this year.

If you would like to sponsor or donate to support the walk, please [contact the Friends here!](#)

Registration: www.Flight93Friends.org/walk-93

- Adults – \$25
- Youth – \$12 (ages 13-17)
- Children 12 and under walk for FREE!

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@FriendsFlight93 (Friends)

Instagram

@flight93_nps (NPS)

YouTube

Flight 93 National Memorial (NPS)



Siblings view the Tower of Voices - LHVB / @kimberlyrambush

Flag Day Dedication

On June 14, 2019 – Flag Day – a new flag pole was dedicated outside of the Visitor Center Complex next to the Flight Path.

The new feature was made possible through a generous donation from Susan M. Keller in memory of her husband.

During the dedication, a new flag was raised by rangers Renee Cockfield and Robert Franz, with assistance from Ambassadors Dawna Bates and Keller.

The pledge of allegiance was read along with a history of flag day and the U.S. flag. Afterwards, the original flag was lowered and folded before being presented to Keller as a gift.

The Friends and National Park Service are incredibly thankful for the gift that made this initiative possible.



Superintendent Steve Clark, Ranger Renee Cockfield, Ambassador Donna Bates, Ambassador and sponsor Susan Keller, Ranger Robert Franz / Dawna Bates



A new flag is dedicated outside the Visitor Center Complex on June 14, 2019, Flag Day / Dawna Bates

Trail of Remembrance

The trail to the temporary memorial site, officially named the **Trail of Remembrance**, has completed construction.

The Army Corps of Engineering was at the memorial for two weeks to help complete various projects in collaboration with the National Park Service, including the Trail of Remembrance.

The trail begins at the Memorial Plaza overflow lot and is approximately a half a mile in length.

The National Park Service is developing wayside signage to install along the trail path, as well as additional stone benches to be installed at a future date.

The trail will officially be dedicated in November 2019 in a formal ceremony.

Memories from the Memorial – Looking Back 2001 - 2011, a temporary exhibit in the Learning Center is open to the public on the weekends of August 31- September 1, and September 7-8 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

This exhibit illustrates the history of the Flight 93 temporary memorial, and displays include several items from the chain-link fence memorial including a sampling of memorial benches and flags, and a portion of the original memorial fencing. Visitors to the exhibit are welcome to sign a painted replica plywood board, similar to the one that guests would have viewed 18 years ago.

The exhibit includes photographs and oral histories from past Ambassadors, and interpretive panels on display to provide context regarding certain aspects of the exhibit, and to promote the newly completed Trail of Remembrance.

The July Speaker Series featured four Flight 93 Ambassadors. These volunteers worked at the different temporary memorial locations to the present permanent memorial. They shared stories on why they got involved with volunteering, some of their most memorable experiences to date, and shared stories on how much the memorial has developed since it's creation. The Speaker Series sessions were recorded and are in the process of being uploaded to the Friends' website.

We look forward to the dedication of the trail this fall!

Home Grown Honey Available for Sale!

Over the past year, eight honey bee hives have been thriving on the memorial grounds. Now thanks to Summer Smiles Honey Farm, honey cultivated at Flight 93 National Memorial is available for sale!

With surplus honey continuing to be harvested, Summer Smiles Honey Farm will be selling the honey from their [shop on the farm](#).

Our honey is truly RAW honey, meaning it has not been heated, filtered, or strained. It has been extracted using centrifugal force, being spun out of the beeswax combs, then simply bottled. You will know our honey is raw due to it containing small pieces of the beeswax cappings that hold the honey in the cells. This is safe to eat and simply delicious!

All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Flight 93 and will go back to support the pollinator project.

The honey cultivation is made possible thanks to Powdermill Nature Reserve and Summer Smiles Honey Farm.

Limited quantities are available and we will announce when more honey is bottled so you can pick up your jar!



Bee hive installation last year / Powdermill Nature Reserve



Flight 93 Honey Jars / Summer Smiles Honey Farm

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Switchback Trail to Wall of Names / Brenda Torrey

