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WALK 93 CONTINUES ITS MISSION TO HELP COMPLETE FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL'S DESIGN

SOMERSET, PA – For the fifth year in a row, Walk 93 will be hosted by the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial on Saturday, October 12. Walk 93 will start at a later time this year beginning at 10 AM.

Pets are welcome to join their pet families at the memorial walk. Pre-registered participants will be offered 15% off any purchase in the Visitor Center Book Store when wearing the 2019 event t-shirt. You must register by October 1 to receive a Walk 93 t-shirt. Registration is open and participants can register online at www.Flight93Friends.org/walk-93.

In past years, the walk has raised funds for a special project designated by the National Park Service. Starting this year, the walk will fundraise annually to support completion of the original memorial design of Flight 93 National Memorial which includes future connections to the September 11th National Memorial Trail, as well as benches, trail development, tree planting, grove maintenance and more.

Continuing a tradition that began in 2017, 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. A special prize will be handed out during opening remarks to this year's team captain winner. Alternatively, individuals may support the walk remotely as a *virtual walker* by donating the \$25 registration fee on the registration page.

Participants will experience the memorial's 2.28-mile Allée during a ranger-led walk 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. The immersive program will include interpretive stops along the trail to tell the story of the 40 brave passengers and crew members. This walk is non-competitive and meant to encourage reflection about the events of September 11, 2001. Title sponsors for this year's walk include FedEx Ground, Donna Gibson and UPMC Health Plan. Sponsorship inquiries may be directed to brooke_neel@partner.nps.gov.

The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial are asking the community to join them and *walk to remember* on October 12. This event is a way to pay tribute to the 40 Heroes, raise awareness and

foster volunteerism, membership and stewardship at the memorial.

ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official non-profit partner of Flight 93 National Memorial. The Friends focus on awareness, education, volunteer support, preservation and stewardship. The Friends of Flight 93 is a registered 501 (c)(3) organization, donations to which are tax deductible. The Friends is an approved educational improvement tax credit organization (EITC). Donations received through the EITC program allow us to continue our mission and expand our programming to reach more students from low to moderate income school districts by providing grade levels 4-12 transportation to take part in immersive, educational programs. To learn more about the Friends, make a donation to support the memorial, or become a member visit www.Flight93Friends.org.

ABOUT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

On September 24, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Flight 93 National Memorial Act. The Act created a new national park unit to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our nation's capital. The memorial is near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where Flight 93 crashed with the loss of its forty passengers and crew. For more information on Flight 93 National Memorial visit www.nps.gov/flni.

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