

FIELDNOTES

A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever



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Meeting of the Membership

The annual Friends of Flight 93 Membership Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 AM EDT**. [Register to attend](#) the virtual gathering today!

We will gather virtually for election of new board directors, and updates on annual programs, projects and accomplishments, as well as direct support of the National Park Service. This meeting is a chance to reflect on the past year while looking forward to the new year ahead as we approach the 20th Observance of September 11, 2001 in 2021.

It has been a year full of challenges for us all, and we are proud to share how the Friends worked to meet these challenges. [Program dues must be current to participate in the annual meeting.](#) Pins will be mailed for those members who reach 5 or 10 years of membership with the Friends.

The **Volunteer Spotlight** returns! We want to showcase YOUR contributions to the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial because we wouldn't be the same without YOU – our volunteers! Interested in submitting your volunteer story, or nominating a fellow volunteer for recognition? You can submit a story to be included in a future Volunteer Spotlight by [clicking here!](#) We will feature a new volunteer on social media and quarterly in the Field

Welcome New Members!

June

Marie-Louise G. Ingersoll,
Scott Goldsmith, Marion Derrickson,
Matthew Bald, Carol Love

July

Sarah Abrams, Jean Julian

August

James Gindlesperger, Andrea Consiglio,
Kathleen Yarnick, Susan Sarka

September

Alana Massey, Sunshine Hugill,
Marlane J. Figurski, William R. Edwards, Lisa
Kristin Soren, Sean Roycroft, John McLouth,
George Chobany, Teresa Doan, Ronald Elvebak,
Elio Esquivel, J. Eli Felicitas, Jonette Ferris, Erin
Gagnon, Linda Hines, Edward Lloyd, Jean Mul-
roney, Lisa Russell, Debra Thrasher, Matthew
Whelton, Austin Ayers, Eric Dawoudi,
Erin Mender, Jim Perich

You can stay engaged as a member of the Friends of Flight 93 and supporter of Flight 93 National Memorial in honor of the 40 passenger and crew members by [donating](#), [joining](#), opting-in to our email list and following us on our social media channels. We look forward to connecting with you in person again soon!

Education Corner

<https://www.flight93friends.org/plan-your-visit/education>

Teacher feedback surveys are being collected this fall school semester to gain insightful knowledge of how the new education resources and activities are being received and utilized by teachers and students as we approach next year's 20th commemoration of 9/11. Thus far, an Educator Outreach survey to public educators in 16 counties has received over 60 responses. This survey was concise but asked crucial questions for the future of our education programs. Teachers and administrators from approximately 45 districts responded and provided critical information on the pandemic's drastic changes to education. Approximately 66% of those districts responding to the survey DO NOT include the topic of September 11, 2001, as part of the district-mandated curriculum. We learned the top five most widely used platforms for digital and virtual learning, and we have an excellent listing of what teachers could use in their classrooms in terms of activities and lessons as it pertains to Flight 93. Although only eight questions in length, this survey's results are compelling and eye-opening.

The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial are offering complimentary live video presentations about 9/11 and the story of Flight 93. This new program, titled the 9/11 Classroom Speaker Series, entails a 10-15 minute presentation by a 9/11 Friends presenter. Following the presenter will be a 5-10 minute Q&A session where students can ask the 9/11 community member any questions on the story of Flight 93 and larger 9/11 events. In preparation for the presentation, students are to complete at least three of the six Educational Resource Activities developed in the spring of 2020. Seven teachers have already expressed interest in participating with their students! We look forward to launching the program this fall school semester.

The Distance Learning Studio is installed! NPS Education Program Specialist Gregory Zaborowski has already been delivering educational programs to schools that would never have the ability to visit the memorial due to district restrictions or location. This studio uses state of the art technology to broadcast education programs directly to school classrooms. The Friends will be trained to use the studio and look forward to collaborating with NPS on future distance learning events.

The curriculum for the Pollinator Program is well underway. Digital photo galleries and information pages for more than 60 species of bees are developed and being built-out for our website! Lesson plan objectives and descriptions for ten lessons focused on grades 3-6 are currently [available on our website](#) and available to teachers. Additional activities and tasks are under development for students of both younger and older ages as well. The Friends look to expand education focused around the Pollinator Program to introduce kids as young as preschool to the Flight 93 living memorial landscape, and why we honor the 40 passengers and crew members in an age-appropriate way.

Website enhancements are being made to the Friends website, including our education pages. The Education and Pollinator Program pages will be upgraded with a more user-friendly interface and information layouts, including new photo information grids on the bee species at the memorial.

We can't wait to showcase the new Friends website and all the new content to improve education outreach.

Virtual Programs & Events



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September 11 Observance – The Flight 93 partners hosted the Nineteenth Observance of 9/11 on September 11, 2020. At the request of the Families of Flight 93 and in compliance with PA public health guidelines, the observance was held privately and was virtually streamed worldwide thanks to EarthCam. This year’s program included remarks by Ed Root, cousin of Flight Attendant Lorraine G. Bay and Families of Flight 93 Vice President, Secretary of Interior David L. Bernhardt, and President Donald Trump.



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Live from the Hives – The Video Series Continues!

The inside look into our Pollinator Program will continue this fall, including videos from the Flight 93 hives to get an inside look at the honey excavation process! Last year, the hives produced over 400 pounds of honey and we are looking forward to this year’s video to showcase the central process in beekeeping. You can find the Live from the Hives video series on our Facebook page at facebook.com/Flight93Friends.



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Volunteer Spotlight – Flag Flyers

Flag flying was delayed this year due to the national health crisis. Approximately 200 flags were flown in July and August by the hands of a very few members. We would like to thank Gayle Armagost, MaryLou Critz, Scott Scherer, Robert Clites and Landen Meyers for safely helping us fly flags these past few months. Your dedication to flag flying is very much appreciated and valued!

How can you support the Friends during this time?

Your support means our mission can continue to prosper. Looking for ways to support the Friends’ education and outreach initiatives during this time? **Donate online at flight93friends.org** and give as you are able. Your community needs you now more than ever so that we may continue to reach the next generation of stewards with the Flight 93 story of courage and resilience.

How can you stay connected during this time?

Make sure we have your email address to receive email updates and our quarterly newsletter. You can email info@flight93nationalmemorial.org to opt-in to our digital communications. Also, be sure to follow the Friends on social media including our Facebook page at facebook.com/Flight93Friends and Twitter account [@friendsflight93!](https://twitter.com/friendsflight93)

Have You Heard the Chimes?

On September 10, the final 40 chimes were re-dedicated at the Tower of Voices during a small, private ceremony with the Families of Flight 93, Friends of Flight 93 and the National Park Service.



The chimes were delivered in late August and installed shortly before the 19th Observance. The new chimes were fabricated and installed by Arch Production and Design located in

New York. Take a look at the image to the right to see an up-close-look at how the chimes hang and what the final design looks like.

Following the re-dedication, a lighting ceremony took place for a special tribute light (made of 40 individual lights to honor the Flight 93 passengers and crew members) that beamed over Flight 93 National Memorial the evening of September 10-11. The tribute light was generously donated by the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation and for the first time in history, connected all three 9/11 attack sites through the tribute in light for the annual observance. The last image on the right showcases what the tribute light looked like. The light beam could be seen for up to 60 miles and shown 20,000 feet into the night sky. The NPS natural resources team was on hand to monitor bird, bat and insect migrations and any impact the light might have. As a precaution, the light was temporarily turned off every hour to mitigate any migratory impact.

You can watch a livestream of the chimes re-dedication ceremony and the 19th Observance of September 11, 2001 if you missed the live broadcast earlier this month. Visit our Programs + Events page to find the archived video. And, be sure to visit our Webcam page to see an updated 10-year time-lapse of the memorial's construction and the live webcam of the Tower of Voices.

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