

# FIELDNOTES

*A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever*



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## Public Health Alert

We hope that you and your family are well during these uncertain times! The Friends of Flight 93 and Flight 93 National Memorial have been deeply affected over the past month, in ways that you might not know about, so we are compiling updates for you below on how we are adjusting operations during the ongoing national health crisis. First, due to the ongoing risk of the coronavirus (Covid-19) and decisions made by state and federal authorities, the memorial gates are temporarily closed. Please check the National Park Service's Flight 93 National Memorial website for updates: <https://www.nps.gov/flni>.

The National Park Service has canceled spring volunteer training and postponed our largest annual volunteer event, Plant A Tree at Flight 93, until 2021. The Friends has postponed plans to host a Northeast Regional Friends Alliance Conference as well as our May Speaker Series. All school field trips to the memorial have been postponed or cancelled due to PA schools closing for the remainder of the year. We do not want students or the public to miss out on experiencing the memorial or learning the Flight 93 story of courage. We are working to make the National Park Services virtual tour video of the memorial available to schools and groups that are not able to make an in-person visit. The online tour, along with education materials and outreach efforts being sent directly to teachers and school district administrators, will help carry forth the message of the memorial and allow the Friends to serve our schools, our communities and eventually millions of Americans across the country. I'm sure you agree that the Flight 93 story of resilience is especially important right now.

Young people who have never experienced a national crisis are understandably concerned about how current events will affect them and their futures. But great challenges also present great opportunities – and this is where your help comes in as the Friends are shifting to provide online education and outreach opportunities. We hope you'll join us in supporting our transition during this time. 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](#), and 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!

### Welcome New Members!

#### December

Ernie Grush,  
Michael Quackenbush, Jerilyn Atkinson

#### February

Ian Dolinich, Becky Flyte, Linda Pepper, Jackie Piccini, Hilleary Price, Michael O'Toole, Pamela Ciosek, Joseph Barbaccia, Anne B. Alexander

#### March

George Tarasi, Ann Hendricks, Virginia Dempsey,  
Vickie Powell, Don and Jackie Uphouse

Dues reminders are sent monthly to members. If you'd like to renew your membership, or gift a membership, visit

[flight93friends.org/join-us/join-today](https://flight93friends.org/join-us/join-today).

# Creating Digital Education and Outreach Opportunities



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With annual programs like Plant a Tree at Flight 93 postponed until 2021, there is a unique opportunity for the Friends to create online learning tools and activities that directly educate and engage the public outside of the memorial. Our staff is working around the clock remotely to rapidly develop new educational materials that can be shared online with the thousands of Pennsylvania students whose school year ended indefinitely last month and will not be able to visit Flight 93 National Memorial with their class this year.

The Friends will work with our regional school district contacts to disseminate virtual education materials to teachers to share with students at home. We don't want them to miss experiencing the memorial or learning the Flight 93 story. So, we are developing reading lists for children and adults, and directing teachers to the National Park Services online virtual tour of the memorial for schools and other groups who are not able to visit in person, as well as creating online learning tools for both students and the public. These tools include resources and activities for students, teachers, and parents as a way to continue sharing the story of Flight 93. Activities include a resource and lesson on the story of Flight 93 followed by short, mini-activities to engage students in grade levels 4-12. These specific activities are designed to work either digitally or paper-based, depending on the education continuity plans for school districts. Each activity includes class discussion questions that use the themes of courage and resilience to connect the story of Flight 93 with what we are all experiencing today.

Flight 93 National Memorial can help teach our children one of the most important lessons of all – that no matter what befalls our country, we can and will pull through together as Americans. We will triumph over adversity, because we have done it before. New heroes will emerge, just as they did on that fateful flight on September 11, 2001. That's a good reminder for all of us, young or old!

## How can you support the Friends during this time?

While our physical doors may be closed, your support means this important work can continue. Looking for ways to support the Friends' education and outreach mission during this time? Donate online at [flight93friends.org/donate](https://flight93friends.org/donate) 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, our quarterly newsletter, messages from the Friends' staff and board, and more. You can email [info@flight93nationalmemorial.org](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/Flight93Friends) and Twitter account [@friendsflight93!](https://twitter.com/friendsflight93)



## Welcome Danielle Miller

We are so pleased to introduce our members to the Friends of Flight 93 Learning Center Coordinator Mrs. Danielle Miller. Mrs. Miller is the Friends' education specialist who joined the team at the beginning of the year on January 2. She is focused on educational programming development and outreach, and works side-by-side with the National Park Service Education Specialist. Mrs. Miller brings with her an extensive educational background both in and out of the classroom. With her undergraduate work in elementary education, she completed her masters work at Gannon University, earning her M. Ed. with a specialization in Curriculum and Instruction. Always a fan of being the student, she has pursued some doctoral work along the same specialization.

Certified to teach grades K-8, with a specialization in middle school mathematics, Mrs. Miller has taught at various schools over the years. These schools include Westmont Hilltop, Penn Cambria, and Ferndale Area. She also spent seven years in collegiate education, teaching in the education department at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and in the mathematics departments at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. Outside of school walls, Mrs. Miller has both worked and volunteered in nonprofit education in the past. She spent four years with the Johnstown Area Heritage Association during the development of the Children's Discovery Museum. The education framework document for the CDM is Mrs. Miller's work. She was intimately involved in the education programs developed for the Johnstown Flood Museum, Heritage Discovery Center, and for the Inclined Plane.

We are excited to develop more comprehensive educational programming that will enhance the National Park Service's 4-12 interpretive programming that has been established over the past few years. This will include working in collaboration on new distance learning curriculums that can be employed across the nation and worldwide. Additional programming will focus on youth education and outreach, including STEM initiatives, as well as facilitating programming to home schools, scout groups, children's summer camps and teacher accreditation opportunities as well as enhancing adult education like the Speaker Series.

If you would like to learn more about the current education opportunities offered at Flight 93 National Memorial you may visit the Friends of Flight 93' [Education page here](#). We are accepting applications for fall 2020 field trips.

## Speaker Series

While the May Speaker Series has been postponed, the Friends plan to continue with our annual education programs this summer. Mark your calendars for the following event dates with speakers to be announced soon: June 20-21, July 18-19, and August 15-16. All programs are free of charge and take place in the Flight 93 National Memorial Learning Center. If you or your company is interested in supporting the Friends and its education programs, e-mail [info@flight93nationalmemorial.org](mailto:info@flight93nationalmemorial.org) for sponsorship opportunities.

Please continue to check the Friends' [Programs + Events](#) page as we approach the scheduled program dates for updates. Although traditionally the series is held at the memorial, the Friends are exploring offering the series using video conference for everyone's health and safety.



# All about the Pollinators



We have some great news to share! All eight honey bee hives are thriving since last winter!

The hives are cared for by Summer Smiles Honey Farm in Stoystown, PA, who have been beekeeping for 17 years.

The hives have built up not only in population, but also their precious beeswax combs, in which they habituate. The queen lays the eggs and the hard working foraging bees stow away their food supply: the nectar and pollen of flowers.

As a result, for the first time last year we were able to extract honey which was sold through Summer Smiles Honey Farm. The hives made a surplus of just over 400 pounds of honey! There are now surplus honey boxes on a few hives to catch some additional honey to cultivate this spring.

You'll see pictures on this page from the most recent hive inspections. Summer Smiles Honey Farm continues to post pictures and videos to demonstrate and educate their followers on the importance of the bee population, and the ongoing care that takes place at the memorial.

The honey is harvested, extracted, and bottled at the Summer Smiles farm. The honey is in the most pure form, labeling the honey as "raw" honey. Raw meaning it has never been heated, filtered or strained, so it will have the highest content of pollen, vitamins, minerals, and enzymes that make it medicinal. All sales are donated back to the Friends of Flight 93. To learn more about our beekeepers and purchase your jar of honey [contact Summer Smiles](#) Honey Farm.



**DONATE NOW**  
Join the Friends in supporting the mission of Flight 93 National Memorial by donating online:  
<http://www.flight93friends.org/donate>



**FLAG FLYING**  
While the memorial gates are currently closed, flag flying is still on our minds. Contact us at [info@flight93nationalmemorial.org](mailto:info@flight93nationalmemorial.org) if you are interested in volunteering to fly flags, and we will get back in touch with you once the memorial is open again to the public.



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