

# FIELDNOTES

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



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## 9/11 Partnership

The Flight 93 National Memorial Visitor Center is open to the public after being closed in response to the national health crisis that began in March. Please continue to check the National Park Service's website for updates before you plan a visit to the memorial at <https://www.nps.gov/flni/planyourvisit/vc.htm>.

Visitors are encouraged to follow state and federal safety guidelines, as well as CDC recommendations, to continue to socially distance and recreate responsibly when visiting the memorial.

The Friends will continue supporting the memorial and NPS programs such as the September 11 Observance over the upcoming weeks.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Observance of September 11, 2001, will take place at Flight 93 National Memorial on Friday, September 11, 2020. The Friends of Flight 93 are proud to be supporting the Family and Invited Guest registration, the musical guests, and various other support services to the National Park Service in honor of this year's 19<sup>th</sup> Observance.

As we near closer to September and the scheduled anniversary program, the Friends will continue to update our members and the public on the observance details and will share any public announcements from the National Park Service related to the September 11 Observance.

### Welcome New Members!

#### April

Michael Weidmann

#### May

Keith Newlin, Danielle D. Miller,  
Karen F. Delmonico

#### June

Scott Goldsmith, Marion Derrickson,  
Matthew Bald

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).

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!

# The Pollinator Project



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[flight93friends.org/programs-events/pollinator-program](https://flight93friends.org/programs-events/pollinator-program)

The Pollinator Project is an important environmental and educational initiative that will help the Friends develop science-based learning opportunities, as well as expand the scope of telling the story of Flight 93 to the next generation.

We are particularly grateful to the National Park Service for allowing the Friends and its partners to have the bee hives on site. The hives provide the public with a unique opportunity to learn about pollination and its value in restoring the memorial landscape at Flight 93 National Memorial in honor of the 40 passenger and crew members.

Over the summer, the Friends are continuing to develop new STEM and STEAM curriculum in partnership with Powdermill Nature Reserve and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History that will focus on the Pollinator Project, a new Native Bird Program, as well as the popular Plant a Tree at Flight 93 reforestation program. Educating the public about the importance of these subjects will help preserve the memorial for future generations and open new funding opportunities for the Friends.

These educational activities and programs will reach children as young as pre-K to fifth grade. The activities and programs currently in the design phase are being strongly geared with digital learning in mind, due to the unknown situation for the upcoming school year. While these activities will all have the capability to be completed on-site at Flight 93 National Memorial, all activities (including instructions, resources, and supply lists) will be available to teachers across the nation via the Friends' website. This has the added advantage to teachers leading a field trip to the memorial as they will be able to truly prepare their students for the visit.

As a special part of the Pollinator Project, the Friends have created a page on our website dedicated to the pollinators. The Pollinator Program webpage will continue to grow to feature not only the information for the bee species that live at Flight 93 National Memorial, but also a picture of EACH species! Were you aware that the National Memorial is home to 63 species of bees? Keep your eyes on the website for that page to go live – the pictures of each species will amaze you!

In celebration of National Pollinator Week from June 22-28, the Friends of Flight 93 hosted a Facebook Live with beekeeper Darci Sanner of Summer Smiles Honey Farm on June 23. The video is posted on our [Facebook page](#) so you can learn more about the Pollinator Program and why it is so important to healing the memorial landscape in honor of the 40 passenger and crew members.

Continue to check back to the [Pollinator Program page](#) for further information on activities, resources on bee species and the memorial's wildflowers, and downloadable curriculum for classrooms!



# Upcomming Programs & Events

## Virtual Speaker Series

The Friends annual lecture series will take place via video conference for viewers to attend from anywhere across the globe. On July 23 at 7 PM EDT, we will welcome Flight 93 family members Ed Root and Emily Schenkel who will be sharing stories about their loved one, flight attendant Lorraine G. Bay. [Register for this month's program here https://bit.ly/2Or6PdD](https://bit.ly/2Or6PdD).

On August 20 at 7 PM EDT we will speak live with Tony James, Federal Aviation Administration Air Safety Investigator and Investigator in Charge who responded to the Flight 93 crash site on September 11, 2001. All programs are free of charge and registration is available ahead of each program date on the [Friends' website](#).

If you or your company is interested in supporting the Friends and its education programs like the Speaker Series, e-mail [info@flight93nationalmemorial.org](mailto:info@flight93nationalmemorial.org) for sponsorship opportunities.

## Walk 93

The annual Walk 93 is scheduled to take place on October 10! Registration will open later this summer with the option to register to walk with us "virtually" in memory of the 40 passenger and crew members of Flight 93. The memorial walk is held every year in their honor to continue telling the story of Flight 93 to all generations.

Please know the Friends are developing plans in case the walk is not able to be held in person this fall. We will continue to communicate developments on Walk 93 as we approach October. We hope you will all walk with us.

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

Your support means our mission and important work can continue. Looking for ways to support the Friends' education and outreach initiatives 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)



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# Education Resources and Activities



The Friends of Flight 93 education resources and activities are available for download on our [Education page!](#)

These activities were sent to nearly 8,000 teachers in April and May as a resource for at home continuity education plans in response to the national health crisis.

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. Our educator mailing list continues to grow, and the Friends are now able to reach 16 counties directly surrounding the memorial in Western PA, with a reach of approximately 30% of school districts across the entire state. If you are a teacher, administrator or home schooling your kids and would like to be added to our education mailing list, please email [dmiller@flight93nationalmemorial.org](mailto:dmiller@flight93nationalmemorial.org).

The Friends educational lesson plans and activities will continue to be developed and updated, especially as we approach the September 11 observance date, and telling the story of Flight 93 to newer and younger audiences.

Developing this summer are STEM and STEAM curriculum plans that will integrate the Pollinator Project and a Native Bird Program with the story of Flight 93.

These two new programs give us an opportunity to educate younger audiences from pre-K to fifth grade, help them understand the memorial landscape, how and why it ties into the larger story of Flight 93 and the passenger and crew members, and expand our abilities to educate the next generation through science-based learning programs. As we continue to develop lesson plans for both in-classroom and virtual learning, we encourage you to check the Friends' website for updates on our education and outreach initiatives. We will be providing downloadable lesson plans as they are finalized. These specific activities are designed to work either digitally or paper-based, depending on the education continuity plans for your district.

## DONATE NOW

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



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## FLAG FLYING

The Friends have developed contactless guidelines for the volunteer flag flying activity.

Contact us at  
[info@flight93nationalmemorial.org](mailto:info@flight93nationalmemorial.org)  
for more information on  
volunteering and scheduling!

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