

FIELDNOTES

A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever



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Pennsylvania's EITC Program

Looking for a great way to donate? Learn more about Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program that will benefit your company while helping the Friends of Flight 93. The EITC program is a unique way for businesses to benefit and allow the Friends to continue its mission and expand educational programming on the story of Flight 93.

The Pennsylvania EITC program allows qualified businesses to donate their state tax dollars to an approved education organization like the Friends, and thus invest them in the education of Pennsylvania's youth. The state-run program provides qualified businesses with a 75% tax credit for donations to educational improvement organization like ours.

Your contribution will support the Friends work to educate today's generation of Americans born after 2001 about 9/11 and how Flight 93 ended the worst terrorist attack in US history. The Friends education programs support grade levels as young as Kindergarten to grades 3-12 and support Friends programming, including:

- Transportation Scholarship to Flight 93 National Memorial
- 9/11 and Flight 93 Classroom Program
- 9/11 Speaker Series and more!

Did you know?

Nearly one-fifth of the current U.S. population was born after the 9/11 attacks and are too young to remember the horrific events of that fateful day. The Friends' mission is to ensure that children born after 2001 have the opportunity to learn about how the events of 9/11 forever changed the future of their young lives by teaching the heroic stories of the passengers and crew members aboard Flight 93, and the importance of the memorial that will forever honor them.

Welcome New Members!

October

Lenore Siegler,
Cheryl M. Hill, Jimmy Grant, Barbara Witt

November

Joann & Richard Shaffer, Nancy Remaley,
John L. Fleming, USN (Ret),
Christopher M. Whelan

December

Phil and Shirley Perry,
Theresa, John and Vera Rudzik,
Rustin Glessner, Timothy O'Hara

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/.

For more information, visit: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/>.

Education Corner

The Friends' [Education webpage](#) looks a bit different these days! As we continue to develop new education activities, resources and lesson plans we will update this page with content and resources.

A special science-based Pollinator Curriculum for Kindergarten to grade 2 is now available online! While other grade levels are still in development, it is critical for this piece to be completed first. The goal of this piece is to introduce younger children to the memorial in an age-appropriate manner. Children are naturally curious and will ask questions about what they see around them, giving adults and staff the ability to tell the story of Flight 93 through the pollinators natural restoration of the crash site.



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As many districts utilize Google Classroom as their digital platform of choice with their students, the Friends have as well! All educational activities available on the website for download are also available in our Google Classroom – many with a twist! Students and teachers can use these activities and interact with Friends' staff through Google Classroom. As we continue to develop lessons and activities, we are excited to use Google Classroom to reach classrooms throughout the nation.

How can you support the Friends during this time?

Your support will help us continue to educate today's youth while we build education programs for tomorrow's generation. With less than nine months until the 20th commemoration of the 9/11 attacks and the endless pandemic, we need your help to keep our nation's promise. In the days, months, and years following 9/11, we promised to never forget the passengers and crew aboard Flight 93. Now 20 years later, we have a responsibility to share their story of resilience and courage with today's young generation. Help us keep our promise to Never Forget the passengers and crew members of Flight 93 by making a generous donation in their honor at www.911Flight93.org. We need your support now more than ever with the challenges of the pandemic and increasing numbers of young people who do not know the significance September 11, 2001 and how it shaped our nation forever.

How can you stay connected during this time?

We want to reach you with important education updates and memorial news. 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 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)



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Annual Giving

We've had an exciting and challenging year. As we approach 20 years since the worst terrorist attack in US history, we need your help to keep our nation's pledge to Never Forget. When people visit Flight 93 National Memorial, they remember where they were on September 11, 2001, and how they learned of the 9/11 attacks.

However, today's youth have no memory of the day that changed America forever. The day when the brave and selfless acts of 40 individuals ended the 9/11 attacks, saving the lives of thousands in the US Capitol building, home to the United States Congress and the heart of our democracy. The Friends' mission is to educate today's young generation, ensuring the story of Flight 93 is never forgotten and remains an inspiration to all.

Our goal is to provide worldwide access for educators and students to learn about 9/11 and the story of the 40 passengers and crew members aboard Flight 93 through a variety of ways, including:

9/11 Flight 93 Classroom Program

Our mission is focused on education and the preservation of Flight 93 National Memorial for future generations. The 9/11 Flight 93 Classroom Program provides education resource activities for teachers conducting classes in-person or remotely. We have already distributed more than 100,000 copies of these activities to over 8,000 educators throughout Pennsylvania. To complement this program, this fall we introduced the 9/11 Classroom Speaker Series. This unique, interactive video presentation program gives students the opportunity, in-classroom or at home, to meet key representatives within the 9/11 community, to hear their personal stories and ask them questions. If you are an educator and wish to join our distribution list, please send us an email!

Environmental Education

Our Pollinator Program continues to grow! The Live from the Hives Facebook video series focuses on eight honey bee hives located at the memorial that house over 500,000 bees as part of a cross-pollination project. The Pollinator Program webpage offers new pollinator lesson plans and activities for students as young as kindergarten to introduce them to the Flight 93 living memorial landscape, and why we honor the 40 passengers and crew members in an age-appropriate way. Additionally, we are developing a dedicated information page about native bee species and how the bees have helped restore the Flight 93 crash site to its natural state. This environmental education program partners with the Nimick Forbesway Foundation, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and Powdermill Nature Reserve.

How You Can Help

We are excited for what the future holds, but there is still much to be done! None of these new programs would be possible without the generous support of our donors. The Friends depend on contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations to help us educate today's generation about 9/11 and the story of Flight 93. Your support ensures that today's young generation understands of the historic significance of what happened, HERE, on 9/11, in western Pennsylvania. If you have not yet had an opportunity to support this important work, we hope you will consider donating to the Friends of Flight 93 by clicking [here to donate online](#).

The Friends of Flight 93 and the 9/11 families involved in the Friends remain grateful for your shared commitment to honor the 40 passenger and crew members of Flight 93. We hope we can count on your support!



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Welcome New Directors!

The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial are pleased to welcome Flight 93 Family Member, LTC Christopher M. Whelan and Ms. Salene Mazur Kraemer to the organization’s Board of Directors. The new directors bring leadership and legal experience that will help expand the organization’s education programs and reach as the Friends prepare for the 20th commemoration of the 9/11 attacks in 2021.

Lieutenant Colonel Whelan, an Instructor for the Command and General Staff School, is second cousin of Richard Guadagno, former US Fish and Wildlife Service officer and Flight 93 passenger. LTC Whelan joins Flight 93 Family members’ Jody Greene and Emily Schenkel on the Board of Directors.

Ms. Mazur Kraemer is a Partner with Bernstein-Burkley Attorneys at Law. Based in Pittsburgh, PA the firm concentrates in bankruptcy and restructuring, business and corporate transactions, litigation, and real estate, and oil and gas.

The Friends of Flight 93 Board is led by President Donna Gibson and officers of the board include Vice President Fred Lukachinsky, Treasurer David Finui, Secretary Sheena Baker and Assistant Secretary Tom Rooney.

The Friends are grateful to retiring board members Dr. Mary Margaret Kerr and Mr. Tom McMillan who led education advancement with the Friends for many years. Dr. Kerr is a Professor with the University of Pittsburgh and co-chaired the Education Committee that supported the Flight 93 Oral History Program, Flight 93 National Memorial Junior Ranger Program and other special projects. Mr. McMillan is an historian and author of the book *Flight 93: The Story, the Aftermath, and the Legacy of American Courage on 9/11*. Mr. McMillan served on the Speaker Series Committee that supported the in-person and now virtual lecture series where he facilitated programs at the memorial and regularly presented on the story of Flight 93.

If you would like to learn more about the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, our education programs, or find up-to-date news, visit Flight93Friends.org.

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911Flight93.org

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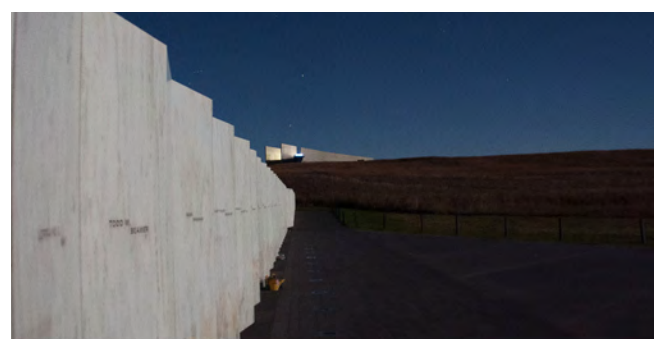


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