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The Friends of Flight 93 Announces New Executive Director

Shanksville, PA – 6/29/22 The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial has experienced change in the organization and the board. The Friends of Flight 93 announces a new leadership structure.

After serving over 11 years as a volunteer ambassador for the National Park Service at Flight 93 National Memorial, and six years as a Friends board member (one year as the Friends Vice President and three years as the President); Donna Gibson opted out of her last three-year board term to accept the Executive Director position. In this new role, she will oversee day-to-day operations of the Friends organization, as well as lead the organization's partnership and fundraising efforts.

Additionally, Fred Lukachinsky, who has been part of the board with the Friends of Flight 93 and is the newly appointed Board President, states *"We are grateful for Donna's exemplary results and outstanding leadership while serving on the board. Our organization is in tremendous shape as we look forward to supporting this incredible memorial and educating new generations of people on the heroic events that transpired on United 93."*

Directors joining President Fred on the Executive Committee are Emily Schenkel as Vice President, David Finui as Treasurer, and Tom Rooney as Secretary.

Prior to accepting the Friends position, Ms. Gibson was a Vice President at First National Bank, headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. She retired at the end of 2021 with over 30 years in the banking industry. With the acceptance of this position, her career has come full circle. In 1982, Gibson was hired as the first Director of the Windber Healthcare Foundation now known as Chan Soon-Shong Medical Center. Gibson led the efforts to build the current Hospice Unit and among other projects she founded the Windber Spirit Classic, a golf outing now in its 36th year.

"I am honored by the board's confidence in my leadership. After serving 11 years as a volunteer and six years in a leadership role, I have an intimate knowledge of the commitment necessary to support this National Memorial. I look forward to collaborating with the team to continue the forward movement of this organization."

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ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official nonprofit partner of Flight 93 National Memorial. The Friends' aim is to inform, honor and pay tribute to the heroes of Flight 93 by supporting the Memorial with volunteers and resources. The Friends' mission is to focus on awareness, education, volunteer support, preservation, and stewardship. To learn more about the Friends, make a donation to support the memorial, or become a member visit www.Flight93Friends.org.