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## Flight 93 Family Member Lorne Lyles to Speak On June 16-17 at Flight 93 National Memorial

**Shanksville, PA:** Lorne Lyles, a Flight 93 family member who received a phone call from the hijacked plane on September 11, 2001, will be the featured guest at the Flight 93 Speaker Series on June 16-17 at Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County.

Lorne's wife, CeeCee Ross Lyles, was a flight attendant on Flight 93.

In the flight's final minutes, with hijackers in control of the plane, CeeCee called Lorne at their home in Florida to express her love, and inform him that passengers were mounting a counter-attack and attempting to break into the cockpit.

The programs are scheduled for 12 pm and 2 pm on Saturday, June 16 and 1 pm on Sunday, June 17. They will be held at the memorial's Learning Center and are free to the public

Now in its second year, the Flight 93 Speaker Series is a joint effort of the National Park Service and the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. This is the second of four such events on weekends throughout the summer, presented by Somerset Trust.

Additional Flight 93 Speaker Series events are planned in July and August:

*July 21, 22* – Tim Lambert, who owned land at the crash site, and Dennis Roddy, who covered the Flight 93 story for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, will give their unique perspectives on the event and its aftermath. Lambert and his family owned the hemlock trees that are such a prominent part of the memorial's story; he also is a Harrisburg-based radio reporter who reported from the site. Roddy wrote and helped to oversee much of the Post-Gazette's award-winning coverage.

*August 18-19* – Cleveland-based air traffic controller John Werth, who monitored Flight 93 when it crossed into Ohio, and was the first person on the ground to realize that the flight had been hijacked, will be the featured speaker. He will be joined by Mal Fuller, who oversaw the air traffic control tower in nearby Pittsburgh. Fuller has been a board member of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial.

For more information on the Speaker Series or other events at Flight 93 National Memorial visit <http://www.flight93friends.org/programs-events/overview>.

### **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](http://www.Flight93Friends.org).

### **ABOUT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL**

On September 24, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Flight 93 National Memorial Act. The Act created a new national park unit to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our nation's capital. The memorial is near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where Flight 93 crashed with the loss of its 40 passengers and crew. For more information on Flight 93 National Memorial visit [www.nps.gov/flni](http://www.nps.gov/flni).

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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