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Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial and National Park Service Celebrate Earth Day and National Volunteer Week with a Collaborative Service Project

Shanksville, PA — In honor of **Earth Day** and **National Volunteer Week**, Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial and the National Park Service will host a unique volunteer service project focused on enhancing the Memorial's landscape as preparations continue for the **25-Year Observance of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks**.

On **April 24, 2026**, volunteers from **FedEx – Pittsburgh, Leonardo DRS – Johnstown, NCDMM – Export, Somerset Trust Company – Somerset, and JLG Corporation – Bedford** will come together at Flight 93 National Memorial for a day of service rooted in remembrance, stewardship, and community partnership.

Volunteers will assist with **mulching trees along the Allee Trail**, a prominent and symbolic landscape feature that guides visitors through the memorial toward the Memorial Plaza and the Wall of Names. This work supports the long-term health of the Memorial's trees and ensures the landscape reflects the dignity and honor deserved by the **40 heroic passengers and crew members of United Flight 93**.

"As we prepare for the 25-Year Observance, caring for this landscape is an important way to honor the courage and sacrifice demonstrated here," said Colleen Curry, Chief, Resource Management Division, National Parks of Western Pennsylvania. "Volunteer partners play a vital role in preserving the Memorial as a place of reflection, resilience, and unity."

This Earth Day and National Volunteer Week project highlights the shared commitment of public and private partners to environmental stewardship and service in a place of national significance.

"The Allée Trail represents a journey of remembrance and hope," said Donna Gibson, Executive Director, Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. "By serving together, our volunteers help ensure that the Memorial remains a powerful tribute for generations to come."

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ABOUT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

On September 24, 2002, Congress passed 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 Sept. 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives, thereby thwarting a planned attack on our nation's capital. The memorial is outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where Flight 93 crashed with the loss of its 40 passengers and crew. For more information about Flight 93 National Memorial, please visit www.nps.gov/flni.

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. As Friends of Flight 93, we welcome worldwide all who would join us in honoring the sacrifice and courage of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 by supporting the mission of the Flight 93 National Memorial with volunteers, resources, and civic engagement, so as to inspire all who visit with the Flight 93 story. Visit www.flight93friends.org to learn more about Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial.