



## FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 ANNOUNCE NEW LEARNING CENTER COORDINATOR

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**Stoystown, PA** – The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is pleased to welcome Sarah Vannatta as the organization’s new Learning Center Coordinator.

In her position with the Friends, Vannatta will be responsible for delivery of educational programming which achieves the mission of the Friends and is approved by the National Park Service (NPS), marketing the educational programs and the Learning Center, and preparing education related promotional materials.

Vannatta brings 17 years of education experience to this position. Previously, she has prepared curriculum development and writing that aligned with both state and national standards for use in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth on topics such as the potato, coal, home mortgages for high schoolers, and personal finance for primary age students. Additionally, she has presented at national and state conferences, and trained nearly 1,200 teachers in educational programs.

The Learning Center Coordinator is a new position for the organization, and was added because of an increased demand for educational programming at the memorial in coordination with the NPS Education Program Specialist. Over 4,000 students were educated in grade levels 4-12 through September of this year alone.

“The further we get from the events of September 11, 2001, the more important it is that we maintain the relevance of the Flight 93 story and the 40 passenger and crew members for future generations,” says Donna Gibson, president of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial.

“Working in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Friends now have the capacity to be able to reach audiences we may not have reached in the past. For example - children who are home schooled, scouting groups, school groups who may not have known about the educational opportunities available on site at the memorial.”

The Friends aim to make a series of programming available for teachers to access online for their classrooms. “With Sarah in this new position, not only will we be able to expand our outreach,

we also envision the ability to access more funding sources to help us achieve our vision of making the story relevant for generations to come,” says Gibson.

If you would like to learn more about the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, the board committees, volunteering or to donate visit [www.Flight93Friends.org](http://www.Flight93Friends.org). If you would like to apply for transportation funding to take part in an education program at the memorial, visit <https://www.flight93friends.org/plan-your-visit/apply-for-transportation-funding>.

#### **ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL**

Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official nonprofit supporting partner of Flight 93 National Memorial. The Friends focus on awareness, education, volunteer support, preservation, and stewardship. The Friends of Flight 93 is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit, donations to which are tax deductible. 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).

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