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FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 TO HOST POLLINATOR PROJECT FACEBOOK LIVE

SOMERSET, PA – In celebration of Pollinator Week from June 22-28, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial will be hosting a Facebook Live on Tuesday, June 23 at 3:00 p.m. EDT to showcase its Pollinator Project in partnership with Flight 93 National Memorial. Join us as we speak to you live from the hives at Flight 93 National Memorial on the Friends' Facebook channel at facebook.com/Flight93Friends.

National Pollinator Week is a time to celebrate pollinators and learn about what you can do to protect them. The Friends of Flight 93 Pollinator Project is an environmental and educational initiative that focuses on cross pollination of native pollinators by honey bees.

The live event will feature the Friends' Learning Center Coordinator Danielle Miller and beekeeper Darci Sanner of Summer Smiles Honey Farm who will highlight why pollinators are so important to our food channels and ecosystems while giving viewers an inside look at the Flight 93 hives, including the queens, bee colonies, and maintaining the eight hives that house over 500,000 bees.

Flight 93 National Memorial is a former surface coal mine. The bees help to restore the memorial grounds and the crash site to its pre-mining, natural state, which is now considered sacred ground and the final resting place of the 40 passenger and crew members. The Pollinator Project will help ensure that the natural habitats and ecosystems at the memorial are sustainably reestablished. The project also helps create a living memorial landscape that will continue to honor Flight 93 for generations to come.

Wildflowers play an important role across the memorial landscape. To further assist with the cross pollination, last year a new one-acre wildflower garden was cultivated at the memorial thanks to the generous support of Powdermill Nature Reserve and the Garden Club of

Allegheny County. In addition, the hives also help the Friends' Plant a Tree at Flight 93 reforestation project by restoring the natural ecosystem through cross pollination in honor of the 40 passenger and crew members.

If you would like to learn more about the Friends of Flight 93 Pollinator Project please visit www.flight93friends.org/programs-events/pollinator-program.

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 National Memorial 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.

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