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Friends of Flight 93 Hosting "Walk 93" to Support Trails at National Memorial

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. – The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial and Leadership Somerset County are asking the community to join them on September 26, for Walk 93, an inaugural memorial walk at Flight 93 National Memorial. Proceeds from Walk 93 will fund the building and maintenance of trails at the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Participants will experience the memorial's newly-opened Visitor Center from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and at 9 a.m., begin to walk the 2.28-mile Allée Walkway, Wetlands Bridge, and Western Overlook Trail. The walk is non-competitive. Registered walkers will enjoy different perspectives of the Memorial in the early morning light as well as a spectrum of autumn colors that highlight Flight 93 in the fall season. The walk will encourage reflection about the events of September 11, 2001 and create awareness about the 40 passengers and crew members of Flight 93.

Stephen Clark, Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania National Parks, shares his excitement about this new Friends event. "Walk 93 will highlight one of our new experiences at Flight 93 National Memorial; the trails. The Friends support in raising awareness about the trails and providing financial support for their continued maintenance and development is invaluable," said Clark. "We want both current and future visitors to experience this memorial landscape."

Registration opens July 13. Participants can register online at <u>www.Flight93Friends.org/programs-events/</u> or complete and mail the attached registration form with payment to Walk 93, P.O. Box 911, Shanksville, PA 15560.

The registration fee for adults age 18 and older is \$25, youth age 13-17, \$12, and children 12 and under are free. Adults and youth receive a shirt with their registration. Children's shirts can be purchased for a small fee. Individuals and businesses can support Walk 93 by <u>donating</u> to the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, the official 501 c (3) nonprofit partner of Flight 93 National Memorial.

Individuals and businesses interested in becoming a sponsor or partner, or in donating items for the event, should contact Rebecca Kuzar, Executive Assistant for the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial at 814.893.6322, ext. 4, or rebecca_kuzar@partner.nps.gov.

ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official non-profit supporting partner of <u>Flight 93 National</u> <u>Memorial</u>. The Friends focus on awareness, education, volunteer support, preservation and stewardship. The Friends of Flight 93 is a registered 501 (c)3 organization, donations to which are tax deductible. The Friends of Flight 93 membership includes family and friends of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, people nationwide who have been inspired by these acts of courage, and many residents of Western Pennsylvania who want to be part of the Friends' mission in a hands-on way. To learn more about the Friends or to make a donation to support the memorial, visit <u>www.Flight93Friends.org</u>.

ABOUT LEADERSHIP SOMERSET COUNTY

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