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Hydration History is Back with “How Heartbreak Changed History”

Stoystown, PA: Come join us on Friday, Feb.15, at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of Johnstown Area Heritage Association’s Discovery Center building for another round of Hydration History, a night of fun-filled learning.

Presented by the Friends of Flight 93 in partnership with the National Western Parks of Pennsylvania and the Johnstown Area Heritage Association, the live-skit comedy event “How Heartbreak Changed History” is modeled after the popular TV series Drunk History. The event will feature six storytellers presenting short stories on how love, good or bad, influenced local historical events. The event will also include trivia during the story breaks, a Q&A session at the end of the night, and a cash bar.

All proceeds will go to support the National Parks of Western Pennsylvania’s Alternative Break Service Program. The National Parks of Western Pennsylvania will host 12 students from the University of Pittsburgh’s Johnstown (UPJ) campus for their second annual Alternative Break Service Program during UPJ’s 2019 spring break period. These students will be housed at a local camp and spend a week performing direct service at several of Western PA’s National Parks as well as one state park. Along with completing service projects the students will also learn about the parks they work in. Alternative break programs were developed to give students a holistic volunteer experience through direct service and educational programming during their time away from class.

The event staff will consist of National Park Service rangers from Flight 93 National Memorial and Johnstown Flood National Memorial, faculty from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, the Director of Interpretation for the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office, the Friends of Flight 93 and the Johnstown Area Heritage Association.

Register now for Hydration History on the Friends of Flight 93 website at www.flight93friends.org/hydration-history. Tickets are \$10 for all attendees. You must be 18 years old to attend and 21 years of age to drink; ID’s will be checked at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. the night of the event.

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, donate to support the memorial, or become a member visit www.Flight93Friends.org.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARKS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The National Parks of Western Pennsylvania are a group of five National Park Service sites located in southwestern Pennsylvania and managed under one superintendent. The sites include Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, the site of the first railroad to circumvent the Allegheny Mountains; Flight 93 National Memorial, dedicated to the 40 crew members and passengers of Flight 93 who fought back against their terrorist hijackers on September 11, 2001; Fort Necessity National Battlefield, the site of the opening action of the French and Indiana War; Friendship Hill National Historic Site, the site of former Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin's estate; and Johnstown Flood National Memorial, dedicated to the people who lost their lives in and telling the history of the 1889 Johnstown flood.

ABOUT THE JOHNSTOWN AREA HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (JAHA)

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a nonprofit, membership-based organization that preserves and presents Johnstown's nationally significant stories to the nation. They provide high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences in the area's unique historic settings through a linked system of attractions and historic districts known as the Johnstown Discovery Network. JAHA operates the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center. They opened the Wagner-Ritter House and Garden in 2006, the Johnstown Children's Museum in 2009, and Peoples Natural Gas Park in 2012. JAHA also began illuminating the historic Stone Bridge with colorful, animated lights in 2011.

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