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## July Speaker Series to Feature Media Perspective of September 11 Events at Flight 93 National Memorial

**Shanksville, PA:** Two local journalists who had first-hand experience covering the crash of United Flight 93 will give their unique perspectives on the September 11 events and its aftermath on July 21-22 as part of the Flight 93 National Memorial Speaker Series.

Dennis Roddy covered the Flight 93 story for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and helped oversee much of the newspaper's award-winning coverage of the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Joining Roddy will be Tim Lambert, a Harrisburg-based radio journalist who reported from the Flight 93 crash site and whose family owned part of the memorial's now 2,200 acres, specifically the hemlock grove that has become a prominent part of the Flight 93 National Memorial story and design.

The programs are scheduled for noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 21 and 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 22 in the memorial's Learning Center. Lambert will speak both days, and Roddy on Saturday only. This will be the third of four scheduled programs for the Speaker Series this year and the first to focus on the point of view of the media who covered the story of Flight 93. Admission is free.

Now in its second year, the Flight 93 Speaker Series is a joint effort of the National Park Service and the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. The summer-long series is presented by Somerset Trust Company.

The final Flight 93 Speaker Series event will be held on August 18-19 and feature the perspectives of two former air traffic controllers. Cleveland-based air traffic controller John Werth, who monitored Flight 93 when it crossed into Ohio, and was the first person on the ground to realize that the flight had been hijacked, will be the featured speaker. He will be joined by Mal Fuller, who oversaw the air traffic control tower in nearby Pittsburgh. Fuller has been a board member of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial.

For more information on the Speaker Series or other events at Flight 93 National Memorial visit <http://www.flight93friends.org/programs-events/overview>.

### **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, make a donation to support the memorial, or become a member visit [www.Flight93Friends.org](http://www.Flight93Friends.org).

#### **ABOUT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL**

On September 24, 2002, President Bush signed into law 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 September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our nation's capital. The memorial is near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where Flight 93 crashed with the loss of its 40 passengers and crew. For more information on Flight 93 National Memorial visit [www.nps.gov/flnj](http://www.nps.gov/flnj).

#### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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