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Flight 93 Educator Symposium Participants Selected to Present During National Day of Learning: Teach to Remember 9/11

SHANKSVILLE, PA – Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial today announced the selection of five educator teams from the inaugural Teaching with Courage: 9/11 and the Legacy of Flight 93 Educator Symposium to participate in this year's National Day of Learning: Teach to Remember 9/11. The symposium was created to equip educators with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to teach the events and legacy of September 11, 2001, through the story of Flight 93.

Following the symposium, participating educators developed original lesson plans using primary sources, artifacts, place-based learning, and other instructional resources introduced during the immersive professional development experience. A review committee evaluated the submissions and selected lessons that stood out for their ability to help students thoughtfully explore the events and legacy of September 11, 2001 while fostering critical thinking, civic understanding, and personal reflection.

Three educator teams have been selected to present lessons directly to students and classrooms during the National Day of Learning. To ensure age-appropriate learning experiences, the selected curriculum represents elementary, middle school, and high school grade levels. The educators will continue refining and enhancing their lessons over the coming month in preparation for live and recorded presentations scheduled for September 10, 2026.

"One of our primary goals for the Educator Symposium was to move beyond professional development and create meaningful classroom resources that could be shared with educators and students across the country," said Donna Gibson, Executive Director of Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. "The selected lessons demonstrate the creativity, dedication, and professionalism of educators throughout Pennsylvania and show how the story of Flight 93 can be taught in ways that are historically accurate, engaging, and relevant to today's students."

Educators representing school districts from across Pennsylvania are included among the selected teams, reflecting the symposium's commitment to bring together diverse classroom perspectives from rural, suburban, and urban communities.

In addition to the classroom presentations, the committee selected two educator teams to lead new **"Teach the Teacher"** sessions as part of this year's National Day of Learning programming. Rather than focusing solely on student instruction, these presentations will provide professional learning opportunities for fellow educators.

The committee determined that these lessons were particularly well suited to demonstrating how teachers can use primary sources, artifacts, historical content, and place-based learning experiences to develop engaging, standards-aligned curriculum for their own classrooms. Participants in the sessions will hear directly from educators about the process of transforming historical resources into meaningful multi-day learning experiences for students.

The addition of Teach the Teacher programming represents a new component of the National Day of Learning and reflects the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial's commitment to supporting educators as they teach one of the most significant events in modern American history.

The National Day of Learning: Teach to Remember 9/11 reaches tens of thousands of students and educators annually through virtual programming, educational resources, and special presentations focused on the history and legacy of September 11, 2001, and Flight 93. Selected presentations will be available to classrooms nationwide during the 25-Year Observance period.

For more information and to register for National Day of Learning, visit:

<https://www.flight93friends.org/education/teach-to-remember>

ABOUT THE FLIGHT 93 EDUCATOR SYMPOSIUM

Teaching with Courage: 9/11 and the Legacy of Flight 93 is an immersive professional learning experience developed through a partnership among the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, the National Park Service, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Education. The symposium provides educators with opportunities to engage with primary sources, artifacts, scholarly research, and place-based learning experiences related to Flight 93 and the events of September 11, 2001.

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Established in 2009, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is the official nonprofit partner of Flight 93 National Memorial. As Friends of Flight 93, we welcome worldwide all who would join us in honoring the sacrifice and courage of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 by supporting the mission of the Flight 93 National Memorial with volunteers, resources, and civic engagement, so as to inspire all who visit with the Flight 93 story. Visit www.flight93friends.org to learn more about Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial.