





FAMILY MEMBERS TO SPEAK AT THIRD ANNUAL WALK 93

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. – Moving back to autumn, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial will host the third annual "Walk 93" on September 30, 2017. Family member Deborah Borza will speak to event participants in the Learning Center before the walk, with walkers being led down the 2.28-mile trail network by National Park Service interpretive rangers. Borza's daughter, Deora Frances Bodley, was a passenger on board United Flight 93 and the youngest person on the flight at 20 years old.

The immersive walk at Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County honors the forty passengers and crew members, with proceeds supporting the design and construction of the future Temporary Memorial Trail at Flight 93 National Memorial.

Participants may take part in a brief dialogue with Borza and other Family members in the Learning Center before the ranger-led walk begins at at 9 a.m. This walk is non-competitive. Registered walkers will enjoy different perspectives of the memorial in the early morning light as well as a spectrum of vibrant colors that highlight Flight 93 and the fall foliage. The walk will encourage reflection about the events of September 11, 2001, and create awareness about the forty passengers and crew members of Flight 93.

The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, National Park Service, and Leadership Somerset County are asking the community to join them and *Walk to Remember* on September 30. This event is a way to pay tribute to the 40 Heroes, raise awareness and foster volunteerism and stewardship at the memorial.

Registration is open via the Friends' website at <u>www.Flight93Friends.org/walk-93</u>. Participants can register online or mail the attached registration form with payment to Friends of Flight 93 (memo Walk 93), P.O. Box 911, Shanksville, PA 15560.

The registration fee for adults age 18 and older is \$25, youth age 13-17 is \$12, and children 12 and under are free. Adults and youth will receive a shirt with their registration. Children's shirts can be purchased for a fee of \$7. Individuals and businesses can support Walk 93 by donating as a sponsor 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 should contact Sarah Bittner, 814.445.1521 or bittners@co.somerset.pa.us.

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 Flight 93 National Memorial. 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, make a donation to support the memorial, or become a member visit <u>www.Flight93Friends.org</u>.

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 forty passengers and crew. For more information on Flight 93 National Memorial visit www.nps.gov/flni.

ABOUT LEADERSHIP SOMERSET COUNTY

Leadership Somerset County is a unique, 10-month program designed to nurture new community and business leaders by providing an overview of specific areas of the region and to prepare them to face future challenges, thereby ensuring Somerset County is led by able, resourceful individuals now and in the future. For more information on the Leadership Somerset County program, contact the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce at (814) 445-6431 or visit www.somersetcountychamber.com.