



WALK 93 FEATURES PETS AND TEAM CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT NEW PICNIC PAVILION AT FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

SOMERSET, PA. – The fourth annual Walk 93 will take place this Saturday, September 22 during National Public Lands Day. Pets are welcome to join their pet families for the memorial walk as Flight 93 National Memorial works towards launching its very first “Bark Ranger Program.” Participants will also have an opportunity to view the new Flight 93 film produced by Wild Excellence Films in the Learning Center before the walk begins.

Family member Deborah Borza will once again speak to event participants in the Learning Center before the ranger-led walk down the memorial’s 2.28-mile trail network begins. The immersive program will include interpretive stops along the trail to tell the story of the 40 brave passenger and crew members. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the Visitor Center as well as see the newly dedicated Tower of Voices after the walk concludes. Borza’s daughter, Deora Frances Bodley, was the youngest passenger on board United Flight 93 at just 20 years old.

This year, nearly 150 participants are registered for the walk which is raising funds to support the development of a picnic pavilion area at the memorial in 2019. Although registration is closed, individuals may support the walk remotely as a *virtual walker* by donating the \$25 registration fee through the Friends of Flight 93 website at <https://www.flight93friends.org/donate>, just leave the comment “Walk 93” at the bottom of the donation page. Title sponsors for this year’s walk include FedEx Ground and UPMC Health Plan.

New this year, participants were able to select a team captain to walk with. The Friendly competition with sponsors, local businesses and groups on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter helped to increase event participation and spread the walk message around local communities. The team captain with the most walkers will be recognized on event day and receive a special prize from the Walk 93 team!

Registration is from 8:00-9:00 am. This walk is non-competitive and meant to encourage reflection about the events of September 11, 2001. Rangers and event staff will offer insight into the architectural design of the memorial, the living memorial landscape and sustainable initiatives at Flight 93 including the new honey bee home project.

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 22. This event is a way to pay tribute to the 40 Heroes, raise awareness and foster volunteerism, membership and stewardship at the memorial.

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

ABOUT LEADERSHIP SOMERSET COUNTY

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