**CONTACT**
Lauren Thompson, Executive Director
Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial
Email: Lthompson@Flight93nationalmemorial.org

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# *Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial Launches Year-End Giving Campaign "The Next 25: Preserve the Place. Teach the Story."*

*As the 25th Observance year of September 11 draws to a close, Friends invites supporters to help preserve the Memorial and carry the story of Flight 93 forward for future generations.*

**SHANKSVILLE, PA** — November 2026 — Twenty-five years after September 11, 2001, the courage and sacrifice of the 40 passengers and crew members of Flight 93 continue to serve as a powerful reminder of courage, unity, and resilience. Their courage still speaks to us and with your support, it always will.

As the 25th Observance year draws to a close, Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is launching its year-end giving campaign, **"The Next 25: Preserve the Place. Teach the Story,"** inviting individuals, businesses, and organizations to help protect the Memorial and ensure the story of Flight 93 continues to inspire future generations.

The campaign focuses on two essential areas of support: environmental stewardship and education.

**Preserve the Place** focuses on protecting and caring for the hallowed grounds of Flight 93 National Memorial. Contributions support efforts to restore and strengthen the 40 Memorial Groves, preserve the Memorial's natural landscape, and care for the trails and surrounding environment. These efforts help ensure the Memorial remains a place of remembrance, reflection, and inspiration for generations to come.

**Teach the Story** supports educational programs that connect students and educators with the events and enduring lessons of September 11, 2001. Through initiatives such as the Teach to Remember 9/11, educator professional development, classroom resources, and on-site learning opportunities, Friends helps bring the story of Flight 93 to students across the nation.

“For today's students, September 11, 2001, is not a memory. It is history,” said Lauren Thompson, Executive Director of Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. “As we reflect on the past 25 years, we also have a responsibility to look ahead. Every contribution helps us preserve this beautiful and moving landscape and ensure future generations understand not only what happened here, but why it matters and will continue to matter.”

As the 25-Year Observance comes to a close, Friends encourages supporters to turn remembrance into action by making a year-end contribution.

**Preserve the Place. Teach the Story. Carry the Legacy Forward.**

To make a donation and support our mission, visit: https://www.flight93friends.org/donate

**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. 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.

# # #