

FIELD NOTES

A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever



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An invitation

Mid-year membership meeting July 20

Friday, July 20 is the mid-year membership meeting of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. Members are invited to meet and socialize on the deck of the Park Headquarters building, be briefed on Friends projects, and hear about upcoming construction plans for the Visitor Center and Learning Center at the Memorial.

At dusk, Friends will travel to the site of the future Visitor Center and Learning Center, then spend time after nightfall at the dramatically lighted Memorial Plaza and Wall of Names.

Don't miss this Friends-only opportunity to learn more about the work of your organization and how you can support Flight 93 National Memorial.

Your invitation to the mid-year membership meeting will arrive by U.S. mail.



An after-hours visit offers Friends an opportunity to view the illuminated Memorial.
(Chuck Wagner)



Friends Board Member Linda Meyer is recruiting Friends to fly U.S. flags over Flight 93 National Memorial.

Friends fly flags for Foundation

The Friends of Flight 93 are helping the National Park Foundation raise funds by raising flags. Those who donate \$93 or more to the Foundation's campaign to complete the Memorial can receive a 3' x 5' American flag which has been flown over Flight 93 National Memorial. The National Park Foundation will receive the orders and the Friends will fly the flags. Last year the Friends flew 2,000 flags over the Memorial, resulting in \$275,000 in donations to the campaign.

Many Friends have volunteered for this task over the past three years of the project, some traveling from as far as Pittsburgh and Lancaster. Friends fly flags in teams of two, sometimes recruiting their children, grandchildren, spouses, and new members to help.

In this year's program, coordinated by Friends Board Member Linda Meyer, the Friends will fly 1,850 flags. To volunteer, contact Linda at lpmeyer468@comcast.net.

Friends care for the Wall of Names

First wall washing at Flight 93

The Wall of Names is one of the most beautiful and meaningful elements of Flight 93 National Memorial. It is engraved with the names of the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93, giving them each an individual presence and at the same time linking them together as one, a united group that fought back against the terrorists. Over time, the surfaces of the Wall collect soil and grit. Oil and grease from the air mark the surface. Without regular care, these small particles will scratch the surface and become imbedded in the stone, permanently damaging the translucent beauty of the Olympian marble.

On May 19, eight Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial and two National Park Service staff members gathered for the first time to wash the Wall of Names. The group started at 7 a.m. and finished well before visitors arrived at 9 a.m. The volunteers were instructed by the site's curator, Barbara Black, on the proper technique for cleaning the polished and unpolished marble surfaces. Using soft bristle brushes and a mild soap that rinses clean, the volunteers cleaned the front and back of the white marble panels and the top of the wall. A small brush was used to remove grit from the engraved names of the passengers and crew. A rinse with clean water completed the process.

Volunteers were honored to show their respect by cleaning the wall for the first time. The wall will be cleaned again on Saturday, August 25. If you are interested in being part of this special crew, contact the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial.



Staff and Friends partner in washing wall under sunny, blue skies. (Chuck Wagner)



Plaza Greeters welcome visitors

The Friends Greeter Program is underway. Following a one-hour training session with Ranger Wendy Clay, Friends began volunteering as Greeters on the Memorial Plaza the weekend of May 5. As expected, there were record crowds during the month of May. Greeters assisted the National Park Service in welcoming more than 5,000 visitors to the Memorial over Memorial Day weekend alone.

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Plaza Greeters gather for training.

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MEMORIAL HOURS OF OPERATION

April through October
9 am to 7 pm (last entry 6:30 pm)



Flight 93 video premieres at website

Friends secure grant to produce DVD

An award from the Somerset County Tourism Grant Program allowed the Friends of Flight 93 to fund production of an orientation video for Flight 93 National Memorial. The three-part video provides viewers with an introduction to the Flight 93 story, an overview of the design for Flight 93 National Memorial, and a closer look at the features of the Memorial Plaza.

The National Park Service staff, aware of the many questions which visitors ask upon arriving at Flight 93 National Memorial, wrote a film script to answer these FAQs. Superintendent Jeff Reinbold said, "With more than 300,000 memorial visitors expected this year, we recognize that our rangers and volunteers will not be able to speak individually with every person. The video will fill a real need for us in relating the Flight 93 story and providing a richer experience for our visitors. We're grateful for the Friends' support of this project."

The video was finalized in mid-June after three months of script writing, filming, and editing. Part I, an account of the

Flight 93 story, includes narration by rangers Adam Shaffer and Wendy Clay and incorporates audio from Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center, radio transmissions from the flight, photos from the investigation, and portions of a flight simulation developed by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The second portion of the video is a computer-generated animated tour of the entire memorial property, providing aerial and ground-level views of the Visitor Center and Learning Center which have yet to be built, as well as fascinating perspectives of the Memorial Plaza and Memorial Groves which are already complete.

The final part of the video is a preview of what one will experience when visiting the site. The piece concludes with a presentation of the names and photographs of the 40 passengers and crew. The film was produced by Wix Pix Productions of Mineral Point, Pennsylvania.

View the new video at the National Park Service website, www.nps.gov/flni under the Photos and Multimedia section.



An animated tour of the Memorial includes images of the future Visitor Center, Learning Center, and Flight Path Walkway.

Plaza Greeters

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Additional Friends are needed to serve as Greeters to welcome visitors to the memorial, answer basic questions, and provide information concerning travel in the region. Greeters will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer and fall months and will serve two-hour shifts between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Training will be provided for every new Greeter to ensure that visitors to Flight 93 National Memorial have the best possible experience.

To volunteer as a Greeter, please contact Mary Jane Snyder at (724) 238-5860 or at snydermj98@hotmail.com.



Ranger Wendy Clay briefs Greeters on procedures.

Wickets, white tents, and winning Friends

Friends are guests of Old Joe Club

White tents, white tablecloths, and white flowers were the backdrop for the Westmoreland Croquet Club Tournament sponsored by the Old Joe Club at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg on June 10. This annual event is more than a nationally-sanctioned croquet tournament. It is an opportunity for non-profit organizations to share their mission and goals with a wider audience, and treat their donors to an elegant and relaxing afternoon. The Friends of Flight 93 were pleased to be one of the organizations invited to attend this year's gathering.

Each year the Old Joe Club, a group of Westmoreland County philanthropists, chooses several non-profit organizations to highlight and assist in this way. The Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting other non-profits whose missions enhance the lives of Western Pennsylvanians. The Friends were approached by Old Joe Club founder and president Ernie Vallozzi in May to take part in the annual outing. Mr. Vallozzi was in Lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001, and witnessed Flight 175 crashing into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. After visiting the newly-opened Flight 93 National Memorial in the fall of 2011, Mr. Vallozzi was sure that he wanted to assist the Friends organization in their support of the Memorial.

A dozen Friends, all in white attire, staffed the Friends tent throughout the day, sharing photographs of the Memorial and information about the work of the Friends with approximately 2000 people in attendance. The Friends gratefully acknowledge the Old Joe Club for extending this invitation, and the support of X Coal Energy and Resources of Latrobe in sponsoring their tent.



Friends share Flight 93 story at Croquet Club Tournament.

(Mal Fuller)

Dial and Discover

Have you taken the Flight 93 National Memorial cell phone tour? Tour stops are located on each of the panels in the Memorial's outdoor exhibit area. But, you don't need to be at the Memorial in order to take the cell phone tour. Just dial 814-619-2065 and follow the prompts to take three different tours: orientation, story, and design, each with multiple stops.

Explore using your smart phone to access even more information. Search for "OnCell" in the Apple and Android App Stores.

Scan this QR code to explore one of the stops and as a starting point to access the entire mobile site. You can also find information at the NPS website: www.nps.gov/flni.



Join us!

New membership brochure unveiled

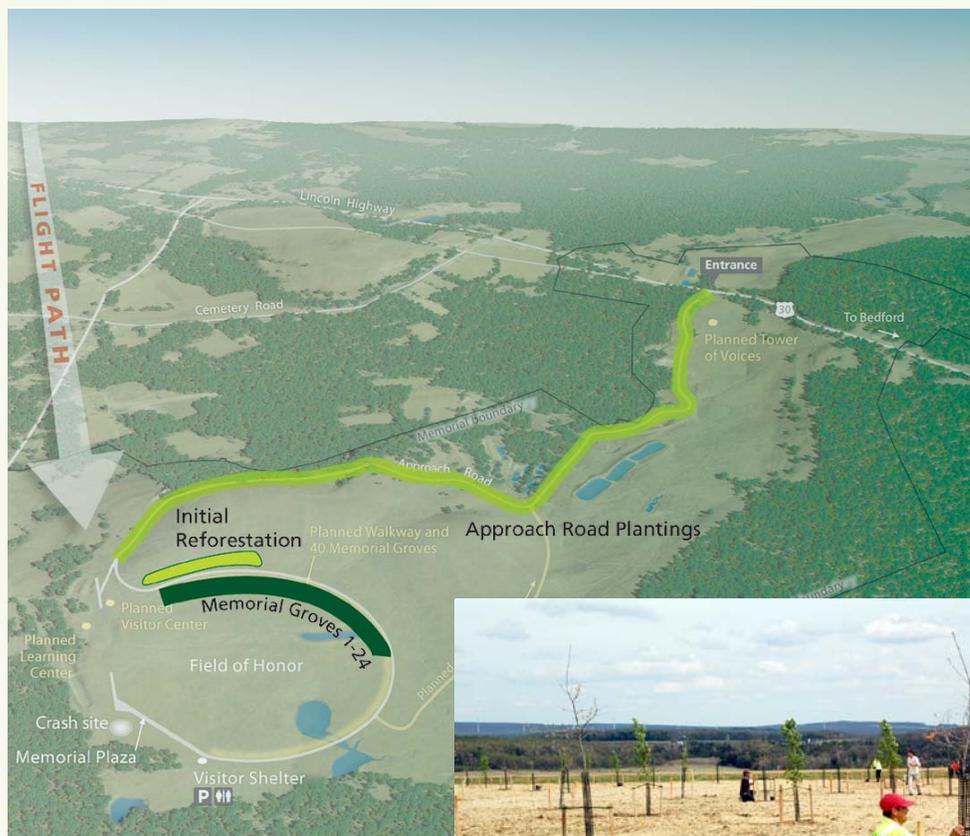
A new, full-color membership brochure describing the mission of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial has been designed through a grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation.

Every member will receive a brochure, along with annual dues information and an invitation to the mid-year membership meeting on July 20. Please tear off and return the membership portion of the brochure with your annual dues of \$25 per individual or \$40 per couple in order to continue supporting the work of the Friends, and to continue receiving *Field Notes* and invitations to Friends-only events and volunteer opportunities in the coming year.

Annual dues are payable by October 22 to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting to be held on November 3, 2012.



The Year of the Tree



More than 15,000 trees were planted at Flight 93 National Memorial in April, May and June alone, making a striking difference in this reclaimed strip mine landscape. The map shows the location of Memorial Groves 1-24, where 960 five- and six-foot high maples and oaks were set out in one-acre plots. It also shows the 20-acre tract where volunteers planted 13,200 seedlings, and the Approach Road and future Tower site where more than 700 trees and hundreds more shrubs and bushes were planted. Memorial Groves 25-40, which will extend to the wetlands bridge, will be planted in 2013.

“As these trees mature, the Memorial will change,” said Deputy Superintendent Keith Newlin. “The various forms and colors of individual species will present a different landscape to the visitor in each season.”

In Memoriam: Sandra Dahl

The Flight 93 community was saddened to learn of the unexpected death of Sandra Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Captain Jason Dahl, on May 25, 2012. Sandy spoke eloquently on many occasions about the loss of her husband and the other crew members and passengers on Flight 93 and worked tirelessly on behalf of The Captain Jason Dahl Scholarship Fund. Her remarks at the memorial service held at the Flight 93 crash site on September 11, 2002 remain inspiring:

“If we’ve learned nothing else from this tragedy, we’ve learned that our lives are short and there is simply no time for hate ... Flight 93 was an extraordinary gathering of individuals. We shall grieve that they died, but we shall rejoice that they lived ... We honor the crew and passengers of Flight 93 for their selfless sacrifice. Their legacy gives us the hope to know that we do have hope for tomorrow.”



Volunteer Opportunities

- Care for the plantings at the Memorial Plaza (pulling weeds and raking mulch). Tools provided.
- Fly flags over Flight 93 National Memorial - commit two hours to fly 100 flags which have been ordered by donors to the Capital Campaign.
- Greet Memorial Visitors - commit two hours on a Saturday or Sunday to serve as a Plaza Greeter. Training provided.
- Wash the Wall of Names on Saturday, August 25. To volunteer, contact the Friends of Flight 93.

Flight 93 National Memorial

By the Numbers

- 17 tons**
weight of sandstone boulder that marks the crash area
- 110,881**
number of people who visited Flight 93 National Memorial in the first six months of 2012 (45,596 ~ visitation during first six months of last year)
- 231**
number of buses that came to Flight 93 National Memorial in May 2012
- 142,000**
number of brochures distributed at Flight 93 National Memorial since dedication on September 10, 2011
- 1,258**
number of individuals who took the cell phone tour during the month of May ~ the first month of operation



Logo-embroidered clothing still available

It's not too late to order polo shirts, dress shirts, caps, and tote bags embroidered with the Friends logo. Unfortunately, the nautical blue polo shirts have been so popular that the manufacturer can't keep up! Ladies polo shirts will not be available until late-August.

If you would like to order any clothing items, request an order form from Dawna Bates at debates@wpa.net. Shipping is available for \$3 per item, or pick up your items at Park Headquarters.

September 11, 2012

A memorial ceremony, open to the public, will be held on the Plaza at Flight 93 National Memorial on September 11, 2012. The ceremony will include ringing the Bells of Remembrance as the names of the 40 passengers and crew are read at the time of the crash, 10:03 a.m. Other events are planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9. Look for a special issue of *Field Notes* published in August providing details of the scheduled programming and extended park hours of operation.

Friends Calendar

- July through September** - Friends will fly 1,850 flags over Flight 93 National Memorial for NPF Capital Campaign
- July through October** - Friends will volunteer as Plaza Greeters
- July 20** - Mid-year Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NPS Park Headquarters Building
- August** - publication of special edition of *Field Notes* dedicated to September commemorative events
- August 25** - Volunteers will wash the Wall of Names
- September 8-11** - commemorative events at Flight 93 National Memorial
- September 29** - Public Lands Day - America's Hands for America's Lands
- October 1** - publication of fall issue of *Field Notes*
- October 22** - Friends membership dues for 2013 payable
- November 3** - Annual Meeting of the Friends of Flight 93 and election of Board Members



Friends will wash the wall on August 25. (Chuck Wagner)

Friend to Friend

a regular feature of *Field Notes*

This is an account by two Friends who participated in the first tree planting event at Flight 93 National Memorial, held during National Park Week in April.

Stab, push, pull, remove, plant, stomp, move on. Walk six feet and do it again. And again, and again.

This is what 28 Friends of Flight 93 did, along with about 600 other volunteers on April 20, 21, 27 and 28 at Flight 93 National Memorial. Some 13,200 seedlings were planted over 20 acres of previously strip-mined, reclaimed land in the course of four days.

Over the next four years, volunteers like us will plant more than 150,000 seedlings in this ambitious reforestation project. In the inaugural year of the project, trees were planted on the hillside opposite the Memorial Groves and will eventually serve as a much-needed windbreak for the Memorial Groves at Flight 93. The National Park Foundation, partnering with the Office of Surface Mining, donors, organizations with technical expertise, and the National Park Service, made the event a success.

It was a short, but intense work experience, expertly organized and directed by men and women with experience in planting seedlings in places where it seems unlikely they will survive. Work gloves and green "Plant a Tree at Flight 93" t-shirts were distributed, tree planting teams formed, and we chose partners to climb the hillside with our buckets of maple, oak, cherry, sumac, ash, pine and dogwood seedlings, and our only tool, a dibble bar, under heavy clouds which threatened rain.

Our mentor from the Office of Surface Mining-Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative demonstrated the technique for planting the seedlings in the ripped hillside and oversaw our effort to plant the northeast side of the Field of Honor, about a half mile from where Flight 93 crashed.

It was truly a memorable experience. High school and university students from the region and as far away as Kentucky used cell phones to mark their trees' GPS coordinates in order to locate them on a future visit to the park. One Flight 93 family member was among the hundreds of volunteers. Service clubs rallied volunteers. Entire families and groups of retirees participated. Men and women representing public broadcasting, as well as corporate workers from New Jersey and as far away as Texas, planted trees at Flight 93. Farmers, clerks, office and blue collar workers, teachers and executives knelt to tamp the soil around the tiny trees. Ordinary people.

Because of the actions of 40 ordinary people who did something extraordinary aboard Flight 93 on the morning of September 11, 2001, we planted trees. We are humbled, honored and grateful for the opportunity.

We encourage all Friends to join in the 2013 reforestation project at Flight 93 National Memorial.

~ Mal Fuller and Kathie Shaffer



A team of Friends and volunteers from Home Depot pause in front of the area they've just planted with hundreds of seedlings.



A mixture of a dozen native conifer and deciduous species were planted in the first reforestation effort at Flight 93, including several dozen blight-resistant American Chestnut seedlings. (Tony Urban Studios/NPF)



Family member and Friends Board Member Deborah Borza took part in the reforestation project. (Tony Urban Studios/NPF)



Penguins Foundation, FedEx, and Friends score

Teamwork raises funds



Friends and FedEx volunteers celebrate a successful charity raffle for Flight 93 National Memorial.

The Friends of Flight 93 teamed up with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and FedEx on April 5 to raise \$10,329 for the Friends and, courtesy of matching funds from FedEx, \$10,329 for the Memorial's capital campaign.

At the recommendation of the National Park Foundation, the Penguins Foundation invited the Friends to participate in their *Charity Assist Raffle*, a program designed to raise funds for local charities. FedEx provided 24 volunteers, including Vice President Fred Lukachinsky who flew in for the evening from Wisconsin to help sell raffle tickets. Eleven Friends, including Park Superintendent Jeff Reinbold, joined FedEx volunteers in selling tickets to hockey fans before and during the game, and inviting people to visit the Memorial. The Friends is the only organization outside of Allegheny County that was asked to participate in this year's program.

The Friends thank the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and their Program Coordinator Mike Grimm, FedEx, and all the local volunteers who traveled to Pittsburgh to sell tickets and make this a successful fundraiser. Board member Lladel Lichty was the project coordinator for the Penguins *Charity Assist Raffle*.



Fred Lukachinsky, FedEx VP, draws the winning ticket at the Penguins *Charity Assist Raffle* as Superintendent Jeff Reinbold looks on.

Friends brief tourism community

One goal of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial is to raise visibility of the Memorial in the community and cooperate with other tourism sites. For that reason, the Friends joined the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the Tourism Committee. The Friends hosted the May meeting of the Committee, offering the members a tour of the Memorial, a briefing on future construction, and a packet of informational materials.

Despite rainy weather, members appreciated the Memorial tour led by Superintendent Jeff Reinbold, as well as his description of the Learning Center and Visitor Center which will be completed by

2014. Reinbold briefed the group on the Memorial's new cell phone tour and placement of QR codes which allow visitors to use Smart Phones to access more information.

The meeting continued over lunch at Indian Lake Resort. The group reviewed a packet of informational materials which will be distributed by the Friends to approximately 100 businesses in a four-county area. The packet includes a reproducible rack card, a map, a Frequently Asked Questions document for travelers, charts showing Memorial visitation, a Friends membership brochure, and the premier issue of *Field Notes*.

Friends travel to Pentagon Memorial

Visiting Arlington's "Ground Zero"



Jim Laychak addresses docents from all three 9/11 sites at The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. (Bill Anders)



Flight 93 Ambassadors and Friends at Pentagon Memorial.

Thirty-five Ambassadors and Friends representing the Flight 93 site traveled by motorcoach on May 18 to Washington, D.C. for a full day of sightseeing, reflection, and the renewing and building of relationships with docents from the Pentagon Memorial and the Tribute Center in New York City. The Pentagon docents, led by Jim Laychak, President of the Pentagon Memorial Fund, hosted the group and provided a tour of The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial and the dedicated Chapel within the Pentagon.

The Pentagon Memorial, dedicated in 2008, is adjacent to the face of the Pentagon that was destroyed by the impact of American Airlines Flight 77 at 9:37 am on September 11, 2001. This public memorial is designed with 184 memorial units dedicated to those who died as a result of the attack on the Pentagon.



Each Memorial Unit is a cantilevered bench, a lighted pool of flowing water, and the name of the individual killed at the Pentagon or on board Flight 77 on September 11, 2001.

The Pentagon Chapel was constructed at the point of impact. It is a place of healing and hope for people of all faiths and provides a place for quiet reflection.

As in the past, those who had the opportunity to visit and learn more about Flight 77 and the Pentagon story, as well the Arlington Memorial, shared a memorable day with the docents from Tribute and the Pentagon.

For more information about the Pentagon Memorial, visit <http://memorial.pentagon.mil>.

National Park Foundation sponsors *Evening of Remembrance*

Photo essay



On May 15, nearly 400 guests joined co-hosts President and Mrs. George W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, and Speaker of the House John Boehner at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. for “An Evening of Remembrance” honoring the passengers and crew of Flight 93. (Paul Morigi/NPF)



President Clinton and the other hosts demonstrated their passion and commitment to completing the Memorial with heartfelt remarks. (Paul Morigi/NPF)



NBC’s *Meet the Press* moderator David Gregory (center) served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Neil Mulholland (left), President and CEO of the National Park Foundation, and Chris Sullivan (right), Chairman, Capital Campaign for Flight 93 National Memorial, have worked tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to complete the Memorial. (Paul Morigi/NPF)



Country music artist Vince Gill performed *Go Rest High on That Mountain* while images of the 40 passengers and crew scrolled on the 40-foot screen behind the stage. (Paul Morigi/NPF)



The dome of the U.S. Capitol provided a thoughtful backdrop for an evening devoted to the memory of the men and women of Flight 93 who fought terrorists on board their plane on September 11, 2001, thwarting an attack on our nation’s capital. (Jerry Spangler)