



Flight 93 Volunteer Newsletter

April 2008

Training Offers Insight to Action on Flight 93

On Friday, March 28th twenty-seven volunteers gathered for training in Shanksville to review a digital exhibit revealing seating assignments and phone conversations of the passengers and crew onboard all four hijacked planes from September 11, 2001. The exhibit was part of trial evidence used to convict Zacharias Moussaoui, who was sentenced to life in prison for his role in the September 11, 2001 attacks.



In addition to the digital exhibit, a large scale drawn diagram was displayed of Flight 93 and the seating arrangements on the plane. Volunteers had the opportunity to also view the information recovered from the flight data recorder in the form of a three-dimensional animation recreation of Flight 93.

All volunteers are welcome to call the Park Office and make an appointment to view or review the content of the digital trial exhibit at anytime. Flight 93 staff would be happy to help you with viewing the exhibit on a computer. The contents of the exhibit can also be found online at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov/notablecases/moussaoui/exhibits/prosecution.html> or by checking out the binder of

printed copies from the Park Library. The next volunteer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14th when the volunteer docents from the Tribute Center in New York City plan to visit the Temporary Memorial and picnic in the Shanksville Community Grove. We will be asking everyone to bring a covered dish to show our friends in New York a little Somerset County hospitality!

Trip Postponed

The trip to New York City has been postponed due to a number of cancellations and the date of the trip. The NPS plans to reschedule the trip to the Tribute Center in the near future, possibly this fall.

A note from the Vol. Coordinator

I will be attending the Pennsylvania Bus Association's Marketplace Exhibition on behalf of the Western Pennsylvania National Parks April 1 and 2nd. Several motor coach companies attend this event from across the state every year in Harrisburg to learn about different sites. I hope to explain the visitor services operation at the temporary Memorial and make bus groups aware that they should schedule their visits to the Memorial. The following week, I will be leaving for the Albright Training Center, one of the Park Service's training centers, located at the Grand Canyon. I will not return to the office until April 22nd.

While I am gone, Ginger Raborn will be standing in as the volunteer coordinator. If you need anything in my absence, please contact Ginger at the office. Ginger will be maintaining the April schedule and making you aware of openings at the Memorial.



New Porta-Potty Co. Selected

The existing contract with Kamzik Septic, the porta-potty company that provides service for the temporary Memorial has expired. The NPS has issued a new contract for services from Pyle's located in the Friedens area. Their service is expected to begin on April 1st, *no fools!*

At the Memorial

- Tissues have been restocked
- New Porta-Pottys to be delivered this month
- The cockpit voice recorder "winter" binder will be removed & replaced with a regular binder
- Last month for the heater at the Memorial, use only when necessary
- The NPS has sent thank yous to Ferrell Gas and The Flag Station for the donation of resources to the Memorial
- The visitor message book can be placed outside on nice days
- There is a plastic bindered presentation notebook inside the box for when the metal book cannot be used outside



Photo courtesy of Linda McClintock

Bus groups arriving at the temporary Flight 93 Memorial

April Passenger & Crew Focus

These are biographies that have been provided by Flight 93 family members. This month we will continue with a feature on Hilda Marcin.

April Calendar:

April 1 Make-up Training Session on Presentation Notebook at 6:30 p.m. in Shanksville (St. Mark Lutheran Church) Anyone who attended the March 7th training and would like to hear the presentation again is welcome to attend

Upcoming Training & Events

May 3 Flight 93 Advisory Commission & Task Force Meeting 10am – 1 pm at Somerset County Courthouse

May 26 Memorial Day

June 14 Tribute Center visit to Flight 93 Temporary Memorial, etc. Covered dish meal at Shanksville Grove

Welcome home to those who have spent the winter in the south. There are still many openings on the schedule at the Memorial for this spring/summer. Please call the office for the most up-to-date shift openings.

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Family of Hilda Marcin
Linda McClintock



Hilda Marcin

Hilda was a vibrant, energetic lady with a positive, upbeat perspective on life. She loved her family and friends, and kept close contact with people she knew from many years ago, and made new friends well into her older years. She loved to cook, bake and she was incredibly good at it! Growing up in our family home, we had parties every weekend in the summer and Hilda was always there cooking up something good for everyone to enjoy. She loved having people around her, and her kitchen was always the meeting place for her friends, my sister's friends and my friends who would spend hours sitting around the table drinking coffee, talking and laughing the time away. It was always a happy place, with many good people surrounding our home.

People gravitated to Hilda and her personality. She fit in no matter where she went, and loved being around people of all ages. When suggested to her after my father's passing that she might consider moving to a retirement community, she just laughed, and said, "Why would I want to be around all those old people?" She loved young people, and her work with the special needs children which is why she continued working until age 79, retiring in June 2001.

Her hobbies included gardening, reading (especially about history and famous women like Eleanor Roosevelt), sewing, crossword puzzles, and taking on any projects where she felt a sense of accomplishment when she was finished. When she visited Tom and me in California in the summertime, she would always ask me what project we were going to tackle that summer. In the summer of 2000, we tackled painting the iron fence that runs around my property. It wouldn't have been so bad but the wind kept blowing the spray paint on us more than on the fence. So Hilda decided that she would hold a huge piece of cardboard behind the fence while I sprayed so the paint would hit the fence and cardboard, and not her. When the fence was done, we sat down, speckled in black, and just laughed. She loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor.

Another love of Hilda's was British Comedy. She loved the BBC sitcoms and would excuse herself from Tom's and my company and go up to her bedroom to watch on her TV and all we would hear downstairs was her belly laughing at the shows.

She was a good swimmer, and in her younger days, a great dancer. She was very limber and

loved to dance. There wasn't much she didn't like in life, even though life had hit her with some devastating blows. Hilda lost her three brothers by her tenth birthday. All were older than she, and the last one died after she and her family moved to the United States. He was eighteen and died of pneumonia. Hilda's Mother died suddenly in our family home, suddenly passing of a heart attack in our kitchen. Hilda and I were home that day; she was getting ready for work, and I was getting ready for school and we heard a thump in the kitchen; went downstairs and my grandmother was gone. My father, and Hilda's husband of 35 years, Edward, died tragically in 1979 on the operating table. He was supposed to be having surgery to implant a life-saving device for his heart, but instead died on the table. Hilda, Elizabeth, and me, were totally devastated. At that time Hilda was 57.

When Hilda's granddaughter Melissa was born, Hilda was ecstatic. She loved and nurtured Melissa and was so fortunate to have been able to attend her wedding in 1999. I think that was such a joyous day for Hilda, a proud moment, and one she cherished deeply.

Hilda's jobs included working in a defense plant during WWII. She was a timekeeper and bookkeeper at the Kearny, New Jersey shipyards where they built battle ships. She would tell me that the ships were christened outside of her office window and when a christening occurred, all the personnel went out to participate. During the war years, she worked seven days a week, and she got off one day in February, 1943 to marry my father, Edward. The next day they both went back to work in their respective government jobs. Later, after my sister and I were born and already in school, Hilda went to work at a Union Office, Local 109, Newark, New Jersey. She was a fund manager for the Union and she really loved her work.

After leaving that position, she sold our family home, and moved closer to my sister in New Jersey where she then went to work as an Instructional Aide to special needs children. She worked there for fourteen years, loving every minute of it, never having a sick day, and retired at the age of 79 in June 2001. On September 11, 2001, Hilda was moving to California to enjoy the balance of her retirement years.

Hilda was an inspiration to everyone she met; my sister Elizabeth and I always say that we wished we had half her energy, and with that we could accomplish a lot.