

# Flight 93 National Memorial Press Release

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## **Public is Encouraged to Attend Flight 93 National Memorial Meeting; Formation of Friends Group to be Discussed**

Somerset, PA -- A joint meeting of the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force and the Flight 93 Federal Advisory Commission will be held on Saturday November 1, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Somerset County Courthouse, Courtroom #1, 111 East Union Street, Somerset Pennsylvania. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The meeting will include a special presentation on "How to Start a Friends Group," by Ms. Deb Yandala, Chief Executive Officer, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association. Ms. Yandala will talk about forming a Friends Group for the Flight 93 National Memorial, and the benefits of a partnership between a Friends Group and a national park. Ms. Yandala will use her many years of experience in forming and transitioning the Friends Group for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park from a small, volunteer membership group, to an incredibly effective and large organization which includes educational and interpretive programming, facility management, fundraising and volunteerism. Anyone who is interested in being a part of a newly forming Friends of Flight 93 is encouraged to attend!

Additionally, reports on the temporary memorial, communications, archives, interpretive planning, land acquisition, memorial design, fundraising, and National Park Service activities will be presented.

Congress authorized the establishment of a federal commission to assist the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service with the formulation of plans for a permanent memorial to honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93. The Flight 93 Memorial Task Force is a grass roots organization comprised of family members, community residents, first responders, educators, and other local, regional and national participants.