

Flight 93 National Memorial Press Release

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Flight 93 Temporary Memorial Relocation to Begin

Somerset, PA -- The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing to move the Flight 93 Temporary Memorial across Skyline Road onto property owned by the Families of Flight 93. Work on the move will begin in mid-July, and will be completed by early to mid-August, weather permitting. Visitors should however, begin to notice site work and preparation across Skyline Road in early July.

Later this summer all of the tributes on and around the existing fence, the benches, the flags, the cross, the angels, the large stones, and even the shelter, will be re-located to this new area across the road. A fence will be erected at the new site to receive the tributes and flags. In appearance, the new temporary memorial area will look very much the same as the current temporary site, but with more parking, better directional signage, and a safer walking surface. Please note that this work is NOT part of the construction of the permanent Flight 93 National Memorial.

The NPS has been permitted to operate on the existing temporary memorial site for many years through a License Agreement with the landowner; this Agreement will terminate in September 2008. The NPS will enter into a new License Agreement with the Families of Flight 93, who owns the property upon which the new temporary memorial will be located across the road. NPS Superintendent Joanne Hanley stated, "Both the NPS and the Families are dedicated to providing our visitors with an appropriately dignified temporary memorial, where the significant and evocative events of Flight 93, and the actions of the heroes of Flight 93 against the terrorists, can be told and re-told, while the permanent memorial is being planned and built."

"We welcome the planned move of the Temporary Flight 93 Memorial by the National Park Service to property recently acquired by the Families of Flight 93," said Patrick White, Vice President of the Families of Flight 93, and Vice-Chair, Flight 93 National Memorial Task Force. "We are committed to providing citizens from the United States and throughout the world with a truly meaningful and reverent site so that they may continue to pay respectful tribute to the courage of our 40 loved ones until dedication of the permanent Flight 93 National Memorial on September 11, 2011."

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Visitors will be able to access the temporary memorial site during the relocation process. However, there may be brief traffic delays on Skyline Road as material and equipment are delivered to the site, as well as times when the noise of the equipment and workers will intrude on the quiet and respectful atmosphere maintained at the memorial. Certain areas of the temporary memorial may be closed off while items are being physically moved. There will be a brief period when the visitor shelter will be unavailable. At times, parking may be relocated a short walking-distance away up Skyline Road; accessible parking will remain as is. Buses may be required to park along Skyline Road.

For your safety, please maintain a safe distance away from the construction site and obey all signage and directions from the security staff, volunteers and rangers. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience as a result of the re-location project.

For more information, contact the National Park Service office in Somerset, PA at (814) 443-4557. Please visit the website at www.nps.gov/flni for updates on the temporary memorial move, and to learn more about the plans for the permanent Memorial.

“A common field one day; a field of honor forever.”

May all who visit this place remember the collective acts of courage of the passengers and crew, revere this hallowed ground as the final resting place of those heroes, and reflect on the power of individuals who choose to make a difference.