



Cell Phone Tour Scripts – Individual Stop Scripts

GENERAL GREETING

Welcome to the Flight 93 National Memorial Cell Phone Tour. Tour stops are indicated by signs throughout the park. Stops range from under a minute to approximately 5 minutes. If you have a smart phone, you can explore the memorial's mobile website by scanning QR (Quick Response) codes on these signs. To leave feedback, press *0. Thank you again for visiting Flight 93 National Memorial.

Congressional Gold Medal – Stop 501

On the morning of September 10, 2014, the United States Congress bestowed its highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, upon those who lost their lives in the September 11 attacks. This medal is Congress's highest expression of national appreciation. A medal was awarded in tribute of each of the three sites.

The first Congressional Gold Medal was commissioned in 1776 in honor of General George Washington. Other recipients include military leaders, actors, authors, entertainers, musicians, pioneers in aeronautics and space, explorers, lifesavers, notables in science and medicine, athletes, humanitarians, public servants, and foreign recipients.

Each medal is an individual work of art. The US Mint in Philadelphia is responsible for creating the medals. They sent a team of sculptors/engravers to the memorial to conduct research and gain a sense of place. A set of proposed designs were developed and after comments by the Commission of Fine Arts, the Secretary of the Treasury chose a final design.

The obverse of the Flight 93 medal depicts the rural Pennsylvania field just beyond the black wall, where Flight 93 crashed on September 11, 2001. It features an image of the sandstone boulder that marks the area of the impact site, and the hemlock trees at the edge of the field. The Medal is inscribed with these words: "A common field one day, a field of honor forever" and "Act of Congress 2011."

The reverse features forty stars on a raised border, representing the forty passengers and crew members of Flight 93, and a sentinel eagle clasping laurel branches. The reverse also depicts the western front of the U.S. Capitol. Above the Dome of the Capitol is the inscription: "We honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who perished in a Pennsylvania field on September 11, 2001. Their courageous action will be remembered forever."

The medal will remain on public display here at the Memorial Plaza from September 11 to the 14th. It will then go into protected storage until it goes back on public display in 2015 when the Visitor Center opens to the public