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Flight 93 Plans for Seventh Anniversary Commemoration of September 11th Underway *“Their Courage – Our Commitment”*

Somerset, PA --The National Park Service, the Families of Flight 93 and the Flight 93 project partners warmly invite and encourage the public to attend the planned events to commemorate the seventh anniversary of September 11th. This year’s services are similar to last year, and the public is asked to keep this in mind as they make their plans; all are welcome.

September 10, 2008

The formal commemorative service will take place on Wednesday evening, September 10, 2008, in Somerset, Pennsylvania at the Somerset Alliance Church beginning at 7:00 PM. The theme for this year’s commemoration is *Their Courage, Our Commitment*. The Families of Flight 93 and the Flight 93 project partners wish to honor and pay tribute to the courage sustained on Flight 93 by the brave passengers and crew, while recognizing the continuing commitment the Families and partners have in building and supporting a fitting memorial.

Speakers will include Ms. Pamela Tokar-Ickes, Chair, Somerset County Commissioners; Mr. Jerry Spangler, Somerset County District Attorney; and Mr. Gordon Felt, President of the Families of Flight 93.

Musical selections will be performed by the Somerset County Community Band. The names of the passengers and crew will be read by members of the Families of Flight 93 as well as members of the wider community who assisted on and around September 11, 2001.

The commemoration is open to the public and is at the Somerset Alliance Church. The church can seat approximately 1,000 people, and seating is first come, first served. Light refreshments will follow the service. Directions can be found at www.somersetalliance.org.

September 11, 2008

On Thursday, September 11, the Temporary Memorial on Skyline Road near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, will be open from dawn to dusk. The traditional reading of the names of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 and the tolling of the Bells of Remembrance will take place beginning at approximately 9:55 AM at the Temporary Memorial, along with the laying of wreaths. There will be no seating during the ceremony.

Please follow signs for parking in the grass field on Skyline Road, uphill and west of the Temporary Memorial; accessible parking is available immediately adjacent to the temporary memorial.

Any person or group planning their own personal ceremonial tribute, and/or who require First Amendment accommodation must call the National Park Service office at 814.443.4557 for a Special Use Permit application.

For further information about Flight 93 National Memorial or for information on how you can help build the permanent memorial, see the following websites:

www.honorflight93.org

www.nps.gov/flni

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MEDIA PLANNING PURPOSES:

A separate media advisory will be distributed by 09/02/08 detailing information for all news organizations planning to cover the seventh anniversary commemoration observances. For all other media inquiries, please contact Bill Haworth at 323-377-1228 or by email at william@isprusa.com