



Planning for the Flight 93 National Memorial

Moon rising over the Temporary Memorial (Chuck Wagner, 2006)

Friends,

Nearly five years have passed since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. In those years, more than half a million people from around the world have been drawn to the remote Pennsylvania field where Flight 93 crashed. Visitors come in increasing numbers (4000 per week during the spring and summer of 2006) to honor the 40 passengers and crew members whose actions thwarted an attack on our nation's capital, and to learn about the plans for a permanent memorial in their honor.


As we near that auspicious anniversary date, it is an appropriate time to take stock of what has been accomplished toward memorializing and honoring the courageous actions of the passengers and crew of Flight 93. As shown on the timeline at the bottom of Page 2, much has been accomplished. In fact, with the completion of the General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Flight 93 Advisory Commission will have completed its three major legislated tasks.

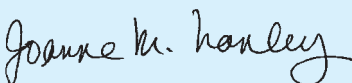
But much work remains. In the coming year, design and engineering drawings for the memorial will be produced. Numerous pre-construction surveys and studies will be conducted. Fundraising goals will be met so construction can begin. The community will embark on a corridor land-use study to prepare for the increasing number of visitors who are coming to the site. The ambitious Oral History Program will continue so that the stories of that day will not be lost. And perhaps the biggest challenge of all—the interpretive plan for Flight 93 National Memorial will be written.


Many hands will be needed to move the plans for Flight 93 National Memorial from paper to reality. Join with us and—


- Participate in a national dialogue about the Flight 93 story, which will be told at the permanent memorial
- Comment on the Draft General Management Plan/(EIS) for Flight 93 National Memorial;
- Contribute money toward construction of the permanent memorial;
- Record your September 11th story with the Flight 93 Oral History Project;
- Visit the Temporary Memorial to honor the heroes of Flight 93 and learn more about their courageous actions on September 11, 2001.

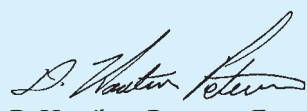
We thank all who have joined us on the journey so far and invite your continued participation and support in the months ahead as we move toward creation of a permanent memorial honoring the passengers and crew of Flight 93.


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*“A common field one day.
A field of honor forever.”*

May all who visit this place remember the collective acts of courage and sacrifice 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.

– Preamble to the Mission Statement for the Flight 93 National Memorial



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Flight 93 National Memorial Capital Campaign Launches Nationally



Chris Sullivan, National Campaign Chair

The story of the passengers and crew aboard Flight 93—a story of hope, courage and cooperation—is of national historic significance and must be honored, shared, and preserved for generations to come. The Flight 93 National Memorial will be a place for individuals to learn about the events of September 11, 2001, and find meaning and inspiration in their experience.



Governor Thomas J. Ridge (former), National Honorary Co-Chair

The Flight 93 National Memorial Capital Campaign has been launched nationally and seeks to raise \$30 million in private funds from individuals, corporations and foundations to build the memorial. Generous gifts ranging from pennies given by school children to major commitments from corporations, foundations and individuals, have already helped to jump-start the campaign on a national, regional and local level.



General Tommy Franks (retired), National Honorary Co-Chair

Under the leadership of Chris Sullivan, Founder and Chairman of Outback Steakhouse, Inc., who is serving as the Campaign Chair; and former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge and General Tommy Franks (retired), who are serving as Honorary Co-Chairs, the Campaign has raised just over \$7,000,000 from nearly 10,000 donors. Key donors and major contributors as of June 2006 are listed at right. In addition, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and The Heinz Endowments made generous gifts to underwrite the Flight 93 National Memorial International Design Competition.

Key Donors and Major Contributors (as of June 2006)

Anonymous Foundation	The Pittsburgh Foundation
Avon Foundation	Portola Group Foundation of Community Foundation Silicon Valley
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Colcom Foundation	The Glen and Diane Meakem Foundation
Community Foundation for the Alleghenies	The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
County of Somerset, PA	Richard King Mellon Foundation
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Flight 93 National Memorial Capital Campaign Website Launched



Please visit www.honorflight93.org for more information and to help us create this lasting tribute to the passengers and crew of Flight 93."

Draft Management Plan Begins Public Review

The Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Flight 93 National Memorial was released for public review on June 16, 2006. The review period will extend for 60 days, and conclude on August 14, 2006. The National Park Service is the lead Federal agency responsible for the document. The Flight 93 Advisory Commission, the Families of Flight 93 and the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force have worked as partners alongside the National Park Service in creating the plan.

Release of the draft plan is the culmination of a grassroots planning process that began in 2003. This open and transparent process involved extensive public and community participation, the development of resource and technical data, the creation of a park Mission Statement, the establishment of a boundary for the memorial, the successful completion of an international design competition and the selection of a final design for the national memorial in September 2005. "It's extremely rewarding to know that so many people had a hand in creating this plan. Families of the passengers and crew, local residents, public agencies, and people across the country provided their insights and time to ensure that we create a fitting tribute to the passengers and crew of Flight 93," said Joanne Hanley, Superintendent of Flight 93 National Memorial.

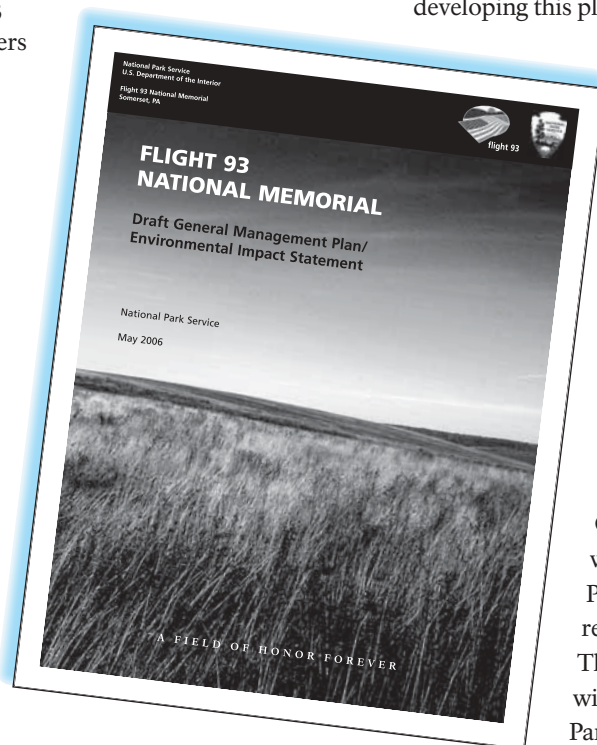
The National Park Service is required by law to prepare a General Management Plan for all units within the national

park system. The document presents a vision for developing and managing the national memorial for the next 15-20 years and evaluates the impacts of two alternatives: 1) No Action or maintaining existing conditions and current management of the site, and 2) implementing the selected design from the design competition. "We took great care in developing this plan so we would minimize disruptions to the lives of local

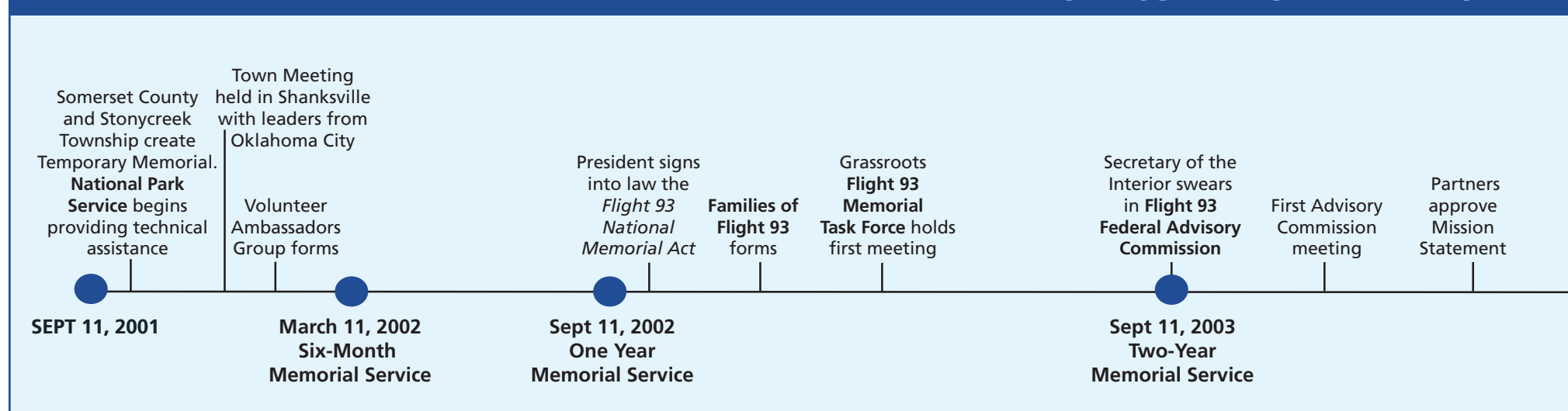
residents," said Esther Heymann, Co-Chair of the General Management Plan Committee and the step-mother of Elizabeth Wainio, who was killed on Flight 93.

The document can be viewed and downloaded from the project website (www.flight93memorialproject.org) or a printed copy can be requested by writing to or visiting the National Park Service project office at 109 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501. The public is also encouraged to join the National Park Service and the project partners at a public open house and hearing, which will be held at the Shanksville-Stonycreek School, 1325 Corner Stone Road, Shanksville, on Thursday, July 20, 2006, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Comments on the document may be submitted via the project website, at the public open house, or in writing to the National Park Service office at the address above. Comments must be received by August 14, 2006, to be considered in the final plan. The planning process will formally conclude in the Fall of 2006 with the issuance of a Record of Decision by the National Park Service.



FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL:



Saving the Story

Nearly five years have passed since the crash of Flight 93 occurred on September 11, 2001; however, memories of that day are still strong for Americans, especially for those closely connected to the event. Planning, design and management of the Flight 93 National Memorial involve documentation of the individual stories, official records, memorialization process, and administrative history of the creation of the memorial. The results of this project will be an oral history and documentation collection that will be available for research; education and interpretive programs; exhibits; and for the long-term preservation of the information associated with Flight 93.

“And I just watched it, flying real low... and then all of a sudden it just made a right turn and down it came...I heard it hit the ground...it shook the ground where I was standing.”

— Terry Butler
Eyewitness from salvage yard at Stoystown Auto Wreckers

More than 100 audio interviews have been collected from family and friends of the passengers and crew on Flight 93, first responders, official agencies involved during the event, those involved in the investigation and recovery, and members of the local community. Hundreds of other sources have been identified for collection before an inclusive and accurate story can be told about the events and actions of that historic day.

Barbara Black, Curator for the Flight 93 National Memorial, manages the oral history project and conducts interviews. Kathie Shaffer, Project Oral Historian, organizes, schedules, and also conducts many of the interviews. Dedicated volunteers assist with transcribing, abstracting and editing.

The Flight 93 National Memorial has partnered with the National Park Service’s Ellis Island Oral History Project and Columbia University’s Oral History Research Office to ensure that the Flight 93 Oral History Project meets the highest

professional standards. Barbara Black and Kathie Shaffer, along with Donna Glessner (Flight 93 Federal Advisory Commission Vice-Chair), Christine Fraser (Flight 93 Family Board member) and Joy Stella (family member and Flight 93 Task Force Archives Committee Co-Chair) traveled to New York in April to learn more about both programs.

Janet Levine, Oral Historian at Ellis Island, discussed their project, which includes approximately 2,000 interviews of immigrants, staff members and Coast Guard. Their interviews can be accessed by the public in a listening room where everyone from school students to researchers can listen to interviews

and search transcripts for genealogical information and more than 100 years of immigration history. Janet Levine serves as professional advisor to the Flight 93 Oral History Project from the National Park Service.

Mary Marshall Clark, Director of Columbia University’s Program, undertook a major oral history project following the September 11th attacks in New York, collecting more than 300 interviews from individuals who were directly and indirectly affected by the event. Follow-up interviews conducted a year later gave added perspective to this project.

Stories from the family members of the passengers and crew will form a large part of the Flight 93 Oral History Collection. Reflections and memories of their loved ones, as well as their loved one’s character and personality, are revealed in interviews that sometimes take several hours to complete. The interviewee’s personal story of the events of the day is recorded to



While visiting New York, the Oral History Project Team was given a tour of Ground Zero by Lee Ielpi, a retired New York firefighter whose son died on September 11 and vice-president of the September 11 Families Association. Front: Christine Fraser; back from left: Barbara Black, Donna Glessner, Janet Levine, Joy Stella, Lee Ielpi and Kathie Shaffer. (NPS, 2006)

understand the shock and initial grief of the family member, and the impact that this act had on 40 family groups.

The other part of the collection comes from individuals such as witnesses who saw the plane flying overhead, the Pittsburgh FAA Watch Supervisor who feels that his entire career prepared him for the events of this one day, and faculty members at two area schools who heard and felt the crash, and then took action for the safety of the children. First responders included FBI, local law enforcement and volunteer firefighters, hazardous materials and emergency medical teams, who as one of the first responders described, rushed to the scene only to find that with all their training to save lives, there was nothing for them to do that day. One first responder shared that the events of September 11 inspired him to develop a Mass Casualty Response Unit for the county.

“...thinking how brave those people were to do that, and wondering if I would have the guts to do the same thing... You’d have to probably be in the moment to find out. But those people found out who they were that day.”

— Tom Hull
Air Traffic Controller, Department of Defense, Johnstown-Cambria County Airport

Many Pennsylvania State Troopers and Officers, who immediately secured the site and then provided investigative support, analysis and reconstruction of the incident, were interviewed. Somerset County Emergency Management, which coordinated initial communications and provided support for the investigation, has recorded their actions and reactions. The oral history interviews conducted with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, regional clergy, and mental health counselors have permanently recorded

countless hours at both the crash site and off-site, and their compassionate care for the families and responders.

Agencies, including the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, whose workers immediately assisted in securing the site and Somerset County Rural Electric Company, whose employees restored electricity to the area residents and later the hillside command post, have chronicled their quick response. Hundreds of others have been identified to participate in the Oral History Project and will be contacted for future interviews.

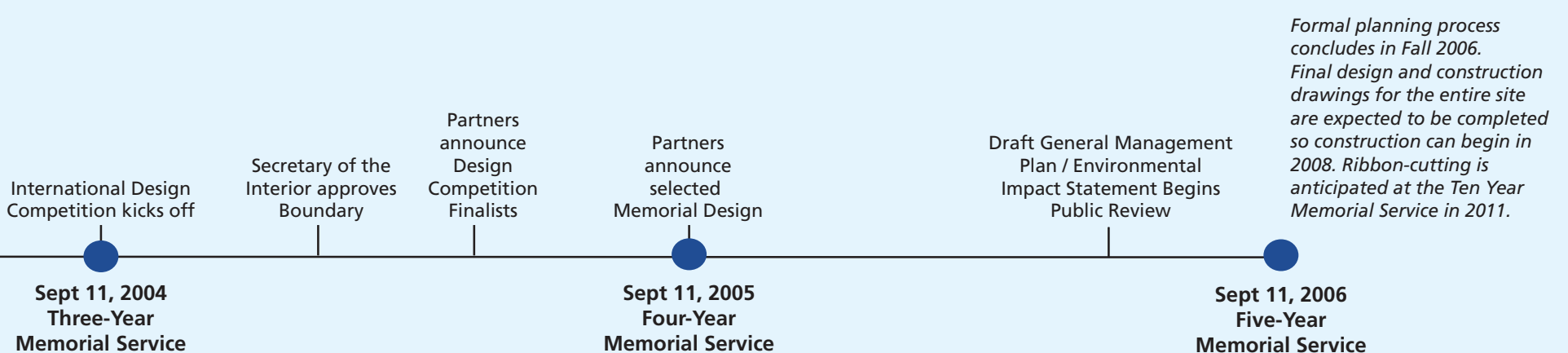
Funding from the National Park Service has been secured for two years, during which time it is anticipated that 400 interviews will be completed. More funding is being sought to continue the Project for many years. About half of the interviews completed have been transcribed and are in various stages of the process of the oral history, which includes editing, and review by the interviewee. Although the oral histories are not yet available for research, in the future they will be used to develop the Comprehensive Interpretive Plan for the national memorial, to design educational programs and exhibits, and to provide materials for researchers.

If you are interested in preserving your story, please contact the Flight 93 National Memorial at 814-443-4557 or Kathie_Shaffer@nps.gov.



Kathie Shaffer, Oral Historian, interviewing Paul Bomboy, a paramedic with the Hooversville Rescue Squad who responded to the crash on September 11. Paul also volunteered as Disaster Team Coordinator with the Keystone Chapter of the American Red Cross. (NPS, 2006)

PROJECT MILESTONES



Houston, Texas Supports Flight 93 National Memorial

On Thursday, May 18, 2006, approximately 150 people attended a breakfast event held at Union Station in Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas, to help raise awareness about the capital campaign for the Flight 93 National Memorial. The event was co-hosted by Drayton McLane, owner of the Houston Astros Baseball Club, and Larry Catuzzi, father of Flight 93 passenger Lauren Grandcolas. Representatives from the Partners and other Flight 93 family members, including Gordon Felt, Ken Nacke, Patrick White, and Calvin Wilson, were present to greet potential donors and share the story of Flight 93 and the Memorial.

Those who attended had the opportunity to hear General Tommy Franks (retired), Honorary Co-Chair of the National Campaign, speak on the heroism of the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93. Participants also

heard from Paul Murdoch, President, Paul Murdoch Architects, and Joanne Hanley, Superintendent of the Flight 93 National Memorial, about their roles in the careful planning and dedicated stewardship of the memorial. Bram Johnson, Executive Vice President of FedEx Ground, a Flight 93 National Memorial donor, spoke on the important role of the private sector in the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

“We sincerely thank the Houston Astros organization and our dedicated fundraising leadership team for furthering the efforts to honor and memorialize the legacy of our loved ones,” said Larry Catuzzi. “With the help of our campaign leaders, events like these continue to raise awareness and inspire the nation to support this national tribute to the collective acts of courage of the passengers and crew of Flight 93.”



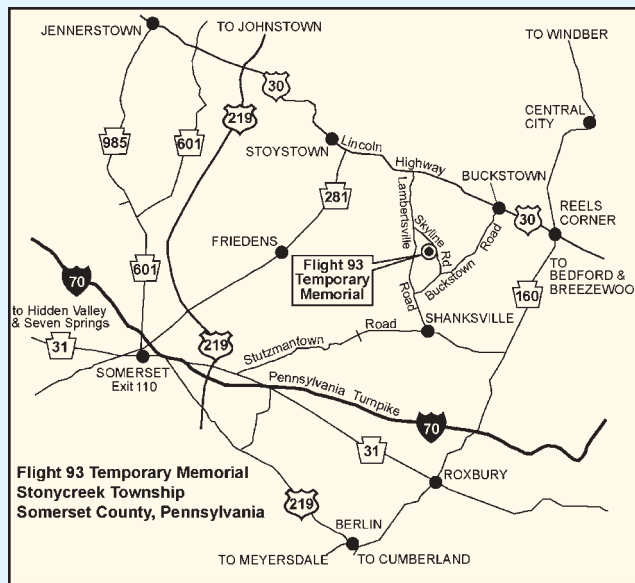
Event guests view the Flight 93 National Memorial design renderings. (Ketchum, 2006)

DIRECTIONS TO THE FLIGHT 93 TEMPORARY MEMORIAL



Photo Credit: NPS, 2003

Detailed directions are available at www.flight93memorialproject.org and at the Pennsylvania Turnpike booth in Somerset. The Temporary Memorial is currently open from dawn until dusk.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Somerset:

From Exit #110 of the PA Turnpike, follow signs for Rte. 281 North. Take Route 281 North 9.5 miles to US 30 at Stoystown. Travel 2.4 miles East on US 30 to Lambertsville Road. Travel 1.7 miles on Lambertsville Road to Skyline Road. Travel 1 mile on Skyline Road to the Temporary Memorial.

From Route 30 East:

Turn left on Buckstown Road, 25 miles West of Bedford. Travel 3 miles on Buckstown Road to Skyline Road. Travel 1 mile on Skyline Road to the Temporary Memorial.

From Route 30 West:

Turn right on Lambertsville Road, 2.4 miles East of Stoystown. Travel 1.7 miles on Lambertsville Road to Skyline Road. Travel 1 mile on Skyline Road to the Temporary Memorial.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Participate in the public workshops or online forums that will be held throughout the project.
- Log-on to our official websites at www.flight93memorialproject.org and www.honorflight93.org or write us at Flight 93 NM, 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501-2035 to receive more information.

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