FDNY Memorial Unveiled

On June 10, 2006, hundreds of people gathered at Engine 10/Ladder 10 firehouse to see the FDNY memorial dedication. New York firefighters along with former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani unveiled the 56-foot long, 7,000 pound bronze sculpture to a group of about 500 people.

The six-foot tall sculpture is mounted to the side of Engine 10/Ladder 10, directly across from the World Trade Center site. The meticulous detail etched on the sculpture brings visitors through the horrific day, seen through the eyes of the FDNY firefighters, from when the first plane hit the tower to the rescue and recovery effort. There are 46 three-dimensional figures representing the firefighters, although none represent any particular person. Images of fire trucks and firefighters holding shovels ready to start the rescue effort along with the burning towers fill the bronze sculpture.

The list of 343 firefighters lost on 9/11 is displayed on the base of the FDNY memorial. Rambusch Company, a firm based in New Jersey that specializes in metal work, designed the bronze sculpture. The six-foot tall sculpture is mounted to the side of Engine 10/Ladder 10, directly across from the World Trade Center site.

Tour Guides Share Their Experiences

This August marks the one-year anniversary of the Tribute WTC Visitor Center Walking Tour program. Over the last year, the program has successfully developed, beginning with a few tours each week to several tours a day. A large part of the success must be attributed to the outstanding group of over 100 volunteers who give up some of their “free time” to guide visitors through the events of 9/11 while intertwining their own personal experiences, which is what makes the tours so unique and special. Listed below are some of the tour guides and their stories.

Ann Van Hine

Ann joined the volunteer program in February and hopes visitors walk away from the tour with the realization that there are so many pieces to the story of 9/11. “I want visitors to think about the whole story--to think, to question and learn more--not just be spoon-fed by what the TV says,” she says.

Ann lost her FDNY firefighter husband, who was killed in the line of duty on 9/11. Being part of the Volunteer Program......Continued on page 3

Tribute Center Opening September 6, 2006

The walls are up and the stairs are in! Taking a look at the lower level of the Tribute WTC Visitor Center no longer involves taking large steps down a makeshift ladder. With just the stairs and walls installed, the center already has a certain energy buzzing around the soon-to-be galleries.

Within the next few weeks displays for the galleries will be assembled and installed. The galleries will soon be filled with photographs, quotes, objects, videos, mementos and much more, offering a sense of remembrance as we come closer and closer to the opening in September. Knowing visitors will soon be able to learn about the events and people of September 11, 2001, in a way they currently can not by standing at the fence looking into an empty construction site brings hope and encouragement to the center’s staff.

The galleries are being assembled by different teams of fabricators, technicians and installers, all working on photographs, displays of objects, audio and visual installations. Many of the larger graphics have already been printed and cases are being constructed. Three original short films have been created and are almost completed.

Items for Gallery Four: Paying Tribute, which includes submissions from over 1,200 family members, are currently being assembled. A special team of museum experts is arranging these items that were sent in by family members.

The Tribute WTC Visitor Center ribbon-cutting ceremony is September 6, 2006. Families will receive an invitation to preview the center. For more information about the center and its programs, please visit Tributewtc.org.

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You can find out more about volunteering by visiting TributeWTC.org and clicking on "Volunteer Program", send an email to: volunteer@tributenc.org, or call (212) 422-3520.

Where can I find information about the World Trade Center memorial?
You can find information about the memorial by visiting Buildthememorial.org.

Where do I find legal assistance?
You can visit Findlaw.com to find legal assistance in your area.

Where can I obtain information on counseling services?
- New York Disaster Counseling Coalition
  (212) 582-8208
eydccc@traumaResponse.org
- Faithful Response
  (516) 679-0080
LDRNY.org
- The Family Center
  (212) 766-4522
Thefamilycenter.org
- 9/11 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Program
  9-11mentalhealth.org; 1-800-LIFENET

Where can I find scholarship information?
Scholarship information can be found on our Web site, www.911families.org, and clicking on the "Scholarships" tab.

How can I access previous newsletters?
You can access previous newsletters by visiting 911families.org and clicking on the "News" tab.

Thank You for Your Support!
With the opening of Tribute less than a few weeks away, we would like to thank all of the families who have contributed to making the Tribute WTC Visitor Center a success. Over 1,200 families have contributed pictures and mementos to the Tribute Gallery in memory of loved ones. We would like to thank you for entrusting us with these precious photos and memories. Every effort has been taken to respectfully catalogue and arrange these precious mementos. If you have not submitted a photo or object, we are collecting for the second installation that will be rotated into Tribute in Spring 2007. Register on our Web site, 911families.org or email info@tributenyc.org with your name, address, phone number and loved one’s name with a note requesting to submit a photo for Tribute and we will send you a submission package.

We would also like to recognize our family volunteers participating in Tribute by giving guided walks around the World Trade Center site and telling visitors about their loved ones and experiences.

Thank you to all of the families who have donated to make Tribute a success! Over 1,500 families have donated in support of our efforts to build Tribute and create a place where visitors can connect to the people and events of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001.

Through your participation, Tribute is truly a place built together by our families to ensure visitors Never Forget!
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**Tribute**

**Volunteer Program**

volunteer program is her way of making sure people don’t forget the events of 9/11. “As a volunteer, I can tell people one at a time and maybe that would make a difference,” she says. “When people watched the events of 9/11 on TV, they saw the same images and heard the same things over and over. When they come to the Tribute WTC Visitor Center, they will hear some of the things they have already heard, but because of the personal stories, they experience it from a different angle.”

**John Henderson**

"On 9/11, I was at work at NYU and my wife was at her office six blocks south of the WTC,” he says. “I rode my bike down to her office, picked her up and walked with her home to Brooklyn.”

When John learned of the volunteer program, he felt an obligation to New York City and its people. “When I heard the report on NY1, I turned to my wife and said ‘I could do that,’” he said. “I emailed the Tribute WTC Visitor Center the next day.”

John says the tours are different from others because the guides share a common connection. “The volunteers, from all walks of life, all have a connection to this horrible event and are still willing to relive and share their story with strangers,” he says. John hopes that people walk away from the tour with a greater understanding of the sacrifices that were made and with a renewed determination that this never be forgotten.

A quote John is fond of by Samuel Johnson reads: “People more often need to be reminded than informed.” “That’s what we do,” he says.

**Patricia Mazella**

Last year, Patricia felt the need to make a connection with others who had experienced this tragedy, so she joined the volunteer program. “The program is not politically affiliated and it comes from the heart,” she says. “I felt as if the rest of the world had already forgotten. I also felt it would be a part of living history.”

Each tour Patricia has led, she says, has been an amazing experience. “The visitors are emotionally supportive, emotionally engaged and eager to learn,” she says. “There are so many stories—heartbreaking, tragic, uplifting—and we are telling them. It gives us strength and courage.”

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If you would like to volunteer as a tour guide for the Tribute WTC Visitor Center, please email volunteer@tributenyc.org to request an application or call (866) 737-1184. To learn more about the volunteer program, please visit TributeWTC.org. If you would like to volunteer, but are not interested in leading tours, there are other ways you can help. Once the Tribute WTC Visitor Center opens, volunteers will be needed to work as greeters to answer questions and help with the visitors.
**Tribute**

**September 6**
- **Exhibit Opening- 9/11: A Nation Remembers**
- **Families of 9/11 victims are invited to an exhibit opening on September 6,** 2006.
  Contact July Vaughn for an invitation: (215) 409-6743
- **Location:** The National Constitution Center 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

**September 9**
- **Shelley A. Marshall Foundation Fundraiser**
  **Location:** The Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel
  13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA
  **Time:** TBA (please contact regarding time)
  **Information:** (703) 231-3607

- **Run to Remember Romeo**
  **Location:** Thomas Stone High School
  3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD
  **Registration:** 8:30-9:30am
  **Pre-registration online:** $20, $30 day of race
  **Check payable to:** Pentagram Memorial Fund
  Run to Remember Romeo
  P.O. Box 456
  Bryantown, MD 20617-0456
  **Information:** Rememberromeo.com

**September 11**
- **Flight 93 Memorial Service**
  **Time:** 9:15am
  **Location:** Skyline Road, Shanksville, PA
  (near the temporary memorial)
  The reading of the names and tolling of bells of remembrance will take place at 10:03am.

- **VOICES of September 11th Luncheon**
  **Location:** Marriott Financial Center
  85 West Street, NYC
  Event takes place immediately after the services at the WTC site.

- **Project 9-11’s Music Benefit Concert**
  **Time:** 7pm
  **Location:** Broadway’s Symphony Space
  96th & Broadway
  **Tickets:** $30

- **Pace University 9/11 Vigil**
  **Time:** 9pm
  Event is open to the public.

- **British Memorial Garden Concert**
  **Location:** British Memorial Garden
  Hanover Square
  **Time:** 12:30pm
  **Information:** Britishmemorialgarden.org

**World Trade Center Observance**
Spouses, partners and significant others will deliver the reading of names of the victims during the ceremony.
The ceremony will pause at four moments--two to mark the times that each plane hit the towers, and two to mark the times when the towers fell. While the names are read, family members will be able to descend the ramp to the lowest level of the site where they may lay flowers. The ceremony will conclude at approximately noon. However, the site will remain open to families until 3:00 pm. The “Tribute in Light” will again return at sundown. Please call (212) 442-8953 or visit Nyc.gov for more detailed information regarding detailed times for the ceremony and invitation which will serve as your credential for admittance that morning.

- **NYDIS Hosts Interfaith Memorial Service**
  **Location:** St. Paul’s Chapel
  209 Broadway, NYC
  **Time:** 6-9pm
  **Information:** Peter Gudaitis: (212) 699-6100

**Summer Calendar**

**September 11th Families’ Association**
22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10007

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**Donations in Memoriam**

- George C. Cain
- Michael Cawley
- Michael Esposito
- Andrew Curry Green
- Timothy Haskell
- Thomas Haskell
- Thomas Holohan
- Charles L. Kasper
- Sean Lugano
- Patrick Lyons
- Glenn D. Kirwin
- George McLaughlin, Jr.
- Robert McPadden
- Michael D. Mullan
- Dennis Mulligan
- Joseph Pick
- Lincoln Quappé
- Thomas Strada
- Bruce Van Hine

**September 11th Anniversary Plans**