

## WE WERE THERE

The 9/11 Tribute Center & 9/11 Memorial Museum are pleased to announce a collaborative program for visitors. Starting in June, Tribute volunteer guides will share their stories at a weekly public program at the 9/11 Memorial Museum, entitled, "We Were There," presented by the 9/11 Tribute Center. The program promises to create a personal beginning or ending for visitors during their museum experience.

"We Were There," like the 9/11 Tribute Center's guided tours, will give visitors the opportunity to hear important and compelling personal stories about 9/11 told by Tribute guides. The program offers Tribute guides another way to share their stories, Tribute's mission and help others connect to the human toll of the tragedy. The 40-minute program will begin with a short video about the Tribute Center's unique guide program and the power of personal stories, followed by a welcome from the 9/11 Memorial Museum.



At each program, visitors will hear from two guides, each one sharing a distinct aspect and memory of 9/11. A Tribute Center moderator will set the context for the two stories through brief conversation with the guides, and then each guide will share his/her five to seven-minute story accompanied by projected images. "We Were There" will conclude with a brief dialogue between the participants that connects the personal stories with 9/11 Memorial Museum artifacts. The program will be a historical journey, giving visitors a profoundly personal perspective on events that changed our world forever.

Since 2005, Tribute volunteers, all of whom have been deeply affected by 9/11, have been sharing their stories with visitors from across the country and around the world on guided tours around the World Trade Center, with tours transitioning to the 9/11 Memorial in 2011. Their stories have thus far been heard by over 225,000 visitors. 9/11 Tribute Center volunteers – family members, survivors, first responders, recovery workers and Lower Manhattan residents - give guided tours on the 9/11 Memorial that incorporate their personal 9/11 stories, an historical account of what happened that day, a description of the 9/11 Memorial and the World Trade Center. The program is deeply healing and rewarding for hundreds of people from the 9/11 community. Jeanmarie, who lost her brother on 9/11, conducts tours in order to keep "the history alive by making the event of 9/11 more personal so people will remember not just the buildings, but the community and the individuals who perished that horrible day."

If you were directly affected by 9/11 and would like to share your story by joining the Tribute Center program contact Nancy Gamerman at [volunteer@tributewtc.org](mailto:volunteer@tributewtc.org).

## 2014 ANNUAL TEACHER AWARDS



The 2014 Annual Teacher Awards at the 9/11 Tribute Center.

On February 26th, the 9/11 Tribute Center once again celebrated the creativity and dedication of teachers at the 7th annual Teacher Awards. The 9/11 Tribute Center has a strong educational mission and recognizes classroom teachers as allies in our work of teaching children about the terrorist attacks and their aftermath. Although our website provides resources for teachers to use in their classrooms, our Teacher Awards allow us to celebrate and bring attention to the teachers that have built their own unique projects, conversations, or experiences into their classrooms. This year we had dozens of submissions from teachers around the nation. Teachers found ways to integrate 9/11 into a variety of curriculum areas: history, language arts, media and visual and performing arts, psychology, ethics, city planning and community service. There were ten winning projects: 4 winners are from NYC, 2 from upstate NY, 3 from NJ and 1 from North Dakota.

New York State Regent Lester Young Jr. gave the keynote address. He shared his own experiences as a NYC school administrator in the aftermath of both attacks — Feb. 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. He expressed his beliefs on why it is so important to remember and how our response to the attacks shaped our New York and national identity.

The awards have been made possible by contributions from seven 9/11 family foundations—The Brooke Jackman Foundation; The Christopher Slattery 9/11 Memorial Foundation; The Greg Richards, Larry Polatsch,



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## RESOURCES

### Mental Health and Substance Abuse

#### Call 1-800-LIFENET

Free & multilingual. Available 24/7. Mental health professionals help find mental health and substance abuse services. Visit their website for details, clicking on LifeNet, <http://www.mhaofnyc.org>.

### American Psychological Association

#### Call 1-800-374-2723

Referrals on everything from managing traumatic stress to coping with terrorism. Visit their website for details, <http://locator.apa.org>.

### Faithful Response

#### Call 516-679-0080

Free, faith-based mental health programs for Long Island residents. Visit their website for details, <http://www.faithfulresponse.org>.

### Columbia University & NY State Psychiatric Institute

#### Call 212-543-5367

Does the grief over the death of a loved one on 9/11 still interfere with your life? Free treatment for those eligible.

### Mount Sinai Consortium

#### Call 1-888-702-0630

Medical monitoring for workers and volunteers. Visit their website for details, <http://www.wtcexams.org>.

### FDNY

#### Call 212-570-1693

Service for all active and retired NYC firefighters and EMS workers.

### WTC Centers of Excellence

Visit their website for details, <http://www.nyc.gov>.

### WTC Environmental Health Center

#### Call 877-982-0107

## SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

NYPD officer Robert McArdle, a member of the NYPD ESU K-9 Unit, gave a talk and demonstration on the work of canines after the attacks at the World Trade Center. The talk was aimed at educating the general public about the role of dogs after disasters, introducing a dialogue about 9/11 in a constructive manner, giving



## OUR NEW WEBSITE: TRIBUTEWTC.ORG

You may be surprised the next time that you visit the 9/11 Tribute Center website ([tributewtc.org](http://tributewtc.org)), because it has been completely updated. The website is now responsive, which means it looks great on iPhones, iPads and all mobile devices, adjusting to the size of whatever device you are using for maximum navigation and legibility.

The new website is easy to search, filled with imagery and video, clearly displaying our programs, exhibits and the mission of the 9/11 Tribute Center.

## 2014 ANNUAL TEACHER AWARDS (cont'd)

Scott Weingard Memorial Fund (GLS Memorial Fund); The family of Firefighter Michael D. Mullan; The Terence D. Gazzani 9/11 Scholarship Fund; The Terry Farrell Firefighters Scholarship Fund; and the Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust.

The winning teachers are:

**Genevieve Berretta** from PS 119, Brooklyn, N.Y. Fifth graders wrote narratives for "The Lantern," a P. S. 119 literary magazine.

**Steven Seltz** from Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice, Brooklyn, NY. 12th grade global issues students researched terrorism in a democratic society.

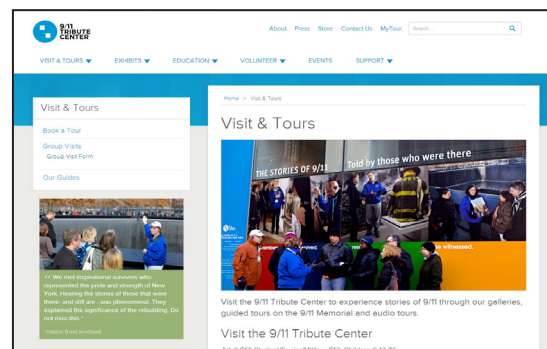
**Virginia Wolff** from HS of Economics & Finance, Manhattan, NY. Students worked with visual arts to comprehend how 9/11 has changed our identity.

**Michael Scherer** from Franklin Delano Roosevelt HS, Brooklyn. How American values of civic virtue were experienced in the aftermath of 9/11.

a background on the role dogs played in searching for victims at the World Trade Center.

Officer McArdle presented the Search & Rescue Dog program with his partner Clancy. Officer McArdle, who has spent 20 of his 32 years with the Department in the K-9 Unit, talked about the powerful bond between police officers and their canine partners. In September 2001, McArdle responded to the World Trade Center rescue site with his canine partner, Baron. McArdle had also just begun training a new canine partner, TC, named for the Trade Center, when the attacks occurred. They stayed at the World Trade Center until May of 2002.

9/11 Tribute Center volunteer Caitlin Langone thanked Officer McArdle and Clancy for their dedication. She recounted how her father, NYPD ESU officer Tommy Langone, used to tell her wonderful stories about the NYPD dogs when she was a child. In her father's memory, she became inspired to work with therapy dogs and is pursuing a graduate program in that specialty.



**Gregory Nacerino and Hugh Gallagher** from Washingtonville Middle School, Washingtonville, NY. Students began the Washingtonville 9/11 Memorial Park Maintenance Club.

**Kirsten Kenny** from Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, Buffalo, NY. Kirsten and her students held inspiring discussions of faith, spirituality, and existentialism.

**Deirdre M. Hurley** from Bayonne High School, Bayonne, NJ. Students interviewed a survivor and then their own parents, creating oral histories.

**Kathleen Menake** from Passaic Valley Regional HS, Little Falls, NJ. Students tele-conferenced and interviewed people closely connected to 9/11 history.

**Jill McCracken** from Holmdel HS, Holmdel, NJ. Jill created a unit on contemporary terrorism, followed by a lesson on remembrance.

**Carolyn Williams-Foell** from Shanley HS, Fargo, ND. Students researched and analyzed oral histories and 9/11 poetry, discussing virtue and faith.



## 9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Our partners, The National September 11 Memorial Museum, will open to the public on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Prior to the public opening, a Dedication Period from Thursday, May 15 through Tuesday, May 20 will include special previews of the Museum for 9/11 family members, 9/11 rescue and recovery workers, active-duty first responders from agencies that lost members in the 9/11 attacks, 9/11 survivors and lower Manhattan residents or business owners. A ceremony within the Museum will begin the Dedication Period on May 15.



"We are honored that the first people to experience this Museum will be the men and women who came to our aid and protected us on 9/11, the families of the innocent victims killed that day, and the survivors who lived to tell the tale of an unimaginable horror so that we may learn from the past. The Museum is built upon their incredible stories," 9/11 Memorial Chair Michael R. Bloomberg said.

The Dedication Period previews will be free, but reservations are required. To reserve your free ticket(s) to preview the Museum during the Dedication Period, visit [www.911memorial.org/dedication](http://www.911memorial.org/dedication). During the Dedication Period, the Museum will remain open 24 hours per day, which will serve as a small tribute to the thousands of Ground Zero rescue and recovery workers who worked around the clock in the aftermath of 9/11 as the city, the nation, and the world supported them. This will also help ensure the Museum is as accessible as possible to those who wish to visit.

9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels said. "When the Museum opens to the public on May 21, millions will come to further understand the experiences, courageous actions, and terrible losses that we saw on 9/11 and in the aftermath. The Museum will forever remind us of the capacity we have to come together when the times require."

The Museum includes two core exhibitions at the foundation, or bedrock, of the historic Trade Center complex. The memorial exhibition - called "In Memoriam" - pays tribute to the 2,983 men, women and children killed on 9/11 and in the February 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. The historical exhibition tells the story of what happened on 9/11 at the three attack sites and around the world. It also explores what led up to the terror strikes, examines the aftermath and shows how 9/11 continues to shape our world.

9/11 Memorial Museum Director Alice Greenwald said. "As much about 9/12 as it is about 9/11, the Museum provides a case study in how ordinary people acted in extraordinary circumstances, their acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity of spirit demonstrating the profoundly constructive effect we can have on each other's lives by the choices we make, even in the face of unspeakable destruction. The 9/11 Memorial Museum takes you on a journey into the heart of memory as an agent of transformation, empowering each of us to seek a deeper understanding of what it means to be a human being living in an interdependent world at the start of the 21st century."

Public admission reservations are available at [911memorial.org](http://911memorial.org). 9/11 family members do not have to pay an admission fee to visit the Museum and will always be given priority entry. 9/11 rescue and recovery workers who are registered with the Memorial also visit for free.

## TRIBUTE GUIDE HONORS LOVED ONE

Lance Tumulty would have turned 45 years old on March 31st. On 9/11, he worked for EuroBrokers on the eighty-fourth floor of the World Trade Center's South Tower. As they've done every March 31st since 9/11, friends and family will gather together that day at the home of his widow, Cynthia Tumulty-Ollemar, to celebrate Lance's life. "We share stories about Lance," Cynthia says. "He is always in our hearts, but March 31st is one of our special days of remembrance." Friends and family write messages to Lance for a "balloon launch." "Lance was Irish," says Cynthia, "and his birthday was near St. Patrick's Day, so the balloons are always green." The green balloons float into the sky, with messages for Lance trailing from their strings. Cynthia's daughters, Sara and Caroline, were only three years old and four months old when Lance perished. Growing up, the balloon launch helped them get to know their father, giving them memories to cherish.

As Cynthia and her daughters have grown older, they've found more meaningful ways not only to remember, but to help others, "sort of the way others helped us after 9/11," she explains.



For the third year in a row, they had a team run in the Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City, "Team 27," in honor of Lance, raising money to help the Stephen Siller Foundation. In June 2013, Cynthia became a 9/11 Tribute Center volunteer guide. She now shares her stories about Lance with visitors from across the country and around the world. "People often ask me if it's hard to go there and talk about Lance. I've been living this for almost 13 years. It's my life. It's important for me to teach others about that day." Cynthia says that volunteering for Tribute has given her "a sense of purpose," and coming to the 9/11 Memorial brings her a sense of peace. It is, she says, "her place of remembrance."

Cynthia has joined a volunteer community of people like her, all of whom were deeply impacted by the events of 9/11. Each tour incorporates a volunteer's personal September 11th story, a historical account of what happened that day, a description of the Memorial and of the rebuilding at the World Trade Center. While tours follow a basic outline, each one is very different depending upon the experience and perspective of the volunteer. "I feel it's part of my job to help people understand that there's a family behind every one of those names on the Memorial." Cynthia not only serves as a voice for Lance, but she is a voice for the nearly 3,000 names on the Memorial. For Cynthia, the choice to volunteer was an obvious one: "What better volunteer work could I do than something in honor of my husband?"

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Visit [www.911families.org](http://www.911families.org) and select "Events" for a full list of upcoming events.

### Haskell Brothers Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Thursday, May 22, 2014  
Lido Beach Golf Club, Lido Beach, NY  
Contact Ken, 516-783-4936 or 516-826-2127

### Celebrating Stories of Hope – The Billy Esposito Foundation

Wednesday, May 28, 2014  
Apella, New York, NY  
Go to [acaringhand.org](http://acaringhand.org) for details

### Captain Martin J. Egan 5-K Memorial Run

Sunday, June 1, 2014  
Midland Beach picnic area, SI, NY  
Call 718.966.9493 for details

### Special Agent Leonard W. Hatton Memorial Golf Classic

Friday, June 6, 2014  
Pebble Creek Golf Club, Colts Neck, NJ  
Go to [hattonclassic.com](http://hattonclassic.com) for details

### Robert J. Shay, Jr. Memorial Golf Outing & 40th Birthday Celebration

Saturday June 14, 2014  
Staten Island, NY  
Go to [robshayjrgolfouting.com](http://robshayjrgolfouting.com) for details

### Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation Comedy Night and Golf Outing

Sunday, July 13, 2014 - Monday, July 14, 2014  
New Seabury Country Club, Mashpee, MA  
Go to [markbavisleadershipfoundation.org](http://markbavisleadershipfoundation.org)

9/11 TRIBUTE CENTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM  
June 20th & 21st | August 1st and 2nd

