SEPTMBER 11TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES

9/11 Tribute Center | New York, NY
The 9/11 Tribute Center will be open to welcome all family members from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If your loved one is not yet remembered in the Tribute Gallery and you would like to bring a photo, submission forms will be available and staff will be present to accept photos.
9/11 Tribute Center, 120 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10006.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony | New York, NY
The September 11 Commemoration Ceremony and reading of the names will be held on the Memorial Plaza, beginning with a citywide moment of silence at 8:46 AM. The ceremony, which is for family members only, will end around 1:00 PM. The 9/11 Memorial will remain open until midnight. Family check-in 7:00 AM at Greenwich and Fulton Streets.

The invitation letter in its original form, P or T numbers or Memorial Park ID will serve as your family’s credential for admittance to the ceremony on the Memorial. Questions: memorial@911memorial.org.

The 9/11 Memorial Museum will open at 7:00 AM with last entry at 7:00 PM. Advance reservations are needed. Call (212) 266-5201 or visit www.911memorial.org/15thAnniversary to reserve.

On September 10, 2016 the 9/11 Memorial Museum will be open from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM for 9/11 families, 9/11 rescue and recovery workers, active-duty first responders, 9/11 survivors and lower Manhattan residents and business owners. Reserve free tickets at www.911memorial.org/September10 or by calling (212) 266-5211.

Pentagon Observance Ceremony | Arlington, VA
As we go to press, official news of the Pentagon ceremony is unavailable. It is likely that the ceremony will be similar to the information here. Please check your invitation to confirm this. The Secretary of Defense will host an Observance Ceremony at the Pentagon Memorial at 9:30 AM on Sunday, September 11, 2016. The ceremony is by invitation only, for families of victims of the attack and survivors. For security reasons, attendees are asked to arrive between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM.
Pentagon Memorial, 1400 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, VA 22201.

Flight 93 Memorial Ceremony | Stoystown, PA
The annual luminaria ceremony will be held at 7:30 PM on the evening of September 10, 2016. The Flight 93 Observance will be held at 9:45 AM on Sunday, September 11, 2016 outside adjacent to the Visitor Center. Please arrive no later than 8:30 AM for security, parking and shuttle transport. Flight 93 National Memorial, 6424 Lincoln Highway, Stoystown, PA 15563. www.nps.gov/ftp

Boston Anniversary Ceremonies | Boston, MA
The day’s events will begin at the 9/11 Contemplative Garden at 7:30 AM with a wreath-laying, then move to the Massachusetts State House for the reading of names on the lawn at 8:30 AM with a ceremony inside at 9:30 AM. If you are a Boston-area family member and did not receive an invitation, please call (617) 482-2911. 9/11 Contemplative Garden, Boston Public Garden, 69 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

9/11 TRIBUTE CENTER NEWS

The 9/11 Tribute Center announced last month that after 10 years — and almost 15 years after the attacks of September 11, 2001 — it will be moving to a new location in order to expand the exhibits and programs. The 9/11 Tribute Center will serve almost one million visitors annually.
“Four the past 10 years, the 9/11 Tribute Center has welcomed 4 million visitors from around the world to learn, hear and feel the personal stories of our community of family members, survivors, first responders, recovery workers, volunteers and Lower Manhattan residents,” said Lee Ielpi, President of the Board of Directors for the September 11th Families’ Association and co-founder of the 9/11 Tribute Center. “As we focus on tomorrow, we have to let young people know that through an understanding of 9/11 they can learn the importance of service and contributing to their communities. They can remember and honor those who were lost on 9/11 by participating in acts of service.”

The expanded 9/11 Tribute Center will include exhibits depicting the events of 9/11, a memorial, the response, recovery and rebuilding, global outreach and “Seeds of Service”. Jennifer Adams-Webb, CEO and co-founder of the 9/11 Tribute Center, stated that, “The mission will remain focused on the authentic stories of the 9/11 community and expand to be a model of recovery for other communities impacted by terrorism or disaster. The 9/11 Tribute Center has trained a volunteer corps of over 800 community members who share their stories of recovery and resilience daily - family members who lost loved ones, survivors, first responders and people who live and work in Lower Manhattan. (Continued on page 2)
CELEBRATING STEVEN PLATE

On June 23, the 9/11 Tribute Center honored Steven Plate, Chief of Major Capital Projects at the Port Authority of NY and NJ, for his outstanding work in the construction of the World Trade Center. Building on the excitement of the opening of the World Trade Center complex, the 9/11 Tribute Center recognized the incredible work and tireless dedication of Steven Plate at a breakfast reception at 4 World Trade Center. Steve has been a friend of the Tribute Center for over ten years, and the Tribute Center was pleased to be able to honor his contributions to the revitalization of Lower Manhattan and the World Trade Center. Board member and longtime docent Joan Mastro Paolo spoke about the importance of the WTC construction to the 9/11 and Lower Manhattan communities in her opening remarks.

Steven Plate has led the WTC reconstruction program for more than 10 years, which includes the construction of the Transportation Hub; One World Trade Center; the National September 11th Memorial and Museum, which incorporates one of the largest manmade waterfalls in the world; a state-of-the-art Vehicular Security Center; a 12,500-ton central chiller plant providing a “green” source of chilled water for all of the project’s public space; and a new 500,000-square-foot WTC mall and pedestrian concourse, providing high-end retail for Lower Manhattan.

The reception was supported by Louis Berger and Skanska, as well as 5 Star Electric, ASM Mechanical, Firecom, Iron Workers – Local 40, Pitta & Giblin LLP, Railroad Construction Company, Sciame Construction, Silverstein Properties, STV, Inc. and Tishman Construction among many other generous friends and patrons.

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Exhibitions will focus on the global connection of Lower Manhattan from early days of immigration to trade to development of skyscrapers. Thirty percent of the new exhibition content will focus on the history of 9/11, a memorial and the immediate aftermath, another 30% will focus on the long-term emotional recovery and rebuilding and the final 30% will focus on the humanitarian activism in response, as 9/11 foundations are continuing an inspirational legacy of the unity and service of America. The digital interactive “Seeds of Service” will inspire visitors to make a commitment to volunteer and perform acts of charitable service.”
“Through the various 9/11 memorials, dedications and ceremonies over the past 15 years, we have vowed that we will never forget those who were lost as a result of the 2001 tragedy, as well as those who answered the call to duty in the aftermath. The 9/11 Tribute Center will continue to ensure that we will always remember them,” said Police Commissioner William J. Bratton. “By providing a testimonial venue with an educational, interactive and service-oriented environment, the legacy of 9/11 will go on with honor and purpose.”

“All of us who care about New York City understand how important it is to remember those who were lost in the 9/11 attacks, and the Tribute Center does an incredible job of preserving their memories,” said Joseph Sitt, CEO of Thor Equities, which owns the site of the new Tribute Center Museum. “We are honored to welcome the 9/11 Tribute Center to its new home at 88 Greenwich Street. Their ongoing commitment to the Financial District is a testament to the neighborhood’s continuing resurgence.” Within the new space, the 9/11 Tribute Center will continue its mission to support the 9/11 and Lower Manhattan communities, to preserve the history of the attacks and aftermath, and to provide education and resources on the global and continuing impact of 9/11.

Contact us to share your story at: volunteer@tributewtc.org

The beloved Fritz Koenig sculpture, the Sphere, which survived the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, will move to the newly-opened Liberty Park overlooking the Memorial. It will be located near the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine.

The 25-ton bronze Sphere, long the centerpiece of the World Trade Center’s Austin J. Tobin Plaza, survived the 9/11 attacks with only moderate damage. It was moved to Battery Park as a temporary measure in 2002. Management of Battery Park no longer wanted to house the sculpture.

**VOLUNTEER SUMMER CELEBRATION**

On a sunny first Sunday in August, about fifty 9/11 Tribute Center volunteers boarded the Spirit Cruise Line “Spirit of New York” to share stories and adventures as Tribute guides this year. Both newer as well as more seasoned guides discussed their accomplishments, challenges and triumphs together. Guides discussed the meaning and methods of educating our public through sharing their personal stories.

Volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch, followed by dancing, sightseeing and a special visit to the Captain’s deck. The Captain was gracious and made a very special stop near the World Trade Center which allowed volunteers a moment to remember and reflect. It truly was a beautiful summer day, filled with good spirits, fond memories and the bonds of friendship.

Each year, the volunteer department host special events to recognize volunteers for their amazing effort and dedication. If you would like to volunteer by sharing your 9/11 story with the Tribute Center’s visitors, please visit www.tributewtc.org/volunteer or call 212-422-3520 ext 112.
9/11 TRIBUTE CENTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM
September 30th & October 1st
Email volunteer@tributewtc.org to register for training.

DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM

Firefighter Robert Evans
Robert J. Ferris
Terence D. Gazzani
Michael D. Mullan

In memory of Norman
Paul A. Acquaviva
Thomas Moody
Carol Ann Flyzik

Battalion Chief Thomas Haskell
Firefighter Timothy Haskell
Captain Terry Hatton, FDNY, Rescue Company 1

DATES TO REMEMBER
Visit www.911families.org and select “Events” for a full list of upcoming events.

James Martello Golf Outing
Friday, September 9, 2016
Crystal Springs Golf Club
1 Wild Turkey Way, Hamburg, NJ 07419
For more details, tinyurl.com/martellogolf

Alicia Titus Memorial Run for Peace
Saturday, September 10, 2016
Urbana University Student Center
For more details, tinyurl.com/aliciatitus

15th Annual Rick’s Place Golf Classic
Saturday, September 17, 2016
Country Club of Wilbraham, MA
For more details, ricksplacema.org

Captain Gerald F. DeConto, USN
Memorial Scholarship Run-Walk
Sunday, September 25, 2016
Stop & Shop Plaza, Sandwich, MA
For more details, geralddecontosk.com

9/11 Tribute Center Day of Service
and Remembrance Bike Build
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
For more details, tributewtc.org/support/corporations-communities/day-of-service

Posse’s Fall Gathering
Honoring Michael J. Armstrong
Saturday, November 19, 2016
Park Avenue Tavern
For more details, tinyurl.com/mjarmstrong

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