



Flight 93 Volunteer Newsletter

June 2008

Ambassadors' Experience Receiving the Hartzog Award

By Marlin Miller

It was a distinct honor and privilege to travel to Washington D.C. and represent the Flight 93 Ambassadors who received the Sixth Annual George B. Hartzog Jr. Award for outstanding group volunteer service in the nation's parks for 2007.

A word of thanks to Adam Shaffer who entered the ambassadors in the national contest and who served as a worthy guide for Bob and Donna Schmucker and myself for the trip.

This was only the third time that I had been able to visit our nation's capitol. The second time was several years ago when the NPS took the ambassadors to the National Mall for a training experience. The visit this time helped me gain greater appreciation for a larger number of memorials and to have a heart-rending experience as we visited the Holocaust Museum.

It was a privilege to meet and to be recognized by so many of the NPS staff, including Director Bomar. The luncheon and awards presentations were very impressive. I really wish that all of the ambassadors could have been present.

As rewarding as this trip and experience was, our presence at the Temporary Memorial Site, welcoming visitors and telling the story of the brave and heroic action of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, continues to be the greater privilege.

By Bob & Donna Schmucker

The trip to Washington D.C. was very rewarding. We had a chance on the



From left to right, Ambassadors Marlin Miller, Donna Glessner, Donna & Bob Schmucker outside of the Department of the Interior Building in Washington D.C.

first day to tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This was very sad and something everybody should see.

The second day we had a National Park Service guide take us to see the Memorials. We could choose what we wanted to visit. After the tour we had a delicious lunch served at the hotel followed by receiving the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award. Three awards were presented, but we were the only group award. Barbara Black, Donna Glessner, Adam Shaffer, Marlin Miller, Bob & Donna Schmucker all gave short remarks after the award was presented. It was very moving and we thanked them on behalf of all the ambassadors.

It was an honor to accept the award on behalf of the other Ambassadors.

June Safety Memo

Preparing For Warm Weather

- When working outside for extended periods of time, drink water even if you're not thirsty
- Wear sunblock (SPF 15 at minimum) and a hat for added protection from harmful UV rays
- Exposure can cause cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke

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June Calendar:

- June 3 Friends of Flight 93 Meeting 6 p.m. at Park Office in Somerset
- June 7 Shanksville Sale Day
- June 14 Flag Day



A special note of thanks to Chuck Wagner for replacing the U.S. and State flags and installing the brochure rack and the new patch board for Memorial Day weekend.

Also a thanks to Randy Ware for trimming around the Memorial before the holiday weekend.

Volunteer Update:

For those who haven't heard, one of our own, Janet Thomas was diagnosed with colon cancer this past year. She underwent surgery in Pittsburgh before traveling to their winter home in Florida where she has been undergoing chemo treatments at Moffitt Hospital in Tampa. Janet should complete the chemo before August and has been following the newsletters, missing the other Ambassadors. If you would like to send Janet please contact the office for her address. Bruce and Janet both asked me to send their "hellos" to everyone.

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Credit Union Available To NPS Volunteers

In appreciation for volunteer service across the National Park Service, the Interior Federal Credit Union is offering eligibility for membership to all NPS volunteers nationwide. The Interior FCU offers 25,000 free ATMs across the country, 2,080 service centers to manage accounts, online banking and free bill payment options. If you're interested in knowing more about the FCU, you can either go on their website at www.doifcu.org or call 1-800-914-8619. More information is also available at the Park Office in Somerset.

Tribute Center To Reschedule

For those who may have missed the announcement, the Tribute Center Volunteers from New York will not be coming to the Memorial on Saturday, June 14th. Since they are unable to visit in June, the Tribute Center hopes to reschedule their trip to Shanksville for this fall. More details will be released as they come available.



What's New With the Web??

In the past several months Skaidra Kempkowski, office manager, has worked to develop the NPS website for online visitors. If you have access to the internet, you have probably been to this web address in the past.

Recently additions to the website have included the public law establishing Flight 93 as a NPS site, a digital version of the Junior Ranger Programs for download, information for tour groups and scheduling and the site brochure. This month, look for a video to be added to the website of architect Paul Murdoch explaining the plans for the Memorial. If you do not have access to the internet, volunteers are always welcome to schedule an appointment at the Park Office to view the content of the website.

The Biker Inside

In preparation for the busy summer ahead at the Memorial, please review the following information about the large motorcycle groups riding through our area.

Thunder In the Valley will be held June 26 through June 29th. Promotions for this event were spread through New York, Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Maryland and Pittsburgh. Organizers are planning on 200,000 bike enthusiasts over the weekend. Guided rides to the Memorial, sponsored by ABATE, will be held on June 27 and June 28, leaving from Greenhouse Park in Conemaugh Township at 1 p.m.



Motorcycles parked at the Memorial with a dense morning fog.

America's 9/11 Ride will begin on Thursday, August 14 in Somerset. That evening, riders will come to the Memorial to make a presentation. On Friday, August 15 the Ride will drive past the Memorial enroute to the Pentagon and New York City. More details to follow.



Trivia

According to the 9/11 Commission Report, how many individuals had tickets to fly on Flight 93 the morning of September 11, 2001, but never showed for the flight? The answer will appear in next month's issue of *Volunteer*.