



# Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial

at Patriot Park

# News and Updates

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## MEGA SPECIAL EDITION SEPTEMBER 2025

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been an exciting, busy, and successful year. As you can see from this newsletter much has been accomplished, and we are now positioned to move into the next phase of our development which is a permanent feature containing all the names of the fallen. This has been made possible by dedicated volunteers, donors, and staff who have made the Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park a must-visit site for all patriotic Americans. As we remember and honor the sacrifices of those who keep us free, it is incumbent on us to live lives worthy of that sacrifice. The flags in the Field of Heroes represent men and women from every walk of life, race and creed but they worked together toward a common goal. Today we need to learn from their example and work together to solve the challenges facing America today. May Patriot Park be a place where citizens are inspired to do just that. Thank You, Randy Musser, President, Patriot Park Foundation

### WELCOME CABIN

On August 12 we received delivery of our Welcome Cabin at the memorial. The cabin has a nice front porch from which to greet visitors and provides needed storage space for supplies that support our operations. It will be especially useful as we continue to develop educational programs whereby students will learn about the Global War on Terrorism and the sacrifices made by U.S. Armed Forces and their families to keep them free and safe. Hopefully, as they learn these lessons they will be inspired to lead lives worthy of the sacrifices made on their behalf.



### 28<sup>th</sup> MILITARY POLICE RETIRED ASSOCIATION



On August 17, the 28th Military Police Retired Association held a ceremony to unveil the new storyboard honoring their fallen. Over 25 guests were welcomed to the memorial for the ceremony.

### \$25K MATCHING CHALLENGE MET!

During the August fundraising dinner we announced a \$25,000 matching challenge from a very generous anonymous donor. We are pleased to announce that the challenge has been met! Thank you to all who have generously donated!



### GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to help at Patriot Park. Contact us today to get started! **text/call: 814-233-0351**  
**e-mail: info@patriotparkfoundation.org**

### Monthly Meetings for ALL

Meetings of the Board of Directors of Patriot Park Foundation are held on the **First Thursday of the Month.** *Anyone with interest in the Park is encouraged to attend* via Zoom. Watch e-mail for the Zoom link a few days before the meeting.

## OLD TOWN RUN CLUB

On September 5<sup>th</sup> members of the Old Town Run Club visited the memorial. They have many active duty and veterans among their membership and very much appreciated the work being done to remember and honor members of the U.S. Armed Forces who fought the Global War on Terrorism.



## PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS

Thanks to a super volunteer effort, installation of 7000+ flag holders is complete! Volunteers have worked in blistering sun and heat to drill pilot holes, pound in rebar, apply the tubing, and finally reinsert the flags. Thank you to North Star High School students for cutting tubing, Steve Kaltenbaugh for donating and cutting thousands of feet of rebar, and the numerous folks who donated funds toward this amazing effort. The result is a Field of Heroes Flag Display that withstands wind, rain, mowing, and trimming with minimal damage to the flag and requires very little daily maintenance, enhancing sustainability.



**CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW FOR A VIDEO OF THE FLAG HOLDERS.**

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2025—GREAT AMERICAN RELAY



Early morning on 9/11, the Great American Relay began a relay run at the Memorial. They run from Shanksville to Washington D.C. and then on to Ground Zero in New York City. During the day hundreds of guests visited the Memorial and were greeted by volunteers. It was a wonderful but somber day as we remembered all those lost on 9/11 and all the fallen soldiers who have given their lives in the years since that fateful day.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

"Third time's a charm." This old adage doesn't totally apply since our previous two fundraisers were very successful. But when we gathered for the third time on August 17th for our third annual get-together, there was once again something special about the atmosphere at the sold-out Friesland Event Center in Hooversville, PA.

The results speak for themselves! We raised over \$33,000. Our guest speaker, Jessica Lynch, is one of the Global War on Terrorism's most famous veterans, and you could hear a pin drop as she recalled her harrowing capture and subsequent rescue during the invasion of Iraq in April, 2003.

It was also announced that that an anonymous donor was offering a \$25,000 matching challenge. Our major donor for the evening, Robindale Energy Services, almost immediately stepped up to the plate with a check, and the matching part of the challenge was set in motion!

The Event Center was once again provided at no charge by Curt and Liz Weyandt. There are too many amazing sponsors and volunteers to credit here, so please take a moment to check out the program button below where you will find them all listed. We are grateful to everyone who attended and supported this event and look forward to a special program next August during the 25th anniversary of the start of the Global War on Terrorism.

