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THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM COMMEMORATES THE  
14TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

*Memorial Reopens to General Public to View Tribute in Light After Ceremony*

(New York) September 11, 2015 – The National September 11 Memorial & Museum today observed the 14th anniversary of 9/11 with the families of the nearly 3,000 men, women and children killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard Flight 93 that crashed near Shanksville, Pa.

The event began with a citywide moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., in observance of the time the first plane struck the North Tower. In all, the ceremony had six moments of silence, representing the times each tower was struck and fell, the moment of the attack on the Pentagon, and the crash of Flight 93. Between the moments of silence, family members read the names of the victims.

“The anniversary of 9/11 will always be one of the most sacred of days in our nation’s history. We lost innocent men, women and children on that day and speaking each and every name aloud reminds us all that they were individuals who were simply living their lives that morning,” 9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels said. “Today, our thoughts and prayers are with the families, and we stand alongside them in helping to make sure this country never forgets.”

The ceremony was held on the Memorial between the acre-sized reflecting pools, which sit within the footprints of the twin towers. The 9/11 Memorial Museum was open for families as part of the commemoration ceremony.

“Honoring the lives of the 2,983 individuals who were killed is the core of our mission, and September 11 is the most important day of the year at the 9/11 Memorial Museum. On the 14th anniversary of the attacks, we are proud that the Museum can again serve as a place of comfort and belonging for families who travel to the site on this sacred day of remembrance,” 9/11 Memorial Museum Director Alice Greenwald said. “The legacy of their loved ones is recognized every day of the year as visitors from around the world come here to learn their stories and honor the lives they led.”

The Memorial reopens to the general public at 3 p.m. and remains open to midnight today so visitors may view Tribute in Light, which illuminates the sky just south of the World Trade Center at West and Morris streets.

Explore the Memorial names arrangement and learn more about each victim by visiting the Memorial Guide at [names.911memorial.org](http://names.911memorial.org).

## ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design, fundraising, programming and operations of the Memorial and Museum. The Memorial and Museum are located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site.

The Memorial remembers and honors the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The design, created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original Twin Towers and a plaza of trees. The Museum displays monumental artifacts linked to the events of 9/11, while presenting intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery that are central to telling the story of the 2001 and 1993 attacks and the aftermath. It also explores the global impact of 9/11 and its continuing significance. Davis Brody Bond are the architects of the belowground Museum and Snøhetta designed its entry pavilion. The Museum's exhibition designers include Thinc, Local Projects and Layman Design.

For more information or to reserve a ticket to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, go to [911memorial.org](http://911memorial.org).

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