

9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

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THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM COMMEMORATES 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1993 WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING IN SOLEMN CEREMONY

First Terror Attack on WTC Killed Six People, Injured More Than 1,000

(New York) February 26, 2017 – The National September 11 Memorial & Museum and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today remembered the lives of the innocent victims of the 1993 World Trade Center terror bombing on the 24th anniversary of the attack.

A moment of silence was observed at 12:18 p.m., the time of the terror strike that killed John DiGiovanni, Robert Kirkpatrick, Stephen Knapp, William Macko, Wilfredo Mercado and Monica Rodriguez Smith and her unborn child. Each victim's name was read aloud by family members during the annual ceremony attended by victims' relatives, survivors, friends, Port Authority officials including Executive Director Pat Foye and others.

Ceremony attendees placed roses on the victims' names that are inscribed together on the Memorial's North Pool, not far from One World Trade Center. The six names are alongside those of the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

"We are gathering today, 24 years since the first terror attack on the World Trade Center, to remember and commemorate the lives of Monica, Wilfredo, William, Stephen, Robert and John," 9/11 Memorial & Museum President Alice M. Greenwald said. "We come together today, and always, to ensure their stories will not be forgotten, that they will be shared beyond the tender memories of families and friends, and with the millions of visitors who come to the Memorial and Museum each year to gather in tribute and to pay their respects."

Terrorists detonated about 1,200 pounds of explosives in a rental van in the underground parking garage at the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993. Of the victims, Kirkpatrick, Knapp, Macko and Smith were Port Authority employees. Mercado worked for Windows on the World restaurant and was checking in food deliveries, while DiGiovanni was a dental supply salesman visiting the building at the time of the blast. Some Port Authority personnel with specialized knowledge of the building remained in the towers to help first responders with the evacuation and rescue. About 50,000 people were safely evacuated.

More information about the 1993 attack can be found online at 911memorial.org. To learn more about the names arrangement of the 9/11 Memorial, please visit the [Memorial Guide](#).

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the nonprofit organization that oversees operations for the 9/11 Memorial and 9/11 Memorial Museum. Located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site, the Memorial and Museum remember and honor the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The Memorial plaza design consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original twin towers surrounded by swamp white oak trees. The Museum displays more than 900 personal and monumental objects while its collection includes more than 60,000 items that present intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery linked to the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. The Museum also explores the global impact of 9/11 and its continuing significance through education programs, public programs, live talks and film features that cover contemporary topics designed for diverse audiences. For more information or to reserve a ticket to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, please visit 911memorial.org.

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