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**THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED TO
VICTIMS' FAMILIES ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 ATTACKS**

*The Families Will See for the First Time the 2,983 Victims' Names Forever
Inscribed in Bronze at the World Trade Center Site*

New York, N.Y. - The National September 11 Memorial (9/11 Memorial) at the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan will be dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in a ceremony for family members of those who perished on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93, as well as in the World Trade Center bombing on February 26, 1993.

The commemoration ceremony will include readings by President Barack Obama and President George W. Bush. The names of the victims will be read aloud by family members. The ceremony will also mark six moments of silence, acknowledging when each of the Twin Towers was hit and collapsed, the impact of Flight 77 into the Pentagon, and the crash of Flight 93 outside Shanksville, PA. During these moments of silence, houses of worship will toll their bells.

The 9/11 Memorial, designed by architect Michael Arad, consists of two enormous reflecting pools set in the footprints of the Twin Towers. Each pool is approximately an acre in size. Thirty-foot waterfalls cascade down all sides, before falling into an inner void, out of sight. The names of the 2,983 victims of the 2001 and 1993 attacks are inscribed on bronze parapets surrounding the pools.

"Every year this commemoration ceremony has been a lasting tribute to the nearly 3,000 people we lost during the 9/11 attacks," said Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, who also serves as Chairman of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. "This year, we have the honor of dedicating the National September 11 Memorial, a poignant symbol of both our strength and our promise to never forget. Family members, first responders, survivors, and people from all around the globe now have a permanent place to go to pay their respects to the victims of September 11th."

"This anniversary begins a new chapter in the history of this city and our nation," said 9/11 Memorial president Joe Daniels. "It is an honor to welcome the

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loved ones of those whose names are now inscribed in perpetuity on sacred ground. The Memorial will be a constant reminder not only of what we have endured, but also of our ability to come together in the wake of tragedy."

Unlike any other memorial in existence, the names of the victims are arranged not in a conventional order, but by meaningful adjacencies. These layers of meaning reflect where people were, who they were with on 9/11, and more than 1,200 requests made by victims' next of kin for individual names to be next to one another.

As told in the official book of the National September 11 Memorial, *A Place of Remembrance*, the entire structure of the arrangement--from the order of the major groupings to which affiliations would follow others--was driven by the personal adjacency requests from victims' families. Following are just a few examples among the thousands of deeply personal stories behind the 9/11 Memorial names arrangement.

View b-roll of the Memorial Guide [here](#). Newly released pictures of the names on the Memorial will be available at 911memorial.org after the commemoration ceremony begins.

Richard Barry Ross and Stacey Leigh Sanders

The World Trade Center grouping on the north pool, for example, immediately follows Flight 11 and begins with the names of the 293 people who worked for Marsh and McLennan Companies, an insurance brokerage and risk consulting firm, because of a request that the names Richard Barry Ross and Stacey Leigh Sanders be listed together. Richard was a passenger on Flight 11. His oldest daughter, Abigail, lost not only her father but also her best friend, Stacey, who was at work at her new job at Marsh on the 96th floor of the north tower when Flight 11 crashed into it. The request is a poignant example of how the names arrangement allowed meaning not only among the victims, but also for the loved ones left behind.

Donald James McIntyre and John Anthony Sherry

Similarly, a personal request connected the first responders section of the memorial with the beginning of the World Trade Center section on the south memorial pool. Donald James McIntyre, a Port Authority police officer for 15 years, had been on duty on February 26, 1993, helping escort workers to safety during the first attack on the World Trade Center. On 9/11, he and his wife's cousin, John Anthony Sherry, were both there. John was a trader at Euro Brokers in the south tower. When Donald called his wife that morning, he told her he was rushing to the 84th floor, where John's offices were located. For their names to be next to one another along the south pool, the World Trade Center section on the south memorial pool immediately follows the First Responders section and the 37 Port Authority Police Department names, with the 61 Euro Brokers names listed first.

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Victor Wald and Harry Ramos

Some of the adjacency requests are between people who barely knew one another but who formed intense bonds during that chaotic September morning, as reported by their loved ones. One such pair is Victor Wald, a stockbroker and only victim from Avalon Partners, and Harry Ramos, the head trader and only victim from May Davis Group. During the attacks, Victor tried descending the staircase but found it harder and harder to keep going. Somewhere around the 55th floor of the south tower, he decided to stop and wait for help. Many people passed by until Harry stopped. "I'm not going to leave you," he was overheard saying to the stranger. According to several survivors, Harry helped Victor down the stairs until he could go no farther. On the form Victor's wife returned to the memorial staff, she requested his name appear next to Harry's because he "died alongside of him."

The Vigiano and Langone Brothers

Unlike other sections of the memorial, the first responders' names follow headings indicating their agencies and units, listed in horizontal rows following their unit titles, such as Ladder 10. Vertically, above and below each unit, appear others that shared the same firehouses and precincts. The layout further incorporates an intricate web of requests from families who sustained multiple losses or who knew their loved ones would want to be listed with lifelong friends. All such requests were honored, over 50 within the FDNY section alone.

A number of adjacency requests crossed between two responder agencies, notably between the FDNY and NYPD. The Langone brothers, Peter with FDNY Squad 252 and Thomas with NYPD Emergency Service Squad 10, both responded to the 1993 bombing and were killed responding to the 9/11 attacks. "Tommy and Peter Langone grew up in a world where dealing with danger was a family tradition," a loved one posted on a Squad 252 memorial website. "They were both following their essential dream; they were trying to save lives."

Likewise, John and Joseph Vigiano were brothers who responded with the FDNY and NYPD, respectively. "Two of the tightest brothers you could ever find," read their New York Times "Portrait of Grief."

The Falkenberg/Whittington Family

On Flight 77 was a family of four: Charles S. Falkenberg and Leslie A. Whittington, who had been married for 17 years, and their children Zoe and Dana, eight and three years old. The flight to Los Angeles was intended to be just the start of the family's trip to Australia, where Leslie was to work as a visiting professor. They had been planning the trip excitedly with their daughters for months. The memorial arrangement places the names of the parents directly above their children's.

The Brandhorst/Gamboa Family

On Flight 175, a family of three: Daniel Raymond Brandhorst and Ronald L. Gamboa, who were traveling with their son, David Reed Gamboa Brandhorst, also only three years old. Like members of the Falkenberg/Whittington family, these three are among the many examples of families who would have been separated in an alphabetical arrangement of names.

The Hanson Family

On the same bronze panel as the Brandhorst/Gamboa family appear the names of the Hanson family-Sue and Peter with their daughter Christine, at two and a half years old, the youngest victim of the 9/11 attacks. The family was on the way to visit Sue's family in Korea, flying through Los Angeles. Peter had called his father from the plane at 8:52 a.m. to tell him he thought they had been hijacked and to ask him to call United Airlines. He called again at 9 a.m. That call ended abruptly; his father turned on the television and saw Flight 175 hit the south tower.

Angela M. Houtz

The Pentagon section of the memorial lists the 125 names of those who were killed in the building when Flight 77 crashed into it. As with other sections of the memorial, the names of those within the same affiliation are listed together, including members of the Army, Navy, and civilians working for military branches. The family of Angela M. Houtz, a 27-year-old Navy professional and the first civilian ever to hold her post at the Pentagon, requested seven different personal adjacencies, all now listed around Houtz's name on the memorial. "When Angie died, she was in a conference room with her co-workers, responding to the attacks in New York, when the plane hit," her mother, Julie Shontere, explained. She wanted her daughter's name placed among the names of those who had shared their final moments together.

The 9/11 Memorial opens to the public on Sept. 12, 2011, one day after the 10th anniversary commemoration. Due to ongoing construction on other World Trade Center projects, free timed passes are required to visit the Memorial and a timed reservation system became available through the Memorial's website in July in advance of Monday's public opening. Already more than 400,000 passes have been reserved by people from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. On Sept. 12 alone, the Memorial will welcome nearly 4,000 visitors from more than 25 countries.

Visitors can reserve free passes at 911memorial.org.

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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 at the World Trade Center. The Memorial and Museum are located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site. The Memorial will be dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and the Museum will open in September 2012.

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 will display 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 will communicate key messages that embrace both the specificity and the universal implications of the events of 9/11; document the impact of those events on individual lives, as well as on local, national, and international communities; and explore the continuing significance of these events for our global community.

For more information or to reserve a free visitor pass to the Memorial, go to 911memorial.org.

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