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Learn About the Flight 93 Memorial Project at June 17th Breakfast

As the nation prepares to observe the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a special *Government: It's Your Business* Breakfast Event featuring a program about the Flight 93 National Memorial Project.

The site of the crash of United Flight 93 in Shanksville has become sacred ground, and a place to remember the collective act of heroism of the passengers and crew on the morning of September 11, 2001. The dedication of the National Memorial will play a significant role in the commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, but it will mark only the first half of the long-term project.

"The opening of the permanent memorial will bring new benefits and challenges," said Keith Newlin, Superintendent of the Flight 93 National Memorial. "We all need to be ready for September 12 and beyond as the memorial continues to take shape and more visitors come to the area."

Newlin will be the featured speaker at the June 17th breakfast event, which begins at 7:30 a.m. at Old Bedford Village on Business Route 220 in Bedford. Hundreds of thousands of visitors are expected to make their way to Pennsylvania to see Phase I of the memorial project, and a significant number of those will travel through Bedford County on their way to Shanksville.

"The Chamber is very proud to be able to provide this special program," said Chamber Executive Director Kellie Goodman Shaffer. "We want to provide the business community with valuable information to help us put our best foot forward in welcoming visitors to our region."

Shaffer says the Flight 93 National Memorial is a symbol of courage and hope. The actions of the passengers and crew helped to define the way Americans responded to the terrorist attack of 9/11.

The *Government: It's Your Business* Breakfast event is open to Chamber members as well as the public. Cost is \$15 per person; to RSVP call the Chamber Office at (814) 623-2233.

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