

## **WATCH: Time-lapse construction of 9/11 memorial in Pennsylvania**

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The memorial to those who perished in the crash of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, officially opens Thursday.

This [time-lapse video of its construction](#) was undertaken by EarthCam, which has previously chronicled the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and the Washington Monument, the extension of the Panama Canal, and the construction of numerous sports stadiums.

The museum chronicles the story of the doomed flight, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field after a group of passengers fought with their hijackers. That effort was immortalized by Cranbury passenger Todd Beamer's words seconds before he and others began their assault: "Let's roll."

The flight, which departed from Newark Liberty International Airport that fateful morning, was the only one skyjacked by terrorists that failed to reach its target. Two others struck the Twin Towers and one hit the Pentagon.

That failure - due to the passengers' decision to fight - likely saved countless lives on the ground. Seven crew members and forty passengers died, including 13 from New Jersey.

The center's stark, 40-foot exterior concrete walls are split by a black granite walkway that marks the doomed plane's flight path. Visitors are led through the exhibits to an outdoor platform that offers a commanding view of the crash site and surrounding hills.

The money for the visitor center complex was raised from 120,000 private donors, along with contributions from the state and the federal government. Officials project attendance will rise from 300,000 per year to around 500,000.

