

Mission of the Memorial

The September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois is a memorial to the nearly 3,000 innocent victims who died in the vicious attacks by terrorists on September 11, 2001, often referred to as 9/11. It also honors those who came to aid and rescue, and those who survived. It symbolizes the love and compassion shown during the aftermath.

The Memorial provides a solemn place for visitors to recall the events of the day that marked the largest loss of life from a foreign attack on American soil and changed our lives forever.

Moment of Remembrance

On September 11, 2011, the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, the City of Belleville and the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois Committee participated in a Stop & Remember Ceremony. The ceremony provided an opportunity for our community to join together with others across the nation in response to the United States Senate unanimously passing a resolution calling on all Americans to join together on 9/11/11 for a Moment of Remembrance.

Each year since then, a Moment of Remembrance Ceremony is held on September 11 at the Memorial site at 1125 S. Illinois St. The public is invited to attend.

Donations/Support

Construction of the completed Memorial was possible because of the generous donations of cash, materials, and labor.

The 1st phase of construction was completed in the summer of 2016 and was dedicated on September 11, 2016. The second phase was dedicated on September 11, 2017, and the third and final phase was dedicated on September 11, 2018. The September 11 Memorial Walkway Committee will continue to work to raise funds for repairs, maintenance, enhancements, improvements, and continuous care of the Memorial.

All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

Checks can be made payable to:

September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois

Donations can be placed in the locked donation box at the entrance to the Memorial walkway, or mailed to:

September 11 Memorial Walkway
PO Box 7913
Belleville, IL 62222

Additional Information

The September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois is registered with the official 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York which tracks 9/11 memorials throughout the world, showing the global impact of the events of 9/11/2001.

For additional information, visit www.belleville.net/911memorial

To arrange a group tour, contact Belleville Tourism at (618) 233-6769 or (800) 677-9255.

**** WE WILL NEVER FORGET ****

The September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois is a sub-committee of the Belleville Cultural Enrichment Organization (BCEO), a 501 (c) 3 recognized by the State of Illinois. Donations are tax deductible.



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*1125 S. Illinois St.
Belleville, IL 62220*

Memorial Features

The Brick Paved Gathering Area is the entrance to the Memorial and the only location on site where donors are identified. The brick and granite pavers identify donors of \$125, \$225, and \$500. The bronze donor plaque identifies donors of \$1,000 and above.



The Walkway with a Timeline extends from the Memorial entrance to the artifact. Along the walkway, bump-outs display bronze plaques that help to tell the story of the events of 9/11 that took place in New York, at the Pentagon, in Pennsylvania, and aboard four hijacked planes. The historic timeline was created to serve as an educational resource for generations to come.

The Survivor Tree Seedling is a seedling produced from the fruit harvested from a Callery pear tree found during the rescue and recovery process at the World Trade Center after 9/11/2001. The tree was rescued, nurtured back to health, and then returned to its original location where it now stands on the plaza at the 9/11 Memorial in New York. Known as the Survivor Tree, it has become a symbol of America's optimism and unbreakable spirit.

The Tribute to the Heroes of Flight 93 was intentionally constructed off the main walkway to assimilate the Flight 93 crash site in a field near Shanksville, PA, where the site is marked by a large stone in a field of wildflowers.



The World Trade Center Artifact is a 7,106.9 pound, 35.25 foot long steel column from the fallen World Trade Center in New York. The two concrete structures supporting the artifact are representative of the fallen north and south Twin Towers at the World Trade Center. It is undetermined as to which tower the artifact came from.



The Artifact Plaza is a scale representation of the inner and outer rings of the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. The ten benches surrounding the outer edge of the plaza help to emphasize its shape and provide seating for visitors to rest and reflect upon the events of September 11, 2001.

Memorial Location

The September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois is located on the front lawn of Belleville's Engine House #4, at 1125 S. Illinois Street. This site at the intersection of IL State Routes 159 and 15 was chosen because of its high visibility and easy access.

Hours: Open daily, dawn until dusk
Admission: Free admission
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible
Parking: Free parking is available on the lot at the west end of the building. Bus groups are welcome.

