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NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE / FOUNDATION

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**UPDATES! 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting - Saturday - Sunday, October 18-19, 2003**

**DoubleTree Hotel, Pentagon City/Crystal City/Arlington VA - Call (703) 4164100 or (800) 222TREE, as soon as possible for the special NADA/F \$99 rate.**

**Confirmed Special Guests Include:**

- ✓ **Keynote Speaker: Ronald L. Motley, Esq.**, Lead attorney for Burnett vs. Al Baraka Investment, a lawsuit to hold those financiers of 9/11 accountable. I assure you that this may be the most informative and important meeting that you could attend. Survivors and family members have a "need to know" and search for the truth, and this is an opportunity to receive the most up to date information. They have spent \$15 million on discovery, and the research is on-going worldwide.
- ✓ **Mary Schiavo**, Active in discovery regarding 9/11 and serving on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for September 11, 2001 Tort Litigation, representing 60+ passengers' families from the four hijacked planes. Former Inspector General U.S. Dept of Transportation (1990-96).
- ✓ **Coleen Rowley, F.B.I.** "TIME" Magazine, 2002, one of three "Persons of the Year" - Will be speaking in her personal capacity.
- ✓ **John Goglia**, NTSB Board Member, Goglia received our Aviation Safety Award in 2001 and we appreciate his continued support for family members, and tireless work for safety and security!
- ✓ **Alan Levin**, "USA Today" Journalist
- ✓ **Bogdan Dzakovic**, Aviation Security Expert
- ✓ **Bertrand des Clars de Beaumets**, Aviation Safety Expert - "How long a road to the end of fuel tank fires?"
- ✓ **Gunnar Kuepper**, Expert in Emergency & Disaster Management - Update on level of preparedness for the credible threats to passenger airline terminals.
- ✓ **Monica Gabrielle and Sally Regenhard** from Skyscraper Safety will bring us up to date on their work and accomplishments since 9/11.
- ✓ **William Rizzo, Psy.D.**, will share the results of his survey of family members from last year's meeting, and research about history of support services following air crash disasters.
- ✓ **Regina Asaro, MS, RN, CT**, Author of "Mental Health Matters" in NADA/F Newsletters, with fifteen years experience supporting families who have experienced traumatic loss.
- ✓ **More guests to be announced!** Updates on Speakers and Special Guests will also be on our website: [www.PlaneSafe.org](http://www.PlaneSafe.org)

Events include socializing from early morning to late at night. . .

Friday, for early arrivals: 2:00 - 4:30 PM lobbying trip to Congress in small groups with handouts, and casual buffet dinner at the hotel.

Saturday morning is traditionally a time for introductions and to learn more about each other. Members have often said that this is the best part of the meeting. . .

Saturday Forum: "*Terrorism and Aviation Safety: How did we get to 9/11, and what is being done to make us all safer?*"

Saturday Dinner: Awards and recognition to those who have made a difference. . .

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for fellowship with friends, and to learn more about what has been done, and can be accomplished by working together! There is much work to do, and family members will continue to make a difference!

**MISSION: To raise the standard of safety, security, and survivability  
for aviation passengers and to support victims' families.**

**Updates for the Annual Meeting - October 18-19th**

**Terrorism Takes Money - Stopping the Supply**  
Join us to learn more from **Ron Motley**, lead attorney of the lawsuit to bankrupt the terrorist. There are over 4,600 Plaintiffs: family members from 9/11 who lost loved ones and survivors from WTC (World Trade Center) and the Pentagon. The lawsuit was filed over a year ago, has been amended a number of times, and is moving forward in court in the Washington DC area. **Family members** will also share their personal stories.

There are over 200 Defendants: individuals, banks, corporations, charities, and more, used by the terrorists that caused the disasters of 9/11. The goal of the lawsuit is to hold accountable those who financed the terrorism.  
The **Motley Rice**, LLC legal team has spent over \$15 million on discovery, traveled worldwide, and obtained compelling documents. The magnitude of this lawsuit is far-reaching, and its success will make us all safer—in the air, and on the ground. For more information and news reports, visit [www.MotleyRice.com](http://www.MotleyRice.com)

At our website, [www.PlaneSafe.org](http://www.PlaneSafe.org) under Calendar there are also links to news articles of interest.  
**Mary Schiavo** has been active in discovery regarding 9/11, and serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee. We must also learn more about our government and the aviation industry failures on 9/11. We always welcome Mary's participation and appreciate her support for victims' families.

**Colleen Rowley will be a Special Guest at the 2003 Annual Meeting,** speaking in her personal capacity. Ms. Rowley is an FBI agent in Minneapolis, and was one of three "TIME" Magazine "Persons of the Year" for 2002. An edited version of the Colleen Rowley memo of May 21, 2002, is available on the "TIME" magazine website: <http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101020603/memo.html> or go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and search "Rowley FBI memo"  
**Where... DoubleTree Hotel, Pentagon City,**  
**close to Washington National/Reagan Airport**  
Call (703) 416-4100 as soon as possible for the \$99 rate, available until Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, or until the rooms are reserved, whichever comes first.  
**When... Friday,** for early arrivals - Afternoon lobbying from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. We will distribute to Senators and Members of Congress large charts of the history of hi-jacking, 823 hi jackings from 1970-2001, a letter listing what they can do to truly make us safer, and reminding them that there was never a "traditional" hi jacking or security threat to be ignored.  
Optional dinner for early arrivals starting at 7:00pm.  
Sat. & Sun - 8:30-9:30 am Continental Breakfast and conversation  
9:30am Sat. morning through 1:30 pm Sun. Annual Meeting

**Saturday morning,** a time to learn more about each other.  
**Saturday, late morning and afternoon,** Terrorism Forum and Speakers focusing on Aviation Safety and Security.  
**Saturday evening socializing** starts at 5:30pm and Dinner 7:00pm at the Rooftop Dining Room. Awards, recognition and Guest Speakers  
**Sunday 9:30am - 1:30pm:** Guest Speakers and discussion: Contracted aircraft maintenance, preventing fuel tank explosions (such as the probable cause of TWA800), child safety, and Support for Family Members.  
**BRIEF NADA/F Business meeting:** Election of Board Members, financial report, adopting Goals 2004. Please let us know as soon as possible about Goals that you would recommend.  
**Sunday afternoon and evening-** Some of us will stay through until Monday morning—for casual dinner and social time.  
**Who... Everyone is welcome—survivors, family members, aviation professionals, government officials, members of the media, those impacted by aviation disasters recently and long ago, and all who support higher standards of safety and security.**

**Additional Speakers will be announced!**

**NADA/F Board Members for 2004...**

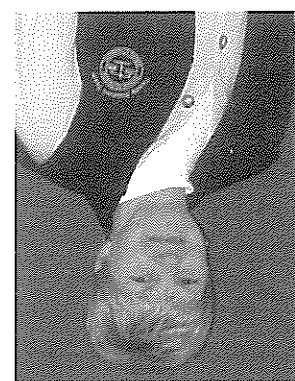
The nine-member Board of Directors, President, and Board Members are elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. The present Board can also appoint Board Members during the year. The following are members of the Nominating Committee for Board Member recommendations for 2004. If you would like to serve on the Board, or help in any way, please contact the following:  
Tom O'Vara [tomovara2002@citilink.net](mailto:tomovara2002@citilink.net) (651) 408-8310  
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**Membership Donations and Sponsors...**  
Please consider a donation of \$20 per person, per year for membership, or as much as you can afford, tax deductible, to the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION.  
We are true to our founding goals, and your donation can make a difference as we work together to prevent these devastating disasters, and provide the long-term support needed for family members.  
We also welcome Newsletter Sponsors for a \$2,000 donation.  
NADF Sponsors are recognized each year for donations of \$10,000 or more. These donations are held in Trust, and the interest income is used to promote our programs, or for a specific purpose.  
Sponsors may be anonymous or recognized every year. The Trust assures our work for the future.

**US Airways Express flight 5481 - January 8, 2003**  
[www.flight5481.flight5481.com/](http://www.flight5481.flight5481.com/) is the new website for US Airways Express flight 5481, 1/8/03, in Charlotte NC. The initial NTSB Public Hearing May, 2003, focused on a possible cause of negligent contracted aircraft maintenance.  
Join us Sun. morning for a forum on Contracted Aviation Maintenance. It is a serious problem, and growing while airlines continue to look for lower costs.

**BOOKS - NADA/F welcomes book donations about aviation safety, security, and support for victims' families - Check BOOKS on the website for updates.**  
To order books from Amazon.com remember to go to NADF's website first, [www.PlaneSafe.org](http://www.PlaneSafe.org) and link to the Amazon.com logo at BOOKS. NADF then receives a small commission from Amazon.com when linked from our website, at no additional cost to you. This is another way to help us grow. Thank you!  
Amazon.com is offering Free Super Saver Shipping with purchases over \$25. See details on their website Amazon.com

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Amazon.com is offering Free Super Saver Shipping with purchases over \$25. See details on their website Amazon.com



Jackie Burnett (Valujet) wears a smart-looking "NADA-wear" vest. "NADA-wear" offers polo shirts, denim shirts, lightweight fleece vests (very popular), micro fiber fleece-lined vests, nylon windbreakers and more for \$20 to \$60 plus shipping. We continue to hear that our "NADA-wear" is quality at a great price, and also promotes aviation safety and security!

Special! "NADA-wear" snazzy hats are available for only \$10!  
Barb Sjudarick is coordinating "NADA-wear" orders.  
Note Barb's new Email address: [Mazamadoe@direcway.com](mailto:Mazamadoe@direcway.com) (360) 371-4108. Barb is also Director of Family Support Team.

**Our Members Need Your Help!**  
**Please find 10 minutes and Lend a Hand and Your Voice to Help with the following!**

**WTC-World Trade Center Families for Proper Burial**

**Remove the ashes of those killed at the World Trade Center from the Fresh Kills Landfill for a proper resting place at the planned WTC memorial site.**

**Goals of the WTC Families for Proper Burial**

- To ensure the removal from The Fresh Kills landfill of the "ashen remains" of those killed on Sept. 11, 2001.
- To place these ashen remains in appropriate containers.
- To return these ashen remains to The World Trade Center site to be part of the planned WTC memorial for their respectful, dignified, and final resting place.

WTC Families for Proper Burial was established by families, friends and concerned citizens from across the U.S. and abroad. Our goal is to inform the public that the ashen remains of those killed at WTC have been left in a dump, The Fresh Kills Landfill, in Staten Island, NY. Requests to retrieve these remains for a proper burial have been ignored.

We are asking as many people as possible to sign our on line petition and contact others to support our efforts for a respectful final resting place at the WTC site.

Oh behalf of the WTC Families, thank you for your help.

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**Website: [www.WTCFamiliesForProperBurial.com](http://www.WTCFamiliesForProperBurial.com)**  
**Click on Petition Online. Click on privacy and your email will not be shared with others.**

**Please sign the on-line petition, and show our national support for the 9/11 family members.**

The remains from the Pentagon are interred at Arlington National Cemetery, and those who died on United 93 at Shanksville PA had a respectful burial.

The Medical Examiner of NYC has agreed to inter the unidentified remains that they have at a memorial site at WTC, however, the unidentified ashes and remains must not remain at a garbage dump.

Many elected officials and local governments support the goals of the WTC for Proper Burial, however the decision makers have rejected the appeals.

If 3,000 Americans were killed overseas, and their ashes left in a landfill, we would be outraged. It is more outrageous that Mayor Bloomberg, Gov. Pataki, and the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. are still insisting that the ashes of the human remains from WTC be left in a landfill. The majority of the family members received little or no identification of their loved ones at WTC and, as we know, the unidentified ashes and remains are very important.

**NADA/F** Founding Members worked hard to pass the Family Assistance Act of 1996. Tell officials they must comply with the provision **that family members will be consulted about the disposition of all remains and personal effects.** Since 1996 all airlines and government agencies have cooperated with this federal law—NYC must do the same!

**Please sign the on-line petition. Additional letters may be sent to:**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Mayor Michael Bloomberg | Gov George Pataki |
| City Hall               | State Capitol     |
| New York NY 10007       | Albany NY 12224   |
| 212-788-3000            |                   |

LMDC-Lower Manhattan Development Corp.  
One Liberty Plaza  
New York, NY 10006

**ForgottenHeroes911@yahoo.com**

**Honor Jim Corrigan, Phil Hayes and Bill Wren**

On 9/11, 343 active firemen lost their lives at WTC, and 3 retired firefighters gave their lives in the rescue on 9/11. One of those men was my father, Captain James J. Corrigan.

The Bloomberg administration has refused to recognize these three men as firemen on the FDNY Wall of Honor and in the official count of lost firefighters. Both active and retired firefighters share the same willingness to risk their lives to save others.

**Jim Corrigan, Phil Hayes, and Bill Wren** all acted as they had throughout their careers as New York City Firemen. In their final moments, they ushered children from one of the WTC daycare centers to safety. They then returned to their posts where they perished saving others.

Gov. Pataki signed into law a bill reinstating all three men to active duty on 9/11/01 so they would be properly included with their "brothers." Today their names remain missing from the FDNY wall at headquarters. All National Memorials include these men, yet the city intentionally omitted them.

The lack of support seems to be the view of a select few who do not appreciate their heroic and lifesaving efforts. The same few took the Fire Dept. caisson away from my family (by order of the Commissioner) 40 minutes before my Father's funeral, and the same few directed others to give us an empty Tiffany box (and no Department medals) on medal day.

Based on a lifetime of service to New York City, we ask for your endorsement that **Jim Corrigan, Phil Hayes and Bill Wren** be included on the FDNY Wall of Heroes for their heroics and dedication. They deserve this recognition and with your help, it can be attained.

Yours truly,  
**Brendan Corrigan**  
Email: [ForgottenHeroes911@yahoo.com](mailto:ForgottenHeroes911@yahoo.com)

**<http://www.AdamsAngels.org/forgottenheroes911.html>**

**Please sign the on-line petition at:**

**<http://www.petitiononline.com/Roses911.petition.html>**

After you sign the petition on-line click on "Preview Your Signature" and then enter. Signatures are needed from 9/11 family members, and everyone who wants to honor our heroes.

**Ask your Senators and the Intelligence Committee to  
Declassify the Joint Inquiry NOW! Free the 28 Pages!**

Dear Friends,

The Senate and House Joint Intelligence Committee recently released their long awaited final report on their investigation into the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The report contains 28 blank pages which the Administration refuses to agree to declassify, in spite of bi-artisan and public support. The family members who lost loved ones on that horrific day - as well as the American Public - have a right to know what is in the pages.

We have recently learned that Senators can formally initiate the process of declassifying a document in the committee's possession without the permission of the President.

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SENATORS AND ASK THAT THEY RELEASE THE 28 PAGES IMMEDIATELY! CALL THEIR OFFICES AND ASK TO SPEAK TO THEIR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT AND/OR THEIR CHIEFS OF STAFFS, FAX A LETTER AND SEND EMAILS.**

Now is the time for our Senators to represent the concerns of their constituents. Your Senators can be reached by calling (202) 224-3121 or through [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

Thank you for your much needed help!  
**Lorie Van Auken, Kristen Breitweiser, Patty Casazza,  
and Mindy Kleinberg, September 11th Advocates**