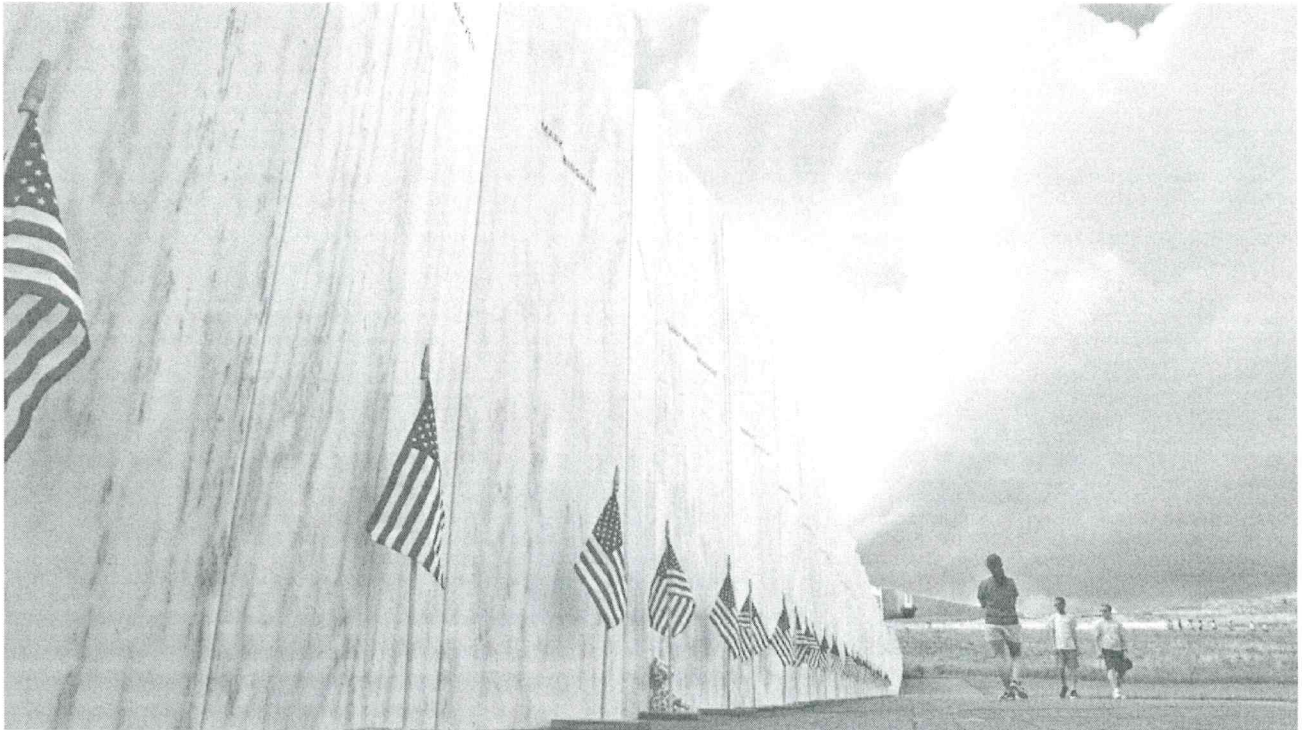


Opinion: Thinking about students' recollections of 9/11

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Visitors to the Flight 93 National Memorial pause at the Wall of Names honoring 40 passengers and crew members of United Flight 93 killed when the hijacked jet crashed at the site during the 9/11 terror attacks, near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Photo by: Gene J. Puskar

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On September 11, 2001, a new school year had just begun. I was teaching my senior English class at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, just a few miles south of the Pentagon.

I didn't know the kids in my class that well yet.

That morning, another teacher suddenly opened the door. She said, "Turn on the TV. The World Trade Center has just been hit by a plane."