



Flight 93 visitor center 'tells incredible story of heroism'

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Sitting on a hill overlooking the crash site near Shanksville, the \$26 million visitor center complex will be dedicated and opened to the public today, one day before the annual 9/11 observances in Pennsylvania, New York and Washington. Fourteen years in the making, the center uses photos, video, artifacts and interactive displays to tell the story of Flight 93, the only jetliner among the four commandeered by terrorists that failed to reach its intended target on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Military pay raise all but locked in at 1.3%

Military Times

You can start making plans for how you'll spend that 1.3 percent military pay hike in January - that number is unlikely to go any higher, and even less likely to drop. That's a disappointment to advocates who were pushing for a larger paycheck boost to keep military salaries in line with increases in private-sector wages. Retired Vice. Adm. Norb Ryan, president of the Military Officers Association of America, called the 1.3 percent raise incredibly disappointing. "The services are already struggling with reduced morale and the Army may not meet its recruiting goals this year. The administration and Congress are sending the wrong signal to our troops," said Ryan.

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Despite appeals by the Obama administration and the Pentagon to authorize a base closure and realignment (BRAC) panel that would determine which bases would be closed or reduced in size, both houses of Congress have voted to prohibit a new round of base closures. The Army, in particular, wants to close or reduce in size facilities and installations it considers unneeded or redundant in light of its continuing reduction in force from 562,000 to 450,000 soldiers.

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