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9/11 Flag Flying to Greater Heights



Courtesy Photos

Stephen and Joanne Galvin hold up their 9/11 flag at the Shanksville, PA memorial where the flag is now being flown.



The 9/11 National Remembrance Flag, center over memorial, flies with four other 9/11 flags over the Shanksville, PA memorial for Flight 93 that crashed on 9/11/01.

WOLCOTT - Nearly three years ago when the Galvins created a flag to memorialize September 11, they never expected to come as far as they have come today and they certainly never expected to become a source of healing for so many people across the nation.

Stephen and Joanne Galvin, of Wolcott, were not anywhere near the World Trade Center on that tragic September day, but they have felt the pain, cried the tears and begun the healing after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

It was only days after 9/11 when Stephen first created the images that are now a part of the 9/11 National Remembrance Flag. In truth, the Galvin's flag is one of many flags created by those who were touched in some way by the tragic events of 9/11. Although the government does not recognize any one specific flag as the official 9/11 Flag, people across the United States and in six countries now fly the 9/11 National Remembrance Flag the Galvins created.

The flag has taken Stephen and Joanne on a journey and, along the way, they have been touched and forever changed by the people they have met and the things they have seen. They have opened their minds and hearts to the tragedy of 9/11 and it has consumed their lives. Stephen and Joanne have vis-

ited all three locations where tragedy occurred on September 11. On July 17, the Galvins visited Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where a memorial stands near the site where Flight 93 crashed, killing everyone on board. By special invitation, Stephen and