

A.C. Frieden Heads to New York for Fiction and Non-Fiction Literary Projects

NEW YORK, New York, USA (Jul. 3, 2009) – Chicago-based author A.C. Frieden traveled to New York City and northern New Jersey this week to research fiction and non-fiction literary projects. Frieden's work included taking a helicopter from Linden, New Jersey, for a series of high resolution photo shoots over the New York City area, including key sites in Manhattan, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, as well as the Hudson River, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The photos add to Frieden's extensive portfolio of aerial photographs from his world travels. "Helicopters are an ideal way to get high quality aerial images," said Frieden, who is also a pilot, "and they tend to be more suitable for this purpose than small planes. The images will be featured in a series of upcoming aerial photography books.



Photo above: Author A.C. Frieden in a helicopter passing over the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, connecting Brooklyn with Staten Island. Both flights originated from Linden, New Jersey, and his last flight ended with a landing directly at JFK airport, where Frieden boarded his plane back to Chicago.

Frieden also spent time researching scenes in Manhattan's financial district and in the area of Battery Park, both of which will be featured in a sequel thriller currently in the works. In particular, he focused on finding ideal venues in the area stretching from Trinity Church to the Federal Reserve Bank. "I like to be as accurate as possible," Frieden insisted, as he checked his map and took copious notes during his daylong walk in the area. He also investigated some security-related sites in the area of Wall Street and the former World Trade Center site. "It's about collecting as much information as possible," added Frieden, "and then sorting out what goes into the book and what doesn't, which is even more time-consuming than the initial information gathering."



Photo above: View of midtown Manhattan, including the Empire State Building, from Frieden's helicopter.



Photo above: View of the construction at "Ground Zero", the site of the former World Trade Center that was destroyed on September 11, 2001.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is a novelist and lawyer living in Chicago. He is currently working on several political novels and thrillers as well as a series of aerial photography books. For details, visit www.acfrieden.com and his blogs.

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