

Author A.C. Frieden Visits 9/11 Memorial Museum

NEW YORK, New York, USA (Oct. 4, 2014) – Novelist A.C. Frieden visited The National September 11 Memorial Museum in Manhattan. The museum and memorial serve as the country's main institution focused on exploring the events of the 2001 terrorist attacks and remembering the nearly 3,000 lives lost. “The museum is impressive,” Frieden said, “and you can’t help but feel a profound connection with the events of that fateful day, which I remember very well.”



(Above, left) Novelist A.C. Frieden stands at one of the two memorial ponds. The names of the victims are inscribed on plates attached to the parapet walls around the pools. These include the names of victims who were killed in the 2001 attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, in addition to the six people killed in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Following a competition, the final design for the World Trade Center site memorial was announced to the public in 2004. After extensive further planning, the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation and the port authorities of New York and New Jersey began building the memorial and museum in August 2006. The memorial officially opened to the public on September 12, 2011, while the museum opened in May 2014.

Much of what remained after the two passenger planes flew into World Trade Center towers are in the place known as the “bedrock,” an underground area that includes the foundation slabs of both towers. Other important remains are the “box columns,” which made up the exterior structure of the towers, and the “slurry wall”, a retaining wall originally designed to keep the Hudson River from flooding the site. The museum is built in such a way as to see these three areas.



(Above) A picture of the World Trade Center construction site taken by A.C. Frieden from a helicopter in 2009.



(Above, left) The remains of NY Fire Department Ladder No. 3, which was crushed by debris from one of the collapsed towers. *(Above, right)* Novelist A.C. Frieden stands near the remains of the communications mast that once stood at the top of the North Tower.



(Above) One World Trade Center as it appears today.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is a Chicago-based fiction author, lawyer, pilot, divemaster, martial artist and former army sniper and biologist. His works include the Jonathan Brooks thriller series as well as other books. For more info, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com. His novels are published by Avendia Publishing (print) and Down and Out Books (e-books).

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