

“An Enduring Tradition, A Lasting Legacy” 10th Anniversary

Introduction

This September marks the tenth annual **Remembrance Through Renewal (RTR)** Program. RTR encompasses both a **Month of Service (MoS)** and **The Pillars of the Port Authority Award**. MoS provides employees with the opportunity to remember and honor the lives lost in the World Trade Center by volunteering in service events throughout the Port District during the month of September. The Pillars award is an employee-driven nomination process created to honor our lost colleagues by recognizing employees who embody some of the qualities that made them such valuable members of the Port Authority community.

Through RTR, we unify surrounding communities and strengthen regional connections using the Port Authority’s greatest asset – its employees.

We invite you to participate in one of the many service projects that will take place around the Port District in the month of September. Below, you will find information on each project along with respective registration buttons.

Each eligible employee may participate in one project, in addition to the 2017 RTR Commemoration and Awards Ceremony, which will be held September 12th. Please remember to review the project descriptions and all **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** and be sure to receive approval from your supervisor before registering to participate in a project.

We thank you for your support and time, and look forward to joining you in this vital and rewarding Port Authority tradition.

PLEASE NOTE: The password to register for each event is **RTR2017**

Event	Location	Date/Time
National September 11 Memorial & Museum	New York, NY	Tuesday, September 5 9:00AM - 1:00PM Register
Friends of Liberty State Park	Jersey City, NJ	Wednesday, September 6 9:00AM - 12:00PM Register

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Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden	Staten Island, NY	Wednesday, September 6 11:00AM - 3:00PM Register
Greater Newark Conservancy	Newark, NJ	Thursday, September 7 10:00AM - 1:00PM Register
King Manor Museum	Jamaica, Queens	Friday, September 8 9:00AM - 2:30PM Register
Community Food Bank of New Jersey	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	Friday, September 8 10:00AM - 12:00PM Register
2017 Commemoration and Awards Ceremony: An Enduring Tradition, A Lasting Legacy	Board Room at 4WTC, 23rd Floor	Tuesday, September 12 4:00pm - 5:00PM Register
Prospect Park Alliance	Brooklyn, NY	Tuesday, September 12 10:00AM - 1:00PM Register
City Harvest: Washington Heights Mobile Market	New York, NY	Wednesday, September 13 8:45AM - 12:00PM Register

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Project Hospitality	Staten Island, NY	Thursday, September 14 8:30AM - 3:00PM Register
Bruce Reynolds Garden	New York, NY	Thursday, September 14 9:00AM - 12:00PM Register
Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens [Day 1]	Jamaica, Queens	Friday, September 15 3:00PM - 6:00PM Register
Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens [Day 2]	Jamaica, Queens	Monday, September 18 3:00PM - 6:00PM Register
St John's Bread & Life	Brooklyn, NY	Tuesday, September 19 9:00AM - 2:30PM Register
Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation Day 1	Brooklyn, NY	Saturday, September 23, 2017 12:00PM - 5:00PM Register
Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation Day 2	Brooklyn, NY	Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:30PM - 3:30PM Register

Event	Location	Date/Time
Hoboken Shelter	Hoboken, NJ	Monday, September 25 11:00AM - 2:00PM Register
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Board Room at 4WTC, 23rd Floor	Monday, September 25 10:00AM - 3:00PM Coming Soon
Elijah's Promise (Shift 1)	New Brunswick, NJ	Thursday, September 28 9:00AM - 12:00PM Register
Elijah's Promise (Shift 2)	New Brunswick, NJ	Thursday, September 28 12:00PM - 3:00PM Register
The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy	Brooklyn, NY	Friday, September 29 10:00AM - 12:00PM Register

Unless stated otherwise in the project description, the deadline for registration is a week in advance of the event date.

Employees may participate in the American Red Cross Blood Drive in addition to one service project.

Volunteers will receive a confirmation via email shortly after registering online. Additionally, prior to your service project date, your project coordinator will email you with further details regarding your volunteer project.

If you have any questions, please email Zachary Bloom (ZBloom@PANYNJ.Gov)

Thank you for your interest and participation in RTR!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to participate?

All Port Authority and PATH employees who have received approval from their supervisors are eligible to participate. This year, we are also excited to welcome participants from the Port Authority Retirees Association. Volunteers will not be compensated for expenses incurred from travel or during the event (e.g., meals).

While we hope your experience encourages volunteerism, this program is open to employees only; we are unable to extend the program to consultants, contractors, or employees' family members or friends.

2. Can I participate in more than one project?

Please read carefully:

Service Project: Employees and PA Retirees are eligible to participate in ONE service project only.

Blood Drive: If an employee wishes to participate in the blood drive in addition to a service project, their total time out of the office must not exceed one work day. For example, an employee may participate in a half-day project and the blood drive. Employees can choose to participate in just the blood drive.

Commemoration and Awards Ceremony: Employees can attend the commemoration and awards ceremony in addition to a service project and/or the blood drive. Employees can also choose to attend just the ceremony.

3. How do interested participants register for an RTR project?

To register, please click the registration button to the right of the project name on the Introduction page. Unless stated otherwise in the project description, the deadline for registration is a week in advance of the project date.

You will receive a registration confirmation e-mail shortly after signing up. The Project Coordinator will be in touch with you to provide additional information required for the volunteer activity.

4. Will I be responsible for my own travel and travel expenses?

Employees will be responsible for their own travel and travel expenses to and from the event location. Employees will not be eligible to seek reimbursement for travel expenses to or from a volunteer event. After you have registered for a project, the Project Coordinator will send you an e-mail that includes all the necessary details about your project, including the location and directions.

5. Will breakfast or lunch be provided?

For most projects, you will be responsible for your own meals or snacks. About a week before your project date, your Project Coordinator will reach out to provide you with information about meals, transportation and appropriate attire.

6. Where can I find out more information about the RTR projects?

More information about the projects is available on each event's registration page (click project name link for in depth description). Please be sure to carefully read the details for each project (location, date and time, level of physical labor, etc.) to ensure you are able to participate.

7. I have an idea for a project. Who should I contact?

At the end of this year's program, you will be asked to complete a brief survey. You will be able to provide us with suggestions and recommendations at that time. We look forward to your input and hope to incorporate your feedback into next year's Remembrance Through Renewal program!

If you have additional questions, e-mail Zach Bloom (ZBloom@PANYNJ.Gov)