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Talks on Ukraine to be held in D.C.

European, NATO leaders will join Zelenskyy, present united front

BY SAMYA KULLAB and JOHN LEICESTER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine – European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington to present a united front in talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia's war in Ukraine and firming up U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table.

Leaders from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Finland are rallying around the Ukrainian president after his exclusion from Trump's summit Friday with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Their pledge to be at Zelenskyy's side at the White House Monday is an apparent effort to ensure the meeting goes

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Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (left) and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen speak Sunday at EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Trump envoy says Putin OK'd security guarantee

BY JILL COLVIN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – Russian leader Vladimir Putin agreed at his summit with President Donald Trump that the United States and its European allies could offer Ukraine a security guarantee resembling NATO's collective defense mandate as part of

an eventual deal to end the war, a U.S. official said Sunday.

Trump envoy Steve Witkoff, who took part in the talks Friday at a military base in Alaska, said it "was the first time we had ever heard the Russians agree to that" and called it "game-changing."

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Calendars offered in Flight 93's fundraiser

\$1M drive to support events marking 9/11 anniversary in 2026

BY DAVID HURST DHURST@TRIBDEM.COM

SHANKSVILLE – The Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial weren't sure how the public would respond to the group's first-ever commemorative calendar when its 25th-anniversary fundraiser went live Tuesday, Executive Director Donna Gibson said.

Gibson woke up Wednesday to discover that 100 of the 750 full-color Flight 93 calendars had already been claimed, through individual \$93 donations.

"It just makes my heart happy," Gibson said of the strong early response.

"My biggest concern as time passes by ... and we head into the 25th anniversary is that, somehow, what these 40 heroes did will be forgotten. This just resonates with me that there are still people out there who want to honor and remember them."

The Friends of Flight 93's calendar offering is part of a larger \$1 million fund-drive campaign to support Flight 93 National Memorial's 25th-anniversary events in 2026.

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'WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO DO'



Edward Dreikorn III, owner of Studio 32, stands in front of his cyclorama, a white seamless backdrop measuring 30 feet by 20 feet by 10 feet, July 30 at the photography studio on Walnut Street in downtown Johnstown, above. Below, Dreikorn examines a film negative in the darkroom.

Camera lens shows 'bigger world'

Array of photography services provided at city studio



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Edward Dreikorn III stood inside his cyclorama – a seamless space measuring 30 feet by 20 feet by 10 feet, painted white, with a curved shape, designed to be a blank slate for photographers to create images using props and post-production effects.

It is a centerpiece of his business, Studio32, located on Walnut Street in downtown Johnstown.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dreikorn said it is the only cyclorama, also known as an infinity wall, of its type in the region.

"What I wanted to do is have something you couldn't find anywhere else," Dreikorn said.

"I think the closest cyclorama, there's one in Baltimore, and

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Man dead in Portage fire; investigation seeks cause

Autopsy scheduled for Monday, coroner says

BY DAVID HURST DHURST@TRIBDEM.COM

PORTAGE – A Portage Borough man was found dead after his home caught fire Sunday, officials said.

State police fire marshals were assisting crews in investigating the cause of the blaze at the home on Terrace Circle, Cambria County Coroner Jeff Lees said.

Lees and Cambria County 911 said the incident was originally reported as a fire with entrapment. Investigators were later informed that a "handicapped male in his 70s" was inside the home, Lees said.

The fire was reported at 3:48 p.m. Sunday, a Cambria County 911 supervisor reported in a release to media.

Portage firefighters and assisting agencies arrived to find heavy fire emitting from the house. Crews extinguished the fire and found the man on the first floor of the residence, Lees said.

Portage, Summerhill, South Fork, Ashville, Keystone Regional and Dauntless fire departments responded, as well as Forest Hills EMS.

State police Public Information Officer Cliff Greenfield said a state police forensic services unit was assisting to help determine the cause and origin of the fire. Greenfield said no one else is believed to have been present

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Storyboard honors fallen 28th Military Police Company members

Relatives see memorial unveiled at Somerset County's Patriot Park

BY DAVID HURST DHURST@TRIBDEM.COM

STOYSTOWN – Growing up in Lancaster County, Keith Bennett had a quick wit that earned him a reputation as the family's joker, his sister Tina Daley said.

But he was serious about his country, climbing to the rank of Army staff sergeant before he was killed in action 20 years ago in Iraq, family members remembered Sunday.

A storyboard honoring fallen members of the 28th Military Police Company will ensure that Ben-

nett and four others will be forever remembered at Patriot Park, located near Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County.

Relatives of three of those fallen heroes gathered alongside veterans from the 28th Military Police Retired Association as the storyboard was unveiled at the memorial park, which honors post-9/11 service members who died serving their country.

For decades, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 28th Military

Police Company called Johnstown home. Five of its members died in a span of five years.

That includes: ■ Bennett, who was killed when an explosives-packed vehicle detonated at the military checkpoint he was manning in Ramadi, Iraq, on Dec. 11, 2005.

■ Sgt. 1st Class Dan Lightner, of Hollidaysburg, a state trooper who was killed Oct. 27, 2005, in Ramadi after a roadside bomb detonated

during his vehicle patrol.

■ Specialist Kirsten Fike, of Warren County, who succumbed to heatstroke in August 2006 while working to support the U.S. Border Patrol at the Arizona-Mexico border.

■ Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Hoover, of Allegheny County, and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Fike, of Crawford County, who were killed by a disguised suicide bomber during a June 2010

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Relatives of fallen 28th Military Police Company members gather Sunday at Patriot Park for a storyboard unveiling.

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