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Lower Township to Hold Solemn Sunset Flag Ceremony on 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

Lower Township will honor those who lost their lives on terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 with a solemn sunset flag ceremony on Saturday, September 11 on Sunset Beach.

The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunset Beach by the flagpole, located at the end of Sunset Boulevard in Lower Township. Members of the public are invited to come and remember all those who lost their lives on the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks.

The casket flag of Paul Pansini, a New York City firefighter who lost his life at the World Trade Center, will be flown during the ceremony. Pansini's family will be in attendance.

Pansini had served for six years in the Navy Reserve, qualifying as an electrician's mate. In 1988 he joined the former New York City Transit Authority Police Department before joining the New York Fire Department in 1991. He also served as a delegate to the Uniformed Firefighters Association. Pansini was assigned to Engine Co. 10 in Manhattan, one of the firehouses closest to the World Trade Center.

He is fondly remembered as a devoted husband and father to his three children and someone who would always go the extra mile for someone in need. So, when Midtown's Engine Co. 26 called for help and an extra man to respond to the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11, Pansini did not hesitate to volunteer.

The Hume family, which owns the Sunset Beach Gift Shops, has carried on Marvin Hume's tradition of flying casket flags and lowering them at sunset. Hume was a World War II veteran and he and his family had been flying Pansini's flag every Sept. 11 since meeting with his family in 2003.