Stop the Murdoch (Flt 93) Memorial Blogburst: Pennsylvanians build an organization to stop the Flight 93 memorial

Description

The following press release was sent to Pennsylvania news outlets yesterday:

> Angry over the Islamic symbolism contained in the Flight 93 Memorial Design, which appears to honor both the heroes and the terrorists, a group of concerned citizens asked Harry Beam (Lt. Col. U.S. Army Retired) to lead an organized effort to have the design changed.
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> Col. Beam said he examined several different factors before agreeing to lead the effort. First, he found that the people making the request are credible. Tom Burnett (father of a Flight 93 Hero) is demanding change to the memorial design. Additionally, Col. Beam states that he has talked to MDÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s, PhDÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s, Attorneys, School Teachers, Nurses, Pastors, Skilled and Unskilled Workers, Veterans and Retirees who are upset with the actions of the Flight 93 Planning Committee and the National Park Service. Second, Beam said he had to determine the validity of the assertions that there is Islamic symbology in the memorial design. He stated, Ã¢â‚¬Å“I will be the first to admit that several years ago, when I first heard about the Red Crescent, I assumed that it was a matter of co-incidence. After researching the design, I found there are many (8) additional co-incidents which cause one to question the design and the designer.Ã¢â‚¬Â• The fact that the Red Crescent points towards Mecca in the same manner a Mosque would if it were built on the site. The fact that there are 44 glass blocks included in the design (40 passengers and crew; 4 terrorists) are just two more of the eight examples of co-incidence.
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> The third factor was that the statements from Subject Matter Experts (SMEÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s) opining on the symbolism issue were not credible. Their opinions, presented to the U.S. National Park Service and the Memorial Project, were contradictory. One SME stated Ã¢â‚¬Å“because the earth is round, you can face any direction and be facing Mecca.Ã¢â‚¬Â• Most 5th graders know that is false. The statement also conflicted with another SME who said Ã¢â‚¬Å“the orientation to Mecca must be exact.Ã¢â‚¬Â• Many mosques do not have an exact Mecca orientation. One of the SMEÃ¢â‚¬â„¢s was a classmate of the designer, Paul Murdock.
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> When asked, how do you hope to accomplish your goal of changing an approved national Flight 93 memorial plan? Beam responded Ã¢â‚¬Å“I know that it will be an up-hill fight, but our Flight 93 Heroes deserve a better memorial than one that also pays tribute to the Islamic terroristsÃ¢â‚¬Â•. This will be a massive grassroots effort throughout the country to sway the opinions of the Department of Interior, the National Park Service, the Flight 93 Planning Committee and our lawmakers to change the current design. When people hear the facts concerning the current design, they are angered and ask Ã¢â‚¬Å“How was the fraudulent

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design approved?Ã¢â‚¬Â• Email and written petitions are being circulated not only locally but throughout the nation. Although we have just started, we have thousands who have signed petitions. We are certain that number will increase. Currently, letters and phone calls are beginning to be made to lawmakers. Congressman Tancredo has asked the National Park Service to change the design and remove the Islamic symbology; we hope to get other lawmakers to support his efforts. This fight transcends politics. It is not a Republican or Democrat issue Ã¢â‚¬â€œ It is Americans demanding that our Flight 93 Heroes get a National Memorial that honors their memory Ã¢â‚¬â€œ not the memory of Islamic terrorists. Anyone wishing to obtain a written petition or sign an electronic petition, can go to www.crescentofbetrayal.com. Persons interested in assisting in this effort can contact Col. Beam at hibeam@atlanticbb.net.

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