

Midstate business owner wants to pay tribute to victims of Flight 93
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(Hanover) – A York County business owner has come up with an unusual idea to honor the victims of United Flight 93, which went down in Somerset County during the 2001 terrorist attacks. Even years after the tragic events of 9/11, seeing the place where the plane went down can still affect visitors in unexpected ways. Tim Barnes was inspired to start a contest for a mural design to grace the roof of a barn near the crash site. It all started on a trip to Michigan, when the professional barn painter and his wife stopped at the temporary Flight 93 Memorial near Shanksville.

Barnes says he'd like their mural to be located near that site in a spot visitors might drive past on the way to the official memorial. To that end, he is looking for a barn for the project and is accepting proposals for the design of the painting from Pennsylvania residents. Folks can submit applications until April 1, than Barnes and his company, Barn Painting and Advertising, Incorporated, will donate the materials and labor to complete the mural.