

Sunday, September 27, 2026 | 8AM - 12:15PM



TOUR de TRAIL: PENTAGON MEMORIAL

Start: National Landing Water Park
1601 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202

8:00AM

Registration Open, Breakfast Served
Coffee and Food provided by Call Your Mother

9:00AM

Cyclists Depart

10:30AM

Walkers Depart

11:30AM

Arrive at Pentagon Memorial
1 N Rotary Road, Arlington, VA 22202

11:50AM

Guest Speakers

David Brickley, President Emeritus September
11th National Memorial Trail Alliance

Congressman Don Beyer (D-VA)

Kenneth H. Johnson Jr., retired Fire/EMS Captain

LTC Daniel S. Hawthorne

12:15PM

Program Officially Ends

Cyclists and Walkers return to Water Park
individually or with an event leader

Questions? Contact Alliance President, Jeff
McCauley, for more information: (301) 491-1733

PROGRAM

ESTEEMED SPECIAL GUESTS:

CONGRESSMAN DON BEYER (D-VA)

Congressman Don Beyer is serving his sixth term as the U.S. Representative from Virginia's 8th District, representing Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, and parts of Fairfax County. He serves as the lead House Democrat on Congress' Joint Economic Committee and also serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Beyer has spent four decades as a small business owner in Northern Virginia, building his family business. He is a graduate of Williams College and Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. He was named a Presidential Scholar by President Lyndon Johnson. He has four children and two grandchildren. He and his wife Megan live in Alexandria, Virginia.

KENNETH H. JOHNSON JR.

Kenneth H. Johnson Jr. began his career with the Arlington County Fire Department in February 1976, serving as a Firefighter, Paramedic, and Fire Officer. He retired in 2007 at the rank of Fire/EMS Captain after 31 years of service, then continued with Fauquier County, retiring as Battalion Chief after 12 more years.

Among the thousands of Fire/EMS incidents Kenny responded to over his career, the attack on the Pentagon remains etched in his memory most vividly. He was part of the first response team, arriving within minutes of the plane's impact. That act of terrorism on American soil is a tragedy that can never be forgotten, one made even more personal for Kenny by the loss of his brother's FDNY colleagues that same day.

Kenny is honored to walk and speak at the 9/11 National Memorial Trail event in remembrance of all those affected by 9/11.

LTC DANIEL S. HAWTHORNE

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Daniel S. Hawthorne is an accomplished military officer currently serving as the Commander of the 781st Military Intelligence Battalion (Cyber), marking 17 years of dedicated service to the nation.

As a junior high school student, witnessing the country's reaction to the events of September 11, 2001, left a defining impression that shaped his desire to serve and defend his country. Today, LTC Hawthorne proudly carries forward a legacy of military leadership, commanding elite cyber forces in defense of the nation.

DAVID BRICKLEY

David Brickley is the founder and president emeritus of the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance, conceiving the 9/11 Trail while serving as Virginia's Director of Conservation and Recreation. He previously served in the Virginia House of Delegates (1976–1998), where he co-founded the Virginia Railway Express and authored legislation creating Leesylvania State Park.

A lifelong conservationist, Brickley preserved a 16-mile rail corridor that became the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, now part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy named him one of its top 25 Rail-Trail Champions. He is a Bronze Star recipient and U.S. Air Force veteran.