

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

## Gordon Felt Class of 1985

With this presentation of the Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize **Gordon Felt '85** for his significant contributions to the memory of those on board Flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

Gordon earned his Bachelor of Arts from OWU in 1985, majoring in Elementary Education. In 1987, he earned his Master in Special Education from Bank Street College of Education. Following graduation, he was a Vocational Director at NYIT in Central Islip, New York. He created curriculum, conducted vocational assessments, supported job placements, and coached college students who had learning challenges. Currently, Gordon serves as Executive Director of Camp Northwood Inc.

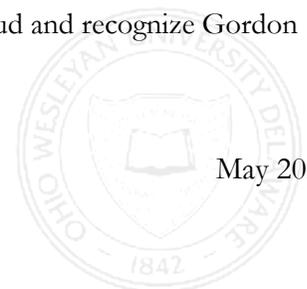
Gordon's life changed on September 11, 2001 when his brother, Edward Felt, was one of the 40 passengers and crew on United Airlines Flight 93. Originally headed to San Francisco airport from Newark, New Jersey, hijackers took control of the plane and turned the plane southeast—toward Washington, D.C. Saving the plane from hitting a target in Washington, D.C., the passengers and crew tried to gain control over the plane and the plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

During the last two decades, Gordon has dedicated his life to representing the Families of Flight 93. He has presented education and personal insight to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Various speaking engagements include: remarks at the opening of Universal Films/Paul Greengrass' "United 93" film at the Tribeca Film Festival; remarks at the dedication of a plaque honoring the passengers and crew of Flight 93 in the Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.; Congressional Testimony updating the progress being made on the Flight 93 National Memorial project; and remarks at the dedication of the Flight 93 National Memorial. Gordon also accepted a Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the Passengers and Crew Members of United Flight 93.

In September of 2019, Gordon sold the Camp Northwood program and retired from the camping industry after 38 years in the business. Gordon currently serves as President of Families of Flight 93 Inc., providing a voice for those passengers and crew who perished fighting for their lives.

Gordon was awarded the Service Citizens Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 2015 and was a Hall of Distinction Inductee from Clinton Central School in 2017. He also received Special Recognition by Flight 93 National Memorial Partnership for Leadership & Passion toward the completion of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

For his professional achievements and for his dedication to the service of others, we applaud and recognize Gordon with the Distinguished Achievement Citation.



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