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## America Celebrates Independence Day 250 In Nation's Capital



World War II veterans watch America's 250th anniversary fireworks from DC memorial



By Michael Sinkewicz

WASHINGTON DC. - President Donald Trump declared Saturday that the United States stands as "the crowning achievement of human history" during his speech celebrating America's 250th anniversary on the National Mall.

"This country is the home of freedom," Trump said.

Trump argued the nation is stronger than ever.

"We're doing better now than we've ever done before," he said. "No people have

done more good, showed more courage, made more progress, righted more injustice or achieved more greatness than you, the American people."

"For 250 years, the United States of America has been the hope, the promise, the light and the glory among all of the nations of the world," Trump said.

"Nobody can be like us. And with God's help, we will always be this or even better."

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## 2026 9/11 National Memorial Trail GCS Bike Event

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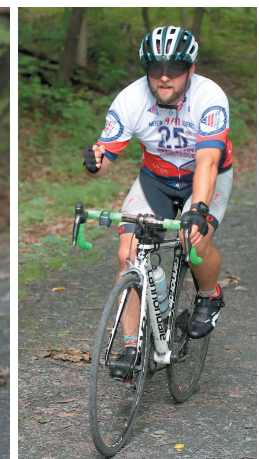
PLAINFIELD TWP., PA.- This past week the 9/11 National Memorial Trail bike riders zoomed thru the Slate Belt on there way to ground zero in New York City. The bikers are traveled more than 1,250 miles along the multi-use trail that connects Arlington, Virginia; Somerset County, Pennsylvania and New York City all three places that were effected by 9/11 terror attacks'

The tour started on June 13 at the Pentagon Memorial in Virginia and will end at the same spot on July 10. 2026 marks 25 years since the attack.

Bruce White is the tour director for the 2026 9/11 National Memorial Trail Tour, a 28-day trek that takes cyclists to all three sites associated with the terror attacks of "It's a history lesson, it's a remembrance," said White. "You have a lot of emotional moments talking to people, hearing their stories."

The 9/11 trail is considered a living memorial to the nearly 3,000 people who were killed when hijacked airplanes were used in a coordinated terrorist attack. Two planes were flown into the Twin Towers in New York City, another crashed into the Pentagon, and a fourth plane went down in central Pennsylvania after the passengers and crew fought back against the hijackers.

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