New 9/11 memorials will be dedicated

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New memorials will be dedicated at two 9/11 commemorations on Long Island.

A 400-pound bronze statue of a German shepherd rescue dog will be unveiled during a 10:30 a.m. ceremony Saturday at the 9/11 memorial at Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram, located between Country Road 83, Route 112 and Pine Road.

"The dog represents a couple different facets of 9/11," said Rich Acritelli, co-chairman of the memorial. "Both the rescue efforts to find people and remains, and the fact that the dogs have served in every modern conflict."

A new plague for the victims of the war on terror also will be unveiled.

The Centereach Fire District and Fire Department will honor hamlet residents killed in the attacks by unveiling a monument at a memorial service on Tuesday.

The names of James A. Nelson, 40, who worked as an officer with the Port Authority, and Matthew Timothy O'Mahony, 39, who worked for the financial firm Cantor Fitzgerald, have been inscribed on a piece of World Trade Center steel.

Family members of the two victims are expected to attend the Sept. 11 service at fire district headquarters, 9 South Washington Ave., at 7 p.m., said Carolyn Rogers, fire district secretary.