



Flags available for healing field event

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RACINE - Flags are still available for the Healing Field of Southeast Wisconsin community event, scheduled to take place in Pershing Park throughout Memorial Day weekend.

A project of the Racine Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps, the proposed Healing Field will be a display of hundreds of American flags, flying in unison along Racine's lakefront, in honor of veterans who have fought for our country's freedom, according to Andrea Birbilis, corps manager.

The public is invited to purchase flags for the display, which is set to open to the public on May 27, with a musical program by the U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes, and run through May 30. Each \$50 flag purchase includes a 3-by-5 foot, American made flag; a 5-foot pole; a standard and a certificate which can be designated to honor someone. When the field is taken down on Memorial Day evening, those who purchased flags can keep them for their own use, Birbilis said.

Flags can be ordered through the Racine Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps website at www.racinescouts.com or by calling (262) 331-3092. Proceeds will benefit the Racine Scouts, which is the oldest continually-competitive drum corps in North America.

Everyone is invited to attend the Healing Field of Southeast Wisconsin free of charge. Racine's Healing Field is being modeled after other such displays that have been created across the country in honor of lives lost and sacrifices made. The original Healing Field took place in Utah on the first anniversary of 9/11. For more about Healing Fields, go to www.healingfield.org.