

Hanover Exchange Club to host events this weekend to mark Sept. 11

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The Exchange Club of Hanover will host a 10-year 9/11 Memorial Healing Field from Sept. 9-12, at the West Manheim Elementary School, 2400 Baltimore Pike, Hanover.

The event will feature 3,000 3- by 5- foot. American flags on 8-foot poles to commemorate the 10th anniversary of all those who died September 11, 2001.

The event will include a program of invited speakers and entertainment in remembrance of that fateful day.

Current plans call for the flags to be set up starting at noon on Friday, Sept. 9, with a brief program starting at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Sept 10, the club will offer entertainment and speakers starting at 9 a.m.

Saturday, 5 p.m., there will be a special service to recognize those service personnel from the surrounding areas of Northern Maryland and South Central Pennsylvania who lost their lives in the war on terrorism.

Saturday's speakers will include Joe Dittmar, Sr., a survivor of the 105th Floor of Tower 2 of the World Trade Center, and Mal Fuller, a supervisor in the Pittsburgh air traffic control tower when Flight 93 came over. On Sunday, Sept.11, there will be a brief program starting at 8 a.m.; the names of those who lost their lives in the terror attacks on Sept. 11 will be read aloud starting at 8:46 a.m. The flags will fly until noon Monday, Sept.12.

Funds from the event will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and local fire, police and veterans groups. Information is also available at: www.healingfield.org/hanover or www.hanoverexchangeclub.com.

In addition to the speakers and entertainment on Saturday, Sept.10, there will be a charity motorcycle ride from Battlefield Harley Davidson in Gettysburg, to the Healing Field site. The ride is scheduled to arrive at the site around noon.

The 3000 flags, poles, and rebar for the program arrived at the West Manheim Elementary School on Friday, Aug. 5. Transportation for the flags from the Colonial Flag Foundation in Sandy, Utah, was provided by Walmart.

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