A moving ceremony will pay tribute to our heroes

Field of Honor announces opening ceremony July 7

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Patriotic music and inspirational messages will open the Field of Honor on Thursday, July 7 at noon. The Field of Honor is a temporary display of 1000 American flags at the intersection of Continental Drive and Mercury Streets in Butte, MT. The Butte Exchange Club is hosting this community event to provide a place where we can reflect on our heroes and show our gratitude. Everyone is invited and the event is free.

The Opening Ceremony will start with a Presentation of Colors by the Honor Guard and the National Anthem. The Keynote Speaker will be Brigadier General John E. Walsh, the Adjutant General of the Montana Army National Guard. Michelle Miller, Director of the Child Evaluation Center at the Community Health Center, will recognize the local victims of Child Abuse who are represented at the Field of Honor with a display of Blue Ribbon flags. There will be a reading of the names of Montana's Servicemen, Servicewomen, Law Enforcement and First Responders lost in line of duty and a moment of silence will honor all those represented by the flags in the Field of Honor. Music will be provided by the River Rose Band.

Following the Opening Ceremony the Field of Honor will be open for visitors to stroll among the flags. Many of the flags are marked with dedications to our community's heroes. A Circle of Honor will stand as a tribute to Montana's fallen servicemen and servicewomen. At the Children's Table paper, pencils and crayons will be provided for kids to create messages and drawings to be sent to military personnel serving overseas. The Field of Honor will remain open until 4:00 pm Sunday, July 10.

Those interested making a donation to dedicate a flag to their hero may do so at the Field of Honor Information Center.

At 9:30 pm Thursday, July 7 a Candlelight Taps ceremony will retire the colors for the night.

Parking is available in the MAC Center parking lot off of Mercury Street.