

Mariposa Field of Service
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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Jack Bertram. I am 17 years old, a Senior at Mariposa County High School and the Chairman of the Mariposa County Field of Service event. I am working with the Mariposa Museum and History Center to host the 6th Annual *FIELD OF SERVICE – PAST AND PRESENT*. Each of the last five years, we have grown the event to posting 281 flags last year in recognition of our local heroes! Unfortunately, because of the Coronavirus Pandemic and social distancing precautions this year's event will be quite different.

This year's program will begin on Saturday, November 07, 2020, and continue through Sunday, November 15, 2020, at the Mariposa Museum and History Center. We will not be able to hold public opening and closing ceremonies, but we want to continue with our tradition of posting the *Field of Service* to honor our many local heroes. I hope you also will be interested in participating again. We plan on posting hundreds of flags that will fly at the Mariposa Museum and History Center. These flags will pay tribute to all military men and women, emergency first responders, fire personnel, law enforcement personnel, and special people in our lives. These flags will be flown in recognition of those who have served, in remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, to honor those that continue to protect us and serve us all in these challenging times.

I will be presenting an on-line recorded opening introduction for the *Field of Service* for all to view instead of the usual ceremony. We hope to return to our traditional public events next year. Our numbers of available new flags to be posted is extremely limited due to being delayed in ordering new flags. Therefore, we are challenging all of you who previously purchased flags to participate in this year's event by paying to re-post your flags in honor of our local heroes and create a huge display of our appreciation for our heroes.

We are continuing our work with Colonial Flag's Healing Field® and Field of Honor® programs which have been created as symbols of freedom, liberty, honor and respect for the ideals and principles symbolized by the flag of the United States of America. These fields of flags are displayed in an area for the purpose of promoting and supporting charitable causes by making the flag of the United States of America available for patriotic, educational and charitable purposes. Additionally, these fields further promote the education of future generations and raise awareness for causes pertaining to the good and honorable values symbolized by our nation's flag.

All proceeds from the *Field of Service – Past and Present* will benefit the American Legion POST 567's VETAP Program including their Service Dog Program and the Mariposa Museum and History Center. We hope that you will find that besides the pride of continuing to be a part of such a worthy cause you will also see the value of supporting and contributing to this special event. Please join and continue to support the *Field of Service – Past and Present* flag display in an opportunity to unite us as a community in remembering and honoring our heroes. Thank you very much in advance for your continued support.

Respectfully,



Jack Bertram, Chairman of Mariposa Field of Service
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