

Kiwanis Breakfast Club presents second Field of Honor

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SEMINOLE – The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole is gearing up for its second annual Field of Honor, a patriotic display of American flags that will be planted on the front lawn of City Hall throughout the month of November.

Residents, business owners and organizations can sponsor flags in honor of active duty soldiers, and retired or deceased veterans.

The club's president, Wayne McKenney, said he hopes the Field of Honor, which is in line with the city's Red, White and Blue Initiative, will "become an annual display of patriotism the city's residents will be proud of."

The organization already anticipates significant growth over last year's Field of Honor. Last fall, they only offered 25 flags for sponsorship.

"It was kind of a demo of the project last year," McKenney said.

This year, they're hoping to find sponsors for 200 flags – which is the most the City Hall lawn can accommodate. So far, McKenney said, around 35 flags are spoken for. The group is already in talks with the city about the potential for using larger sites, such as the new Waterfront Park that is currently under development on Park Boulevard, for future flag displays.

McKenney said the city has been supportive of the Field of Honor initiative from the beginning and that the group has worked closely with Mayor Leslie Waters, who also was the proponent of the Red, White and Blue Initiative to make Seminole a more patriotic city, on the project.

Waters said in a press release, "This bold and memorable display reminded the citizens of Seminole to offer their respect and support to military veterans and their families who live in the community."

The cost to sponsor each 3' x 5' American flag with a custom-made yellow military-style ribbon attached to it is \$35. The printed ribbon will include the name of the veteran or soldier honored, military service logo, years served, the Kiwanis logo and the 2016 Field of Honor year. Each flag will be mounted on 8-foot high steel poles placed in precision rows.

Those interested in sponsoring a flag should contact Wayne McKenney at 813-767-4682 or Vicki Sullivan at 727-895-9589, or visit www.kiwanisseminolebreakfast.com. The last day to sponsor a flag is Friday, Oct. 14.

A Field of Honor ceremony will take place Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m., in the City Council chambers at City Hall. Kiwanian and Pinellas Clerk of the Circuit Court Ken Burke will introduce speakers including Waters, Congressman David W. Jolly and a keynote speaker from U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base.

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The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole is currently seeking sponsors for the 2016 Field of Honor. The display will include up to 200 American flags on the front lawn of City Hall.

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