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Cal Expo Pays Homage to the Victims of 9/11

In observance of the 20th Anniversary, the Cal Expo 9/11 Memorial will be open to the public

SACRAMENTO — To honor the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Cal Expo’s Memorial Plaza will be open to the public on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 8 am - 12 pm. The memorial will pay tribute to the survivors and victims of the September 11 terror attacks.

The public is invited to attend the Memorial Ceremony hosted by the Cesar E. Chavez Chapter of the AGIF American GI Forum partnered with the Brotherhood American Combat Veterans and the California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Foundation. The ceremony will consist of the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, the National Anthem, special readings, wreath-laying and more. Admission and parking will be free for all attendees. Gates open at 7 a.m.

“The attack on our country twenty years ago was a devastating tragedy, and we at Cal Expo continue to honor those that gave all and help reclaim the spirit of unity for our community,” said Rick Pickering, CEO of Cal Expo. “We encourage everyone to attend the memorial with their loved ones and to help honor and remember the lives that were lost during the attack.”

The memorial includes a fountain at the center of the exhibit, where a granite sphere is engraved with the names of all September 11 victims. There is a Carillon Bell Tower, reflections of the World Trade Center, and individual memorials dedicated to American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

“We would like to thank those Cal Expo board members who were involved in the construction of the memorial,” said Cal Expo’s Board of Director’s Chair Jess Durfee. “Every year, we open the memorial on 9/11 to let those who lost loved ones during the attack know that we stand with them, and they will never be forgotten. We hope our memorial helps provide them some solace.”

The permanent Structure at Cal Expo is open to the public during the California State Fair, September 11th each year, and upon contacting our administration/event planning departments. For more information, contact 916-263-3000.

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