

Volunteers Needed
Garden of Flags for Memorial Day on Boston Common
5/25/2016 – 5/30/2016

We are writing with a special request to enlist your support during our signature community building event – **creating a garden of flags on Boston Common for Memorial Day weekend**. Each of the **37,000 flags** we plant at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument will represent every brave Massachusetts service member who gave his or her life defending our country since the Revolutionary War. The completed garden is a breathtaking tribute to the true meaning of Memorial Day and a powerful message of community support to the families of these fallen heroes that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

We literally need all the hands we can get to create this display, and, to stand watch over them throughout Memorial Day weekend. Please consider volunteering your time to this special effort in one of these ways:

- Help us **plant flags on Wednesday, May 25th beginning at 1pm**. Volunteers will be welcomed for however long their schedules permit assisting us.
- **Attend our name reading ceremony on Thursday, May 26th at 10:30am**. During this ceremony, families of the Massachusetts fallen since 9/11/2001 will read the names of their loved ones in front of the flag display in Boston Common. By standing with us during this ceremony, you will let these families know that their loved ones' ultimate sacrifice is honored and will never be forgotten.
- **Sign up for a shift to watch the flags over the weekend**. Shifts are in 2 hour increments and will occur from Thursday, 5/25 at 11:00am until Monday, 5/30 at 6pm. Volunteers watching the flags will be assigned in teams and will also be trained on how to educate the community about the display and about the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund
- Help us **take the flags down beginning at 6pm, May 30th**. Fortunately, this is a much easier effort than planting the flags!

To sign up for a volunteer effort, please send an email to volunteers@massmilitaryheroes.org. We will respond to you as soon as we can with a confirmation of your assignment and with some additional details to make your volunteer efforts comfortable. Preference is given to members in our community with relationships to the military, members of a non-profits, civic organizations, student groups or government offices. Corporate teams are asked to contact us directly for sponsorship information.

If your schedule does not permit volunteering, you can always show your support for families of the fallen by making a donation to the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible and will be used to assist families today grieving the loss of their Massachusetts loved ones who died as a result of post 9/11/2001 active duty military service. More information about our programs and services can be found on our web site. Donations are accepted online at our web site, or by check, payable to Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, sent to 727 Atlantic Avenue, Third Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for continuing to stay connected with our organization. We are deeply appreciative of our community partners and we are aware that we simply could not do our important work without your support.

