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UNO Democrats Prepare Fifth “Tribute To The Fallen”

OMAHA, NE – On Sunday, April 25th, the UNO College Democrats will prepare their fifth “Tribute To The Fallen” beginning at 1PM.

This four-day, non-partisan event at the heart of UNO’s main campus (6001 Dodge Street) features the display of one American flag for every serviceman and servicewoman who has paid the ultimate price in service to our country in Iraq. The flags are lined evenly on the UNO campus green space, in the area known as the Pep Bowl.

“Last year’s Tribute required 4,125 flags,” noted UNO College Democrats former president Nikola Jordan. “We are committed to continuing this somber memorial so long as lives continue to be lost and new flags remain to be added.”

The flags will be placed beginning at 1PM Sunday afternoon, with a team comprised of dozens of student and community volunteers working into the night. Placing flags is expected to take over 175 man hours from start to finish. Monday, April 26th, and Wednesday, April 28th, the name, rank, age, and branch of service of each fallen Soldier, Sailor, Marine, and Airman will be read aloud beginning at 10AM. Reading over four thousand names is expected to take several hours to complete. The flags will stand Tuesday, April 27th in a day of silence for those fallen.

Civic and community leaders and citizens are invited to attend a closing ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th at 5PM. The ceremony will feature the National Anthem, a welcome address from Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle, a keynote address from U.S. Army veteran and commander of the local GI Forum Lawrence Bradley, and the reading of the names of Nebraska’s fallen.

Families of those Nebraskan heroes who have given their lives, along with all veterans and their family members, members of the Armed Services, and the general public are invited to attend Wednesday’s ceremony.

On the web: <http://www.tributetothefallen.com>

KEY INFORMATION

What / Why:

- This is the fifth year for Tribute To The Fallen
- In 2009, 4,125 flags were placed, and over 7,000 people saw the event in person

When / Where:

- University of Nebraska-Omaha Pep Bowl, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE
- Set up: Sunday, April 25th, 1PM-10PM
- Reading of names: Monday, April 26th, 10AM-5PM, and Wednesday, April 28th, 10AM-5PM
- Closing ceremony: Wednesday, April 28th, 5PM

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