



## **MEDIA ADVISORY – November 5, 2013**

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### **Patriot Range Showcasing 200 American Flags Coming to Nampa** *College of Western Idaho Students Help Bring Patriotic Tribute to Campus*

Nampa, Idaho – This week a group of College of Western Idaho (CWI) students will be transforming the College’s Nampa Campus into a patriotic display to honor and pay tribute to veterans, active duty Military, and their families. On Wednesday (Nov. 6) the [CWI Veterans Association](#) and Student Enrichment will collaborate to cover the west lawn of the Nampa Campus with 200 American flags. The Eagle Field of Honor has generously donated the flags for use by the Veterans Association and will help construct the display.

The Patriot Range will offer an incredible visual display of flags that are three by five feet in dimension and stand on eight foot poles, and are precisely constructed to ensure equal distance between each flag and row. The Patriot Range will be lit at night and stand until Nov. 13. The public is invited and encouraged to visit this powerful tribute.

“College of Western Idaho has over 600 veteran students and hundreds of dependents of veterans on campus and taking courses,” says Veterans Association Vice President, Dick Limbaugh. “The Association believes the Patriot Range will be a powerful visual tribute of honor and thanks for the sacrifices that both the veterans and their families have made and continue to make while serving this great nation.”

“The Eagle Field of Honor committee is dedicated to helping as many veterans as possible,” says Eagle Field of Honor Project Chair, Kathy Coburn. “The CWI Veterans Association Patriot Range allows us to reach hundreds of veterans through this great partnership. It is an honor and a privilege to pay tribute to our veterans and this is another great opportunity to do that.”

The Patriot Range will kick off a collection of [military tribute activities](#) at CWI in honor of Veterans Day. On Monday, Nov. 11, Student Enrichment will host ceremonies at CWI’s Ada County Center and Nampa Campus, which will feature a flag ceremony, choir, and guest speaker.

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**About the Eagle Field of Honor:**

In 2007, Eagle Mayor, Nancy Merrill, presented the idea of hosting a Field of Honor in Eagle, Idaho. The inaugural event included 800 U.S. flags, set in perfect rows on a field of green. Each flag has a yellow ribbon with the name of a veteran or currently serving military personnel. The flags represent all veterans and those who are currently serving. They fly to remind our veterans that we remember their sacrifices and bravery and they will never be forgotten. The Field of Honor also serves as a "Thank You" to all of our military families as they serve in their own ways and make huge sacrifices as well. The Eagle Field of Honor holds their opening ceremony each year on Armed Forces Day in May. The flags fly 24 hours a day through Memorial Day. All of the proceeds from the event go to veteran's organizations. More information can be found about [www.eaglefieldofhonor.org](http://www.eaglefieldofhonor.org).

**About the College of Western Idaho:**

The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information about the college, visit [www.cwidaho.cc](http://www.cwidaho.cc) or call (208) 562-3000.

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