

A number of Sept. 11 memorial events are planned in the Inland Northwest:

Friday

•Fairchild Air Force Base will hold a formal Retreat ceremony at 3 p.m. in front of the wing headquarters building. Airmen from units around the installation will gather in column formations while a bugler plays both “Taps” and “Retreat” while the flag is lowered. The event is open only to those who already have access to the base. Call (509) 247-5705 for information.

Saturday

•Salem Lutheran Church will hold an ecumenical service of prayer and lament to mourn the loss of life, lament the rule of violence over the last decade, and prayerfully seek peace for the decade to come. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church at 1428 W. Broadway Ave., two blocks west of the Spokane County Courthouse.

Sunday

•The George Nethercutt Foundation is organizing “An Hour of Remembrance” at 7 p.m. in the INB Performing Arts Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring a hand-held flag. The event will include a color guard, musical performances, a moment of silence and an audience singalong. For more information, call (509) 995-6016.

•The Spokane Valley Fire Department will place a 1,200-pound column from the World Trade Center in the department’s new administration building, which is under construction at 2120 N. Wilbur Road. The column was presented to the department by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Posting of the colors will begin at 6:40 a.m. For information, call (509) 928-1700.

•Kootenai County Fire and Rescue will dedicate the organization’s new training facility at 3:30 p.m. at 5271 E. Seltice Way, Post Falls. The 10-acre campus includes a training tower, specialized props, 300-seat classroom and other buildings. For information, call Shaena Dunn, (208) 676-8739 ext. 125.

•The Coeur d’Alene police and fire departments and branches of the military will commemorate the anniversary with a ceremony at Fallen Heroes Plaza, 1500 N. 15th St. in Coeur d’Alene, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., followed by an emergency and armed services open house until 5 p.m. For information contact the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department at (208) 769-2245.

•Two free performances of “The Guys” will be presented at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library, 702 E. Front Ave., at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. “The Guys” is a memorial to “the shattered psyche of post-Sept. 11 New York,” told through the eyes of a fire captain and a journalist, and is presented by the Bombay Cat Theatre Project. Call (208) 769-2315 ext. 426 for information.

•Mt. Spokane is the site of a “vortex ceremony and drumming spiritual event” organized by Debra Peterson. Participants should meet at Yoke’s grocery store at 14202 N. Market St. by noon to carpool to Mt. Spokane. Entering the park requires a Discovery Pass sticker for every vehicle; they can be purchased for \$10. Bring an item to share for a potluck lunch after the ceremony. Call Peterson at (509) 276-4028 for information.

•A Patriot’s Day Memorial Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. during the Spokane County Interstate Fair. The march includes a bell ceremony and 21-gun salute, and

concludes in the Grandstand Arena. Local fire and police departments will take part, as well as the Spokane County Pipe and Drum Band. In addition, all police, fire and military personnel will receive free admission to the fair on Sept. 11 with proper identification. For information, call (509) 477-2770.

- Ignite will present two performances of local author Reed McColm's "Hole in the Sky," a drama about the 108 minutes between the time the first plane hit the World Trade Center and the collapse of Tower One. Performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Interplayers Theatre, 174 S. Howard St. There is no charge but donations will be accepted for the National Fallen Firefighters Fund.

- A 9/11 Remembrance Run will take place from 7 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. at Medical Lake Waterfront Park. Form a team of 10 and register on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medical Lake High School. One member of the team must be on the course at all times. Call Keturah Guidry for information at (509) 599-2661.

- The Cutter Theatre in Metaline Falls, Wash., will present a concert entitled "Windows on the World" at 2 p.m., featuring live music performances and a presentation of John Adams' "On the Transmigration of Souls." The theater is located at 302 Park St., Metaline Falls; call (509) 446-4108 for information.

- The pastors of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Zion Lutheran Church, Millwood Presbyterian Church and New Hope Bible Church will come together for a special service at 4 p.m. at Zion Lutheran, 8304 E. Buckeye. The service will include scripture-based meditations, hymns and organ music.

- First Congregational Church of Christ will host a "9/11 commemoration of faith and hope" at 5 p.m., 205 N. Maple in Colville. Contact the church at (509) 684-4213 for information.