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They served their country in a new kind of war – a war on terrorism. And a total of 137 Missourians have given the ultimate sacrifice in the War of Terrorism since 9-11-2001.

An exhibit which honors those men and woman is now at the Dexter Welcome Center (The Old Depot) and a special ceremony will be held Saturday, March 3 to pay tribute to those honored in the exhibit, “Remembering Our Fallen.”

The ceremony will be held beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. Keynote speakers will be Dexter natives Brigadier General Charles Kruse, Retired, and Major Roger Alsup, Retired, will be keynote speakers. Invocation and benediction will be offered by the Rev. Phil Warren, and the Pledge of Allegiance will be led by members of Boy Scout Troop 200. The welcome will be given by veteran and mayor Joe Weber. The National Anthem will be performed by Miriam Brehmer and her students. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the American Legion and the Patriot Guard will all be on hand.

Taps will be sounded by members of the Dexter High School band under the direction of Scott Rybolt.

The public is invited to participate in the opening ceremony.

The exhibit is a stark reminder of the sacrifices of all 137 Missourians killed in The War on Terror. The display was first unveiled in July 2011 at the capitol rotunda in Jefferson City. The exhibit was developed by Bill and Evonne Williams of Omaha, Neb., and is sponsored by Bellevue University.

The exhibit will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and from 9 .m. until 7 a.m., Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 8. On Sunday, March 4, the exhibit will be open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Admission to the Dexter Welcome Center and the exhibit is free.

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