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## The History of Kingman

Kingman came into being in 1882, although a road was built through the area in 1859, to see if camels could serve as pack animals in the Southwest. Lt. Beale was the builder of this wagon trail, and it became part of Route 66 and today's Interstate 40. The town's modest origin was as a railway siding at Beale's Spring for the new Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. It was named for Lewis Kingman, who surveyed the stretch from Albuquerque to Needles, CA and built the piece from Winslow to Beale's Spring.

One of Kingman's greatest claims to fame is being "The Heart of Historic Route 66"; the longest still-existing stretch of the old road between Chicago and Los Angeles, it starts west of Ashfork, and continues through Seligman to Peach Springs. Andy Devine, the movie star, was raised in Kingman; his father owned the Beale's Hotel, and the main street is named after him. "Andy Devine Days" are a yearly event.

Kingman is the county seat of Mojave County. After WWII, several large companies established bases here, including Ford, with its proving grounds at the old Yucca Airfield. That, and the arrival of the Duval Copper Mine, the Mojave Generating Station, and the General Cable Plant, contributed to providing a stable employment base for all.

This is a good location from which to explore the Grand Canyon Skywalk, Route 66, Lake Mead, and so many other places; you shouldn't get bored.—George Hirko



## What is Healing Fields?

Healing Fields is an event that we volunteer for every year, and is near and dear to our hearts. We help to set up 3,000 8-foot tall American flags, one for each person that lost their life on September 11th, 2001. There is also a bio card included with each flag, so you can read about each person individually.

On September 10th around 5:30 AM several people will gather at the park to pound rebar and set up the flags. That night there will also be a Freedom Concert, starting at 6:30 PM. It is free to attend.

The memorial service will take place the very next morning at 5:45 AM. There will also be a candlelight vigil that night at 7 PM. The memorial itself will be open starting September 10th upon completion, and will stay open through September 15th, when we will start taking down the memorial at 6 AM.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. We'd love to have your help and see you out there. We have been volunteering our time and equipment for this amazing memorial and tribute since the second year after it came into existence. With the economy not doing as well, and the passing of time since 9/11, the need for sponsorships and extra helping hands is greater this year than ever before.

Go visit the Facebook page for Healing Fields [here](#) and like their page to see updates!

- Ashleigh Gaylord



## Event Calendar

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Sept 1	Comerica Theatre	Il Volo
Sept 2	Holiday	Labor Day
Sept 5	Comerica Theatre	Backstreet Boys
Sept 10	Comerica Theatre	FUN
Sept 10	Tempe Beach Park	Freedom Concert
Sept 11	Tempe Beach Park	Healing Fields Memorial Service
Sept 11	Comerica Theatre	The Wiggles
Sept 12	Ak-Chin Pavilion	Rascal Flatts
Sept 12	Comerica Theatre	Carly Rae Jepsen
Sept 13	Ak-Chin Pavilion	Uproar Festival
Sept 14	Ak-Chin Pavilion	Uprising Festival
Sept 14	Comerica Theatre	The Price is Right
Sept 14	Gringo-Star Street Bar	Tailgating Party
Sept 15	Comerica Theatre	One Republic
Sept 21	Tempe Center for the Arts	Under the Stars
Sept 22	Ak-Chin Pavilion	Dave Chapelle
Sept 27	Phoenix Children's Museum	Play Date: Going Country
Sept 29	Ak-Chin Pavilion	Keith Urban

## Help a Cause

### No One Left Behind Center

A good friend of ours, David Haddad of [Fumar Cigars](#), informed us about a new project through [Friends of Freedom](#), the No One Left Behind Center. The NOLB Center will offer a safe, welcoming community providing valuable services and program for veterans transitioning from military to civilian life.

They need donations and/or sponsorships to help them raise money for this project. If you are interested in helping, please visit their donation page [here](#). - Ashleigh Gaylord



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"Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak knits up the o-er wrought heart and bids it break." - Shakespeare

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