Special S.F. Memorial Day

The City plans to commemorate Memorial Day with a special service in Civic Center Plaza at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow.

“There’s a better chance of drawing a crowd tomorrow because so many people will be out of town Monday,” Mel Wax, the mayor’s press secretary, explained.

Nine Medal of Honor holders will take part in the program, including Phillip C. Katz, a 93-year-old native San Franciscan who is the nation’s oldest recipient of the highest award for bravery.

The service will include music by the Sixth Army Band and formal presentation of by the Bechtel Power Corp. of 18 flags which will fly from Civic Center standards.

The collection represents a selection of this nation’s flags from the Colonial period to the present. Bechtel is replacing the old flags as a gift to the people of San Francisco, Mayor Feinstein said.