Place Wreaths

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 4,225 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Anyone who wants to offer a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy can volunteer at a wreath laying ceremony to assist in saying veteran names aloud and thanking them for their service.

When you volunteer at a cemetery near you on National Wreaths Across America Day, you'll play a valuable role by placing live, balsam veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our fallen heroes. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed annually. Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active-duty military, and their families. When each wreath is placed the servicemember's name is said out loud, ensuring their memory lives on.

Every year since 2008, Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day. **This year's Wreaths Across America Day will take place on December 14, 2024. On that day, more than 2 million Veterans' Wreaths will be placed across Local, National and Military Cemeteries as well as Veterans' Memorials and historic sites.**

At each of those sites, a Wreaths Across America Location Coordinators works throughout the year with cemetery contact and local governments to organize and promote the ceremony, coordinate wreath delivery and manage the placement of wreaths. In addition to location coordinators, most Wreaths Across America locations rely on the assistance of community members, local businesses and civic groups and organizations to place wreaths on the day of the event. Typically, more than a third of our volunteers across the country are children, and we welcome all participants to play a part!

What to Expect as a Volunteer on National Wreaths Across America Day

As a volunteer, you will join tens of thousands across the nation in placing wreaths on the markers of our fallen heroes. As you place each wreath, you will "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service, and sacrifice of each veteran is never forgotten. We invite families and volunteers of all ages to come and share in this patriotic experience!

You can play an important as part in the mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Join us by volunteering at a location near you.

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REGISTER FOR A LOCATION NEAR YOU!

How much is a wreath for Wreaths Across America?

There is no cost to attend an event on National Wreaths Across America Day, all are welcome to join. However, Wreaths Across America receives no government funding. National Wreaths Across America Day and other events are made possible by thousands of volunteers who organize local ceremonies, raise funds to sponsor wreaths and participate in the events. Individual wreath sponsors and corporate donors, pay for the majority of the cost for the program and volunteer truck drivers and trucking companies make it possible for WAA to transport wreaths all over the country. Each Veterans' Wreath placed on National Wreaths Across America Day is sponsored for $17 per wreath. Learn more about our financials here

SPONSOR A WREATH

Spread the word

Click here to invite your friends and family to sponsor a wreath, volunteer at a location, and stay up-to-date on the mission.