**[CEMETERY] Announced as an Official Location for the 2018 National**

**Wreaths Across America Day**

*The cemetery will join the more than 1,400 participating locations across the country to Remember, Honor and Teach on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018*

**Columbia Falls, MAINE, and [City, STATE] — [Date], 2018** **—** National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) announced today that [LOCATION] in [City, State] has once again joined OR will be joining in the effort to support the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, as an official location for 2018. This is the [FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, etc.,] year that the cemetery will participate in this national event.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that, over the last ten years, has grown into a national movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation’s fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for us to live freely. This year, there will be close to 1,500 participating locations placing wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 – with more than a million volunteers.

The goal for [LOCATION] is to raise enough funds to place [insert total number] veterans’ wreaths on the headstones of all the local heroes laid to rest there, to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country never be forgotten and to bring the community together in patriotic commemoration.

“We are forever grateful for the thousands of supporters who dedicate their time and effort to fulfilling our mission on a local level,” said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. “These individuals and their communities know the value of remembering the fallen, honoring those who currently serve and teaching the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom every day, and without their continued support, Wreaths Across America would not exist.”

Those interested in volunteering for Wreaths Across America, or sponsoring a wreath for [insert cemetery name], are invited to visit [insert direct link to your page] to learn more. National Wreaths Across America Day is a free, non-political, community event open to all people.

**About Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization’s mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. For more information, to sponsor wreaths or to sign up to volunteer, please visit [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org).

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