

LOCATIONS & GROUPS

EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

September 2026

Local Media = A Powerful Volunteer Resource

Connect with Local Media

Build relationships with local media to:

- Share your unique local WAA story
- Promote sponsorships and volunteer sign-ups
- Raise awareness leading up to WAA Day
- Highlight local veterans and community supporters

Make It Easy

Use customizable press release templates available on the Volunteer Resource Page to share directly with local newspapers, radio, TV, and community outlets.

The Ultimate Goal

Build relationships before you need them — then keep local media outlets engaged and informed throughout the year.

Press Release Templates for Local News Media

- [Public Relations Toolkit 2026](#)
- [WAA Day Proclamation 2026](#)
- [Theme Press Release Template 2026](#)
- [Official Location Press Release Template 2026](#)
- [Sponsorship Group Fundraising Event Press Release Template](#)
- [Wreaths Radio Guest Press Release Template 2026](#)
- [WAA Day Media Advisory Template 2026](#)
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- [Flag Waving Release Template 2026](#)
- [State House Wreath Ceremony Advisory Template 2026](#)



What is a WAA Location?



The Location Site

A cemetery, monument, memorial, or other approved site where veterans are laid to rest or honored and wreaths are placed.

Location Coordinator

Led by a volunteer who signs up to manage the local Wreaths Across America Day ceremony, wreath placement, and cleanup logistics.

Who Can Coordinate?

Anyone! While sometimes cemeteries handle it directly, it is typically a passionate volunteer. ***Approval from the cemetery is required.**



RESULTS
2026 SO FAR
9,788 Wreaths Sponsored
78.3% to Goal
2,712 To Go!

REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

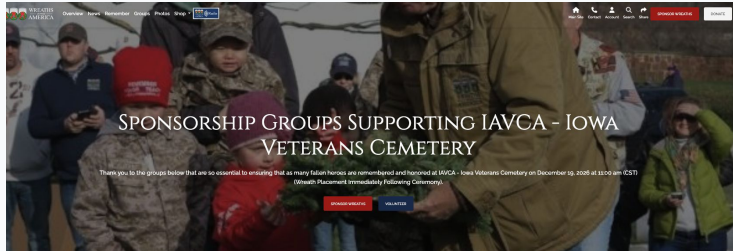
Welcome to the Iowa Veterans Cemetery's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 19, 2026 at 11:00 am (CST) (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony), Wreaths Across America will be at Iowa Veterans Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button next to the cemetery name below, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

Thank you so much for supporting Iowa Veterans Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

What is a Sponsorship Group?



LOCAL GROUPS SUPPORTING US

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IA0018P - MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

Welcome to IA0018P - Midwest Honor Flight! Our location Sponsorship Group is proud to support 15 locations and to help honor and remember as many veterans as possible. Please click "View" to learn more about our effort and then click "Volunteer" to join us for National Wreaths Across America Day. Thank you so much!

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QOVF - QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION

Welcome to QOVF - Quilts of Valor Foundation! Our location Sponsorship Group is proud to support 5 locations and to help honor and remember as many veterans as possible. Please click "View" to learn more about our effort and then click "Volunteer" to join us for National Wreaths Across America Day. Thank you so much!

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IA0003 - IOWA VETERANS CEMETERY FAMILY SUPPORT

Welcome to IA0003 - Iowa Veterans Cemetery Family Support! Our location Sponsorship Group is proud to support Iowa Veterans Cemetery and to help honor and remember as many veterans as possible. Please click "View" to learn more about our effort and then click "Volunteer" to join us for National Wreaths Across America Day. Thank you so much!

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Who They Are

An organization, individual, or group of like-minded people that register to support the mission.

The Core Mission

Sponsorship Groups are the driving force in raising sponsorships to place wreaths at participating locations.

Location Support

Groups can support one location or multiple locations, and multiple groups can support a single location. The more groups supporting a location, the more veterans we can honor.

Why We Need Both Locations & Groups

📍 Locations: Ceremony Coordination

Locations make the mission happen at the cemetery — coordinating with cemetery officials, managing volunteers, conducting ceremonies, and handling wreath placements.

🤝 Groups: Community Mobilization

Sponsorship Groups make the mission possible by building local awareness, engaging the community, and generating vital wreath sponsorships.

✨ Why Both Are Essential

A successful event requires both. The Location Coordinators handle on-site logistics and planning of the wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery, while Sponsorship Groups mobilize the community to raise wreath sponsorships to place on veterans' graves. *Together, they ensure every veteran is honored.*



Understanding the Difference in Wreath Counts

Year	TransactionType	Order No	Store Receipt No	Order Date	Donor	Location	Group	Plan
2026	Online	3259979	2372318	8/26/2026	Alexander Arriza	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery		No Plan
2026	Online	3251500	2366209	6/25/2026	Amber Lindner	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0280 - Fayetteville Area Wreaths for Veterans	\$5 Forward
2026	Online	3240504	2358700	2/25/2026	Amy Thomas	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0540P - Deployed Love	\$5 Payback
2026	Online	3199410	2341177	12/13/2025	Emily Crews	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery		No Plan
2026	Online	3198822	2340548	12/13/2025	Jaime Zehring	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery		No Plan
2026	Online	3200672	2342607	12/14/2025	John Lane	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0029P - Fayetteville Composite Squadron NC007	\$5 Payback
2026	Online	3200008	2341857	12/13/2025	LaRitza L Crear	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0596 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®, Upsilon Kappa Omega Chapter	\$5 Forward
2026	Online	3213513	2356312	1/1/2026	Lori Hammer	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0029P - Fayetteville Composite Squadron NC007	\$5 Payback
2026	Online	3198813	2340535	12/13/2025	Lyndelia Wynn	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0596 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®, Upsilon Kappa Omega Chapter	\$5 Forward
2026	Online	3240496	2358692	2/25/2026	Marrissa Reburn	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0540P - Deployed Love	\$5 Payback
2026	Online	3246195	2362161	5/14/2026	Robbie Moore	NCFBMP - Fort Bragg Main Post Cemetery	NC0280 - Fayetteville Area Wreaths for Veterans	\$5 Forward
Total								

Location Wreath Count

Represents the total wreaths sponsored to be placed at that participating location. *Note that shipping is based on the Veterans Grave count for the location.*

Group Wreath Count

Represents the sponsorships generated exclusively through that individual Sponsorship Group's ID.

Why Totals Differ

Since multiple groups can raise wreath sponsorships for the same location and groups can support more than one location, a group's total and a location's total will often not match.

The location total brings together all wreath sponsorships designated for that location—from every supporting group and individual sponsor.

01. Wreath-O-Meter

A green wreath with a red bow and a silver bow.

2,787 To Go!

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RESEARCH ORDERS

Search and filter through sponsored requests to find specific information about each order.

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ID	Order #	Year	Research Topic/Name	Research Book Contract	Location	Group	Product	Type	Page	is
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720006	000006	1984	Arica Forest, Chile	Arica Forest Chile	Arica	USNG	Arica Forest Chile	Photo	6	
720007	000007	1984	Arica Forest, Chile	Arica Forest Chile	Arica	USNG	Arica Forest Chile	Photo	6	
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Regional Map

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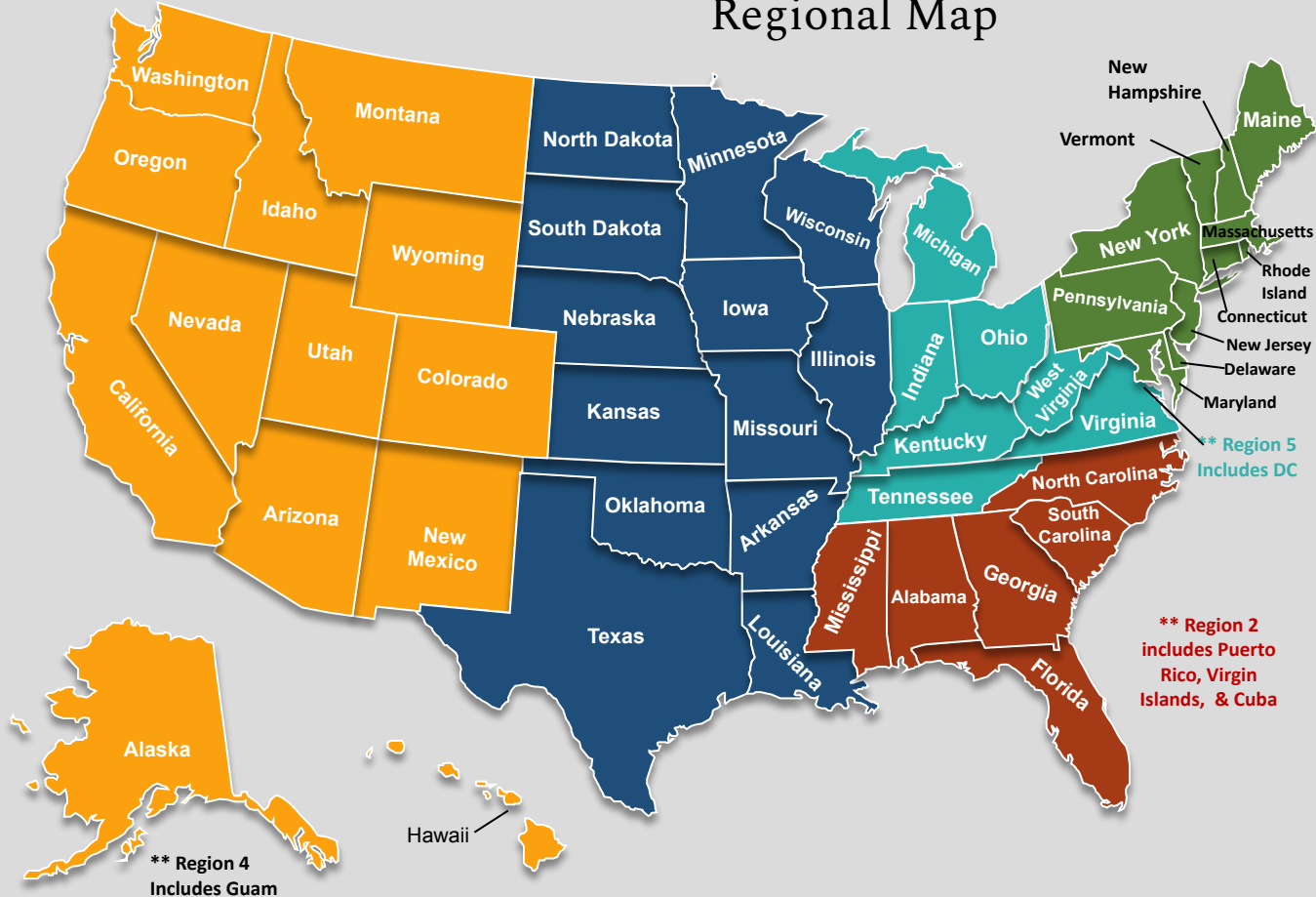
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THANK YOU!



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