

OUR STORY. Wreaths Across America was first inspired when 12-year-old paperboy Morrill Worcester won a trip to the nation's capital, a trip he would never forget. He later recognized that his success as a businessman was, in large part, due to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, when Morrill Worcester found himself with an excess of 5,000 wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season, and he saw an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality. With the help of Senator Olympia Snowe (ret) and the Maine State Society of DC, the wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery. After this, he and his family vowed to bring wreaths to honor veterans every December from that point on. In 2005, a photograph of the wreaths on headstones after a snowfall went viral and Mr. Worcester found himself with thousands of e-mails and letters and donations to bring the wreaths to other communities.

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501c (3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The yearlong mission of the organization is simple:

REMEMBER the fallen. **HONOR** those who serve. **TEACH** the next generation the value of freedom.

GET INVOLVED

- 🎄 Attend Wreaths Across America Day event on Saturday, December 19, 2026.
- 🎄 Add a location for a ceremony if you do not have one close to you.
- 🎄 Start a fundraising campaign to help sponsor wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery or a participating cemetery of your choosing.
- 🎄 Hand out Service Appreciation cards to veterans and active duty personnel. (free + \$5 S&H on our website)



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REMEMBER • HONOR • TEACH

A Year-long Mission:

Your \$17 sponsorship not only honors an American hero with the placement of a veteran's wreath in December, but it supports the year-round program around the country. Some of these programs are highlighted here. Visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org to learn more about how you too can join the mission!

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*National Wreaths
Across America Day*
DECEMBER 19, 2026



I Owe You CARDS

In 2010, Wreaths Across America began a campaign to thank one million veterans. We reached this goal by distributing one million cards to our nation's heroes. This year, help us to continue this great tradition by ordering your FREE cards on our website. We will send you "I owe you" cards that you can present to any veteran or active duty personnel you know, meet or see, to honor them for their service.

"To me, there is no greater thing I can do than to thank these people, and this card is a tangible way of doing that. It is something they can keep and look at when times might not seem so good for them. I can't buy them fancy things or do glamorous things for them, but, I CAN thank them for what they have done for this country, or for what they are currently doing." – Rae Wilson

Museum

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On September 23, 2011, Wreaths Across America celebrated the Grand Opening of the Wreaths Across America Museum in the former Columbia Falls Elementary School at 4 Point Street. This beautiful 1,800-square-foot facility was completed ahead of schedule, thanks to hundreds of generous donations from individuals and several Maine-based companies, including County Concrete, Marden's, Poirier Construction, Cloud 9 Electric and Ellsworth Building Supply.

Free and open to the public, the museum serves to document Wreaths Across America's history and tell the stories of those who gave their lives while serving their country, while also offering the public a place of comfort and healing. Hundreds of items donated by family members, from personal photos and awards to uniforms, helmets and other military memorabilia, serve to honor those who serve, provide greater insight into the experiences of U.S. military personnel, and teach the value of freedom to the next generation.

**The Wreaths Across America Museum
is open to the public
Monday - Friday, 9a.m. - 4p.m.**

Remembrance TREE PROGRAM

The Veterans Remembrance Tree Program was established as another way to remember and honor our veterans. As Gold Star families visited the land where the balsam tips are harvested each year, they found a sense of peace and tranquility from the land, so WAA established a program to give them a living memorial to their lost loved ones. Veterans' families can contact WAA and provide information on their loved one. The family is then taken out to the balsam tip land to find a tree that will become their living memorial, and a dog-tag and red-ribbon are placed on an evergreen tree of their choosing. The trees are kept in production and are tipped every three years, and then used to make the veterans' wreaths that are placed each December.

To request a dog tag please visit:
[www.wreathsassamerica.org/About/
RemembranceTree](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/About/RemembranceTree)