LOCATIONS & GROUPS

WEBINAR SERIES

Wreaths Across America
August 2023
Wreaths Across America: The Year-Round Mission

★ REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans
★ HONOR those who serve
★ TEACH our children the value of freedom

Wreaths Across America conducts several programs all year round to honor our veterans, including our popular “Thanks-A-Million” campaign, which distributes FREE thank-you cards to people all over the country to share with veterans as a simple thank-you for their service.

We participate in veterans’ events throughout the year and work with local veterans’ organizations, as well as public outreach through Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs, public service announcements, press coverage and the WAA website.
Locations & Groups: Working Together

The more Sponsorship Groups supporting a Location, the broader the reach and opportunity to share the mission!

Locations are where the veterans' wreaths are placed during a WAA wreath laying ceremony.

Groups collect sponsorships for veterans’ wreaths as well as support the year round mission.

Unite your community by inviting Veteran Organizations to register as a sponsorship group!

- **3-for-2**: A 3rd wreath will be sent to the location at no charge for every 2 wreaths sponsored through a group on this plan. This is a great way for your group to help maximize the number of wreaths placed on veteran graves.
- **$5 Back**: Your Sponsorship Group will receive $5 back for every paid wreath sponsorship. This is a great way for your group to give back to your local community.
- **No Plan**: This plan helps cover the Wreaths Across America overhead. This is a great way for your Sponsorship Group to support the behind-the-scenes work at headquarters.

Every participating location should have at least one registered Sponsorship Group supporting it.
To find Veteran Organizations in your local community, go to Google Maps and search by typing ‘Veteran Organization’ plus your city, state, or zip code.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces. To find a VFW Post near you, visit https://www.vfw.org/

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. To find an American Legion Post near you, visit https://www.legion.org/

Student Veteran Organizations serve as a resource for students on their campuses who are either veterans or actively serving and act as a liaison between the veteran student community and the University to increase their academic success. They typically will be looking for funding as a way to supplement their group’s budget to provide resource rooms, commuter lounges, etc. To find one near you, search the college site for Student Veteran Organization.

“There are many ways to serve your community and country, and just as many definitions of success. We hope through focusing on those stories of success we will help change the dialogue around what it means to serve your country.”

- Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths Across America
WHY involve Veteran Organizations

An opportunity to serve!

For many veterans, service doesn’t end when their commission or enlistment ends. Their Brotherhood and Sisterhood continue long after they leave the service.

National Wreaths Across America Day gives them an opportunity to say these veteran names out loud so they are not forgotten and to remember their lives.

Participating in the various programs offered by Wreaths Across America can help them continue to serve and honor those who are no longer with us.

Many Veteran Organizations have strong ties in their local community.

Supporting the Wreaths Across America mission strengthens those ties with community involvement, networking and support.

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Ways Veteran Organizations can serve!

- Register as a Sponsorship Group and fundraise for veteran wreaths
- Listen to or be interviewed on WAA Radio
- Map, mark, or restore veteran graves
- TEACH the next generation the value of freedom
- Request veteran dog tags for placement in the Remember Trees
- Host or attend the Mobile Education Exhibit and help welcome home Vietnam Veterans
- Participate in the ceremony or assist with logistics on National Wreaths Across America Day
TOOLS to share with Veteran Organizations

Remember our fallen U.S. Veterans. Honor those who serve. Teach our children the value of freedom. It’s the mission of Wreaths Across America.

Use the Volunteer Resource Page to find materials to share with your local Veteran Organizations to inspire them to get involved in the Wreaths Across America mission!

★ Host an informational meeting, using the WAA Presentation
★ Help them understand the impact that Wreaths Across America makes nationwide by sharing the 2023 Factsheet
★ Give them a deeper understanding of the mission by sharing these two videos:
  ○ Wreaths Across America: Our History, Tradition and Mission
  ○ What is a Veteran's Wreath?
★ Use social media to share the stories of your local veterans and, for those who have passed, you could customize the Veteran Remember Template for Social Media (requires free Canva account)

Contact your Regional Liaison Team for more support!

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Veteran Involvement Unites your Community!
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** Region 4 includes Guam
** Region 5 includes DC
THANK YOU!

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