# EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR

### WREATHS across AMERICA

July 2024

# Join our Stem to Stone 5K/10K Races!

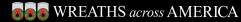
EVENT DATE: Saturday, July 27, 2024
 REGISTER HERE: 2024 Stem to Stone 5K & 10K

### DETAILS

- → Participate Virtually to join us from your own course at home! Log your results to be included in the official race results. Excellent fundraising opportunity for your community!
- → Receive a bib and medal in the mail. You can also purchase a t-shirt!
- → Each race registration supports our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach by sponsoring a wreath for placement on National Wreaths Across America Day this December 14, 2024!
- → Remember to include your Group ID and Location ID on your registration form, so your group and location get credit.
- → Stem to Stone graphics are in the July Messaging Guide on the <u>Volunteer Resource Page</u>!



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL STEM TO STONE 5K/10K RACES! virtual or in person SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

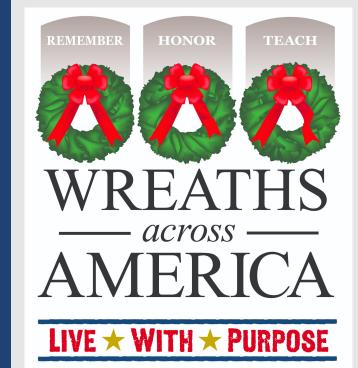


# What is Giving in July?

- → CHANCE TO WIN: Six winners will be chosen in a random drawing on Monday, August 12. One Group from each of the five WAA Regions and one registered for Arlington National Cemetery will be chosen. The winners will receive 100 sponsored wreaths to be allocated to the Participating Location they support.
- → WHEN: From June 1 July 31, 2024, all registered Sponsorship Groups that submit sponsorship dollars (minimum \$500) to HQ either online or via mail will be entered into a regional drawing to receive roo free wreaths to allocate to the participating location of their choosing for placement this December.
- → HOW: To be included in the drawing, registered Groups must submit fundraising dollars (the minimum to be entered is \$500) to HQ with proper forms included. Funds can be submitted online or via the mail. Checks received through the mail must include a date within the noted timeframe on them and be postmarked by July 31. For every \$500 your Group submits, an entry will be added to the drawing.

For more Giving in July information and resources, visit this page: <u>https://learn.wreathsacrossamerica.org/giving\_in\_july\_resources\_2024</u>

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# Customized WAA Resources

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



# ★ **December 14, 2024** ★ National Wreaths Across America Day



Help <<Group Name>> honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at <<Location Name>>.

can the QR code to make a donation online or visit <<WAA Shortlink>>



### #LiveWithPurpose

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Every registered Sponsorship Group and Location receives customized resources to assist with fundraising. These resources include:

- **Custom QR Code**: Links directly to your WAA page for easy online sponsorships.
- Order Form: Tailored for your Sponsorship Group and/or Location.
- **Tally Sheet**: Designed for submitting multiple sponsorships at a time.
- **WAA Day Poster**: Customized for your Sponsorship Group and/or the Locations you support.

Print the WAA Day Poster as a flyer to distribute at fundraising events. You can add the Order Form to the back of the flyer, making it convenient for supporters to sponsor wreaths either online or by mail.

### WAA Products Available ONLINE



**Point of Sale Kit** FREE plus \$7.99 shipping

Encourage local businesses to show their support for veterans by providing them with a free Point of Sale Kit. After their fundraising efforts, you can use their check presentation as a PR opportunity by inviting local media, which can help them generate more business!

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Order a set of small customized QR code cards to easily invite your community to get involved. These cards are convenient for people to grab and take home, allowing them to sponsor wreaths at their convenience. They're also easy to share!



### DIY Wreath Kit $\$_{25}$

TEACH your community about the meaning of a veterans wreath with our DIY wreath kit! It contains everything you need to handcraft a 24" wreath and is excellent for presentations and fundraising events.

# Fundraising Idea Guide

### Plan Successful Events with the Fundraising Idea Guide!

- Access the Guide: Find the Fundraising Idea Guide on the <u>Volunteer Resource</u> <u>Page</u> under Marketing Materials for Events.
- Collaborate: Work together as a group to select fundraising ideas that will receive the most support from your community.
- Choose Exciting Events: Focus on events that your group will be enthusiastic about.
- Manage Costs: For events with associated costs, consider requesting in-kind donations or discounts from vendors. We can provide in-kind donation receipts for those who need them.
- TEACH Your Community: Use your fundraising events to teach your community about the mission and other year-round program offerings.
- Set Up a Table: Create an engaging table display using supplies from the WAA online store and the free materials available on the Volunteer Resource Page.

**Register as a \$5 Back Group to help cover the cost of events.** You get \$5 back for each wreath sponsored!



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# Flag a Friend!



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Flag Removal Services It looks like you have been visited by Uncle Sam. These flags will wave proudly here until tomorrow. A marica while they are visiting you!

But don't worry, help is just a phone call away! For a small donation to (insert group name), a team of patriotic citizens will come and remove these All-American Symbols of Freedom. With an additional donation, you can direct the flags their next location!

If you choose not to donate at this time, we will still remove them at no charge, but we hope you will consider supporting the (insert group name) with a donation.

The monies raised will go to wreath sponsorships, as a part of the Wreaths Across America program, which strives to place a wreath on every veteran's grave this December. Each wreath sponsorship is \$17. This fundraiser is in the spirit of giving back to those who served our country!

Call/text (insert number) or email (insert email) to arrange for an early removal, and if you choose, to direct the flags to their next location.

#### Suggested Donation Amounts

Residence:	\$17	\$34	\$68	Replace this image with a QR code for your group page here
Business:	\$34	\$85	\$170	for online donations.

You can donate by scanning the QR code above or by visiting (insert your groups WAA shortlink) to support our group by sponsoring wreaths online and pay with a credit/debit card, GooglePay, or Paypal.

You can also donate by making checks payable to: Wreaths Across America and filling out the enclosed wreath sponsorship order form. If you put your donation in the enclosed plastic bag, we will pick it up and mail it to Wreaths Across America for you? Or you can mail it yourself to the address listed in the top right hand corner on the wreath sponsorship order form.

All donations are tax deductible. All proceeds go to support the Wreaths Across America program. This program strives to place a wreath on every veteran's grave as a part of National Wreaths Across America Day!

See the pictures from your flag request on Facebook Like (insert your Facebook page name) to see where the flags are and to keep up on all of our activities. You can also learn more about Wreaths Across America, sponsor additional veteran wreaths, and signup to volunteer to help place wreaths on Dec 16, 2023 by visiting (insert your groups WAA shortlink) or by scanning the QR Code above.



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Use these templates to fill your community with flags and encourage supporters to sponsor veteran wreaths! The templates are available on the Volunteer Resource Page.





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# Cash Calendar!



# Pick-a-Date to donate!

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#### **HOW IT works:**

Pick the day that coordinates with how much you want to donate, and write your name in that space! Bonus donation days can be any amount.

100% of the proceeds will go to Wreaths Across America sponsorships.

#### thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10		12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	*	*	*	*

### Cash Calendar

Use a blank calendar template to ask supporters to donate a set dollar amount towards sponsorships! It's super easy - just pick a date and donate that amount. This template is available on the <u>Volunteer Resource</u> <u>Page</u>.

#### Example:

ist of the month = \$1
i5th of the month = \$15
30th of the month = \$30

They can sponsor online or collect the funds and send them all in together.

### Use Social Media for Quick Fundraising

- → CREATE A FACEBOOK PAGE for your Sponsorship Group and/or Location to encourage your community to get involved in the Wreaths Across America mission!
- → COMPETITION AMONG MEMBERS Have members of your group share their individual WAA member pages on social media asking friends and family to support their efforts.
- → WREATH-O- METER Share the progress towards meeting your goal and the direct link to your WAA page.
- → FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER Hold a Facebook Fundraiser for your birthday or other event. When it's done, complete the Facebook Notification Form on the <u>Volunteer Resource Page</u> so that your Group and Location receive credit!

Be sure to **always share the direct link for your WAA page** in your posts. For a Sponsorship Group to get credit, the order must be placed on their WAA group page.

Use the Monthly Messaging Guide to share content with WAA branded graphics! Find it on the <u>Volunteer Resource Page</u> under Marketing Materials for Social Media, and on the private Facebook groups.



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### LISTEN to Wreaths Across America Radio!

### **MISSION MATTERS**

WITH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Executive Director Karen Worcester

Tune in

WEDNESDAY 10am & 7pm ET and Sunday 7pm ET

**ONLY ON** 



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**Tune in** for the live morning show every weekday from 6am to 10am ET for various programs produced by and/or relating to veterans, and so much more!

To schedule a time to **share your story**, contact Jeff Pierce at jpierce@wreathsacrossamerica.org.

### Listen anywhere at

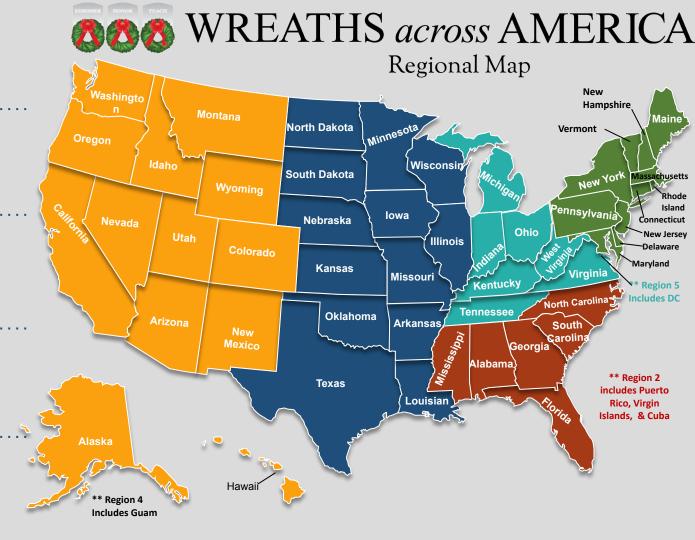
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