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**Wreaths Across America Invites All Community Members to Wave the Flag on Tuesday, September 10th**

*Veterans, volunteers, first responders and their families take part in a national flag-waving event to show pride and unity as the nation did 23 years ago in the days following the 9/11 attacks.*

**COLUMBIA FALLS, Maine and [CITY, State Abbr.]** **– August XX, 2024 –** On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, between 9-10 am ET, the [WAA Location or Group] is calling for the residents of [local area] to join in flag-waving to remind all Americans of the pride, unity and patriotism – that was expressed on the days following the tragedy on September 11, 2001.

In addition to local efforts, a national event will be hosted LIVE on WAA’s [official Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/WAAHQ) and broadcast over [Wreaths Across America Radio](https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/Newsroom/WreathsAcrossAmericaRadio). The broadcasts will include interviews and stories from veterans, volunteers, Gold Star families, and first responders.

[Insert details to where local flag-waving will occur in the community.]

WAA gathers every Tuesday morning from 9-10 am ET to raise the American flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance from the Freeport Flag Ladies Monument on Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine, near the ‘tip lands’ where balsam is harvested to make veterans’ wreaths for placement on National Wreaths Across America Day each December. The monument was built by WAA in partnership with its founder Morrill Worcester, in September 2019, after the [Freeport Flag Ladies](https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/19520/News/259/?relatedId=0) retired following 18 years of waving the American Flag in Freeport, Maine, each Tuesday since September 11, 2001.

[Insert quote from local volunteer as to why they feel it is important for the community to participate.]

WAA encourages the American public to join this weekly tradition starting on September 10 by sharing their pictures and videos on social media using the hashtag **#FlagsAcrosstheCountry.** You can also submit videos and photos easily with the following link: [http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.memfox.io/flagwaving](http://wreathsacrossamerica.memfox.io/flagwaving). Follow [WAA on Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/WAAHQ), tag the page in posts, and share where you are participating.

You can support the local WAA program at [Location you Support] by visiting www.wreathacrossamerica.org/YOURID. Each $17 sponsorship goes toward a live balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 14, 2024, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

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**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 thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

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