

DASHBOARD

Wreaths Across America

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Why a Dashboard?





The WAA Dashboard is where you will manage your group(s) and/or location(s).



Customize how your WAA page looks: personalize with photos, create a page alert, add a news article!



Message your supporters and invite them to sponsor wreaths, attend your fundraising events, and let them know what to expect on wreath day.



View the **Wreath Count Report** to see the total number of wreaths sponsored for your group(s) and/or location(s)!



Keep track of **Grave Specific Requests** and see who has volunteered to help on wreath day.



Thank sponsors for their generosity!

Getting Logged In

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Access the WAA Dashboard by visiting: manage.wreathsacrossamerica.org



Every page owner needs to create their own unique login that's linked to their email on file with WAA.



On your first visit to the WAA Account Dashboard, click Sign Up Now to create your login credentials. After that, enter your Username and Password, then click Login.



Your password must be at least 8 characters, contain one uppercase, one number, and one special character. Your Username and Password are case *and* space sensitive.



If you get locked out or need your password reset, please contact your Regional Liaison Team and they'll fix it for you!

Bookmark the Dashboard login page on your internet browser for easy access later on.



Registration To-Do's —

The Registration To-Do Items for your group(s) and/or location(s) are primarily completed by your Regional Liaison Team. Please take the time to review each item to ensure the information listed is correct. *If you notice any corrections to be made, please update the information, then click Save & Complete or for help with this, contact your Regional Liaison Team!*

If an item is **gray**, it has been completed. You can still click on it to review the information on file and/or make changes. Click Save & Complete after making updates.



If an item is **blue**, it has not been completed and we need that missing information. Contact your Regional Liaison Team to provide this information or make updates, then click Save & Complete.



While we wish you could remain as a WAA volunteer forever, we are grateful for your service and understand if you need to pass the torch and let someone else take the lead! *Please let your Regional Liaison know if you are no longer able to continue in your volunteer role.*



Perform all registration and annual renewal tasks for all of your location(s)/group(s). Ensures that your pages are set-up properly with the proper features for your page types.

Registration To Dos

We want everything to run smoothly for you, so please help us help you by keeping your account information current.

Supporting Sites (Member Pages)

The <u>WAA Online Store</u> has a variety of fun, but low-cost items that are great to giveaway!

Your group members get their own WAA page link when you set up Member Pages!

- → Great way to take advantage of another layer of fundraising for groups like Civil Air Patrol, American Heritage Girls, Scout Troops, and other youth organizations!
- → Find the quick link to your member pages in the top right corner of your groups WAA page.
- → View a breakdown of each member's efforts on your Wreath Count Report in the Dashboard.
- → Share the <u>Volunteer Resource Page</u> with group members to give them ideas and help maximize their fundraising efforts!

Member Pages are an excellent way to engage members of your group!

> Consider giving out prizes to recognize your group members for their support!

Group Leaders can keep track of their member's individual efforts.

How To: Navigate Supporting Sites

It's easy to manage your Member Pages through Supporting Sites!

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View Onboarding To Dos: Update your group member's basic information (email address, phone #, etc).

View Customization To Dos: Customize your group member's page with their own photos and WHY for being involved in the WAA mission.

Remove Myself as "Helper" Page Owner: Removes your access to their member page details.

Send Message: Allows you to send an individual message to the group member.

Unrelease/Hide Fundraiser Site: Allows you to hide their site from the member page navigation bar on your WAA group page.

Remove Page: When a member is no longer part of your group, remove their page from your Supporting Sites.

How To: Message in Supporting Sites





Customizing Your Page: Why It's Important

- ★ Your WAA page is the easiest way to connect with your local community about how they can help further the mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH.
- Highlight upcoming fundraising events or share details about your wreath laying ceremony.
- ★ Spotlight your local veterans and how they've made an impact on your community.
- Show your community what you're doing locally to give back and make a positive impact.

Customization

Customize your pages with your photos, logos and text. Note that customized pages perform significantly better than those that only display the default content.

Customization To Dos

How To: Personalize Your Page

TEAM BEAR (VA0080)

PLEASE HELP US REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH ON DECEMBER 18TH AT 8:30AM AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY BY SPONSORING A WREATH, VOLUNTEERING, OR INVITING FRIENDS TO HELP.

🖑 SPONSOR WREATHS

Personalize the summary text. This is a great place to add your "why" and encourage supporters to sponsor veteran wreaths!



RESULTS 2022 SO FAR

121 Wreaths Sponsored

Update the banner by adding your own photo. This is the quickest and easiest way to grab the attention of supporters!

OVERVIEW

Fhe subtitle can be edited, however, we recommend keeping it short and simple. If too long, it will throw off the page format.

Do NOT edit or remove the words seen in {{double brackets}} These are wildcards. They automatically add the correct information to your page and if removed, will not update.

> Add your logo here. This is a nice way to help your supporters know which organization your group represents.

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

Welcome to Team Bear's Wreaths Across America Page.

On Saturday, December 18th at 8:30AM Team Bear will be helping Arlington National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting Team Bear and Wreaths Across America!

With deep appreciation of our veterans and Gold Star Families, Bre Kingsbury

Click Customization To-Do's, then choose a section to edit.

> Click Save & Complete after editing!



How To: Promote Your Page With "Cards"





Welcome to Arlington National Cemetery (ARLING) and thank you deeply for helping us with our goal to honor as many veterans as



Group "Cards" are visible on the location pages that your group supports.

Location "Cards" are visible on the group pages that support your location.



Edit the card for your group or location by clicking Card Photo/Title/Summary located under the Customization To Do's.



Customized cards are more likely to be clicked on than those that are not customized.



If your group supports multiple locations, by default, your card will show the info for your primary (first listed) location. You can edit it with the details of your other locations as well!



Make the Most of Your Wreath-O-Meter



RESULTS 2024 SO FAR 401 Wreaths Sponsored 6.7% to Goal 5,599 To Go!



Your Wreath-O-Meter turns green when wreaths are sponsored through your group!

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Your Sponsorship Goal is linked to your Wreath-O-Meter.

Motivate your community to get involved by adjusting your Sponsorship Goal!

Adjust The Goal For Your GROUP

For Group Leaders:

The Wreath-O-Meter is a great way to motivate your community to sponsor veteran wreaths!

Your **Sponsorship Goal** on the Dashboard is linked to the Wreath-O-Meter on your group page, which turns **green** as wreaths are sponsored through your group.

Your goal can be updated at any time by going to your Registration To-Do's, then Set Your Wreath Sponsorship Goal.

If you need help with this, contact your Regional Liaison Team!

Make note, wreaths are not set aside for individuals or groups, unless placed online as a Grave Specific Request or manually added to the Grave Specific Report on the dashboard.



If donations are coming in faster than anticipated, bump up your goal to encourage supporters to keep donating. If they are coming in slower than you hoped, lower your goal so it feels more achievable.

Adjust The Goal For Your LOCATION

Grave Counts, Delivery Instructions, Sponsorship Goal * (1) Veterans Interred (total at your 156 cemetery) * (2) Ceremony Type Full Ceremony: Participants may participate in a ceremony as well as wreath laying for all sponsored wreaths Ceremonial Only: There will be no wreath-laying for the general public, but ceremonial wreaths will be placed * (3) Graves to Cover All Graves: We plan to cover all veteran headstones at our location Special Arrangements: We need to make special arrangements to place wreaths at MORE or LESS than the available veteran headstones * (4) If we receive more sponsorships Next Year than needed, please credit the extras Another Location After you enter your goal, click Save and Complete. 5. Sponsorship goal to show on fundraising pages (including desired 'extras" CANCEL SAVE AND "COMPLETE" SAVE

If donations are coming in faster than anticipated, bump up your goal to encourage supporters to keep donating.

If they are coming in slower than you hoped, lower your goal so it feels more achievable.

For Location Coordinators ONLY:

What is the difference between your Veteran Grave Count and your Sponsorship Goal?

We ship based on your **Veteran Grave Count**, so it's important that you provide us with an accurate Veterans grave count or the *maximum* number of sponsored veteran wreaths that you will need at your location. Extras can be credited to your location the following year or gifted to another location in need.

Your **Sponsorship Goal** on the Dashboard is linked to the Wreath-O-Meter on your location page, which turns green as wreaths are sponsored for your location. It is a great way to motivate your community to sponsor veteran wreaths and can be updated at any time by going to your Registration To-Do's, then Grave Counts and Wreath Sponsorship Goal.

If you need help with this, contact your Regional Liaison Team!

Make note, your Sponsorship Goal does NOT determine how many wreaths will be shipped to your location.

Wreath Laying Ceremony Start Time

All participating locations hold their ceremony and place veteran wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day, December 14th, 2024!

★ Location Coordinators determine what time the WAA ceremony and wreath placements will start at their location, in coordination with the cemetery wishes.

★ Additional details will be listed to the right of the Wreath-O-Meter on the location page.

★ Your Regional Liaison Team will set the start time based on the information provided by the Location Coordinator. If that time changes, be sure to update your Regional Liaison Team right away!



Use Photos to Personalize Your Page



WREATHS *across* **AMERICA**

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Add Photos to Your Image Library

- ★ Just like you have an image library on your cell phone, you have an image library on your Dashboard.
- \star This is where you store all of the pictures that you may want to put on your WAA page.

Trouble Adding Photos?

- ★ Once you save an image in your library, it might take a minute to fully process. Next, add the pictures to a Photo Album – check the next slide for instructions!
- \star If you can't see the picture, refresh your internet browser.
- \star This should fix it, but if you still can't see the picture, reach out to your Regional Liaison Team for help.

Use photos that show your group or location furthering the WAA mission!

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

> Add photos of your local cemetery.

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Ideas for a Photo Album

Share how your group and/or location has been furthering the WAA mission through photos!

Select photos of your community working together to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH.

Show your volunteers in action at fundraising events!

Share what you are doing all year round to teach about the value of freedom.

Photo Albums

Manage and share photo albums for your supporters to enjoy. Photo albums can be automatically posted on the "Photo Album" section of your Sponsorship Site. You can also allow your supporters to add their photos to your albums.

Manage Albums

Unite your community by inviting them to join you on National Wreaths Across America Day!

> Use photos of your wreath laying ceremony to share what the WAA mission is all about.

If your location is able to accept Grave Specific Requests, share the photos of those wreaths after they are placed.

Capture your community working together to dispose of the wreaths. We care about keeping the cemetery clean!

How To: Create a Photo Album

Navigate to the Photo Albums page by clicking "Manage Albums" on your Dashboard (or from the Promote menu).



How To: Add Album Photos, One at a Time

After your Photo Album is created, it will show on the Photo Albums page. Click anywhere on it to add pictures.

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How To: Add Album Photos, Upload Multiple

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How To: Photo Menu Option in Albums

Tip! The first Photo in your Album will be treated as the Cover Photo.



Get started by clicking Manage Articles, then click the (+) plus sign in the bottom right corner of the page.





Post news articles on your page to engage potential volunteers and donors, as well as to keep your supporters informed of your progress. Distribute your news articles to media outlets or receive help distributing from WAA's media team.

Manage Articles

News articles that feature your group or location furthering the mission of Wreaths Across America to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH are a great addition for your WAA page!



Create a Page Alert

A Page Alert is a message that immediately pops-up in a box when someone visits your page.

Use a Page Alert to encourage donors to help meet your goal!



Gather help for the wreath clean-up at the cemetery!

> Invite supporters to attend your fundraising events or share important details for the wreath laying ceremony.

WAA Communication Policy

It's quick and easy to message supporters on the Dashboard!

> WAA does not share sponsor or volunteer contact information.

Protecting Sponsor and Volunteer Information helps ensure their continued participation year after year.



Communication with sponsors must be initiated through the WAA Dashboard.



If a sponsor or volunteer freely gives you their contact information, then consent is assumed and you may communicate with them off the WAA Dashboard.



You may not solicit sponsors for order corrections, to recruit them for other groups/locations, or to solicit funds for other organizations than Wreaths Across America.



Wreaths Across America: Messaging Supporters

Wreaths Across America offers several different ways to help you clearly and consistently communicate with your local supporters of the Wreaths Across America mission:

- ★ Group Leaders, Sponsors, and Volunteers can contact the Location Coordinators to offer their help with planning or to ask questions.
- ★ Location Coordinators can easily connect with their supporting Sponsorship Groups to involve them.
- ★ Group Leaders and Location Coordinators can thank their Sponsors for their support and give updates to Volunteers who are registered to help!
- ★ Group Leaders and Location Coordinators can reach out to Grave Specific Sponsors to get additional information or to let them know a wreath was placed and send them a picture. Join us next month for instructions on how!



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Messaging Location Coordinators



WAA Location Coordinators are volunteers and do their best to communicate their wreath laying ceremony plans through their location page details, with page alerts, and through the messaging system.

Please take the time to read through their page first, then contact them if you still have questions, and allow them time to get back to you.

Remember, many Location Coordinators are just like you and work full time jobs and have family and other responsibilities outside of their volunteer time for WAA.

Messaging Sponsorship Groups

An opportunity to serve!

Many Sponsorship Groups want to help with the wreath laying ceremony at the location they support. Their involvement in the Wreaths Across America mission gives them an opportunity to serve their community and local veterans.

Location Coordinators can give them an opportunity to serve by involving them in planning and logistics such as parking and traffic control, ceremony set-up and presentation, wreath disbursement, grave specific placements, and clean up. Location Coordinators can use the <u>Messaging</u> <u>Module</u> on their Dashboard to contact their Sponsorship Groups.

Share important details about the wreath-laying ceremony at your location! Ask for help with Wreath Day planning and logistics at your location!

Messaging Sponsors

Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America. It's WHY our sponsors support us each year.

Taking the time to thank your Sponsors for their support goes a long way and inspires them to get involved in all of the different programs offered through the Wreaths Across America mission!

How to message Sponsors?

Use the Messaging Module to:

- ★ Let Sponsors know the details for Wreath Day and invite them to attend and participate.
- ★ Message previous Sponsors to remind them to sponsor if they haven't already.

Use Research Orders to:

- ★ Thank individual Sponsors for their support using the WAA thank you template.
- ★ Send a personal message to individual Sponsors.

How To: Message in Research Orders

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Research order history involving all of your Sponsorship Sites. Search by donor name, email, check number, order date, or any other search terms needed to find records. Export to word, excel, and other formats.

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Research Orders is an excellent way to see the specific details of each order that supports your Group or Location.

Find specific orders using the Advanced Search options to filter the report.

Messaging is only available for those with an email address on file with WAA.

Messaging in Research Orders

Click the 3 dots in the top right corner of any order to message individual Sponsors.

- **Send Thank You:** This is a WAA template and can be edited.
- **Send Message**: This acts similar to a blank email and can be customized however you would like.

The Message Status lets you know if we have an email address on file for the Sponsor. Once an email is sent, it will update to show the status of the last message. *Keep in mind messages can only be sent to those who provided us with an email address.*

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Donor Name	Payment Type Mail/Check		
Secure Email n/a	Check Number 8835 Messages will only be ser	nt to Sponsors who provided WAA	with an email address.

Messaging Volunteers

Volunteers want to help!

Communicating with registered volunteers will help your event run more smoothly on National Wreaths Across America Day. Volunteers want to know WHERE to be, WHEN to be there, WHAT is involved as a volunteer, and any other pertinent information about the event at your location.

Registered Volunteers may not realize they can make a sponsorship as well as help place wreaths. Messaging them is a great way to help them understand that the wreaths are all community funded through sponsorships and to ask for their support.

How to Contact Volunteers?

Use the Messaging Module to:

- ★ Invite Volunteers to help ensure a wreath for every veteran and sponsor if they haven't already.
- ★ Send a message to previous Volunteers to encourage their participation on National Wreaths Across America Day or to ask for help.

Use Event Scheduling to:

- ★ Leading up to wreath day, message all Volunteers using the WAA templated reminder messages that are customizable.
- ★ Contact individual Volunteers with important information about their event registration through event participants.

How to: Message in Event Scheduling

For Location Coordinators ONLY:

Select any of the WAA messaging templates found under Event Scheduling.

- **Resend Registration:** Use this if you want to resend registration info.
- **Send Reminder:** Send this a week or two prior to the event to share important information.
- Send General Message: Use this to share specific information for your wreath day plans.

Each message can be customized.

- □ No, Use System Default: this will not send the default message only.
- □ Yes, For All My Events: this will save your message for all events.
- **Yes, For This Event Only:** this will save the message only for the event you are currently in.

How To: Message in Event Scheduling

Click the video below or click <u>HERE</u> to watch the step-by-step instructions.





How To: Message in Event Participants



For Location Coordinators ONLY:

The Event Participants Report is only available for Location Coordinators because they are responsible for planning the logistics of the wreath laying ceremony.

This report can be sorted however you like!

- Click any column header to select filter options.
- Message individual volunteers by clicking the 3 dots next to their name, then selecting a message template.
- □ If you want to message multiple volunteers the use the Event Scheduling feature.

The Messaging Dashboard!

There are 6 sections in the messaging module!

- Compose Messages: Write a message to send or save it as a draft for later.
- Draft Messages: View all your saved drafts.
- Scheduled Messages: View messages that you have scheduled to send at a later date.
- Sent Messages: View all the messages you have sent.
- My Contacts: Upload your own contacts to message for support.
- Sponsors/Volunteers: Write a message to past and or current year sponsors and volunteers.

Draft Messages 3 Click "View Drafts" to review the 3 messages that you are drafting.	Scheduled Messages O You currently do not have any messages Scheduled. Click "Compose Message" to create a new scheduled message. VIEW SCHEDULED MESSAGES
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	uploaded. Click "Upload My Contacts" to upload personal contacts.

How To: The Messaging Dashboard

Click the video below or click <u>HERE</u> to watch the step-by-step instructions.



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WAA Sponsorship Site Dashboard

Welcome to your WAA Sponsorship Site Dashboard! The dashboard is designed to enhance your WAA experience and maximize the impact on our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. Explore (1) the "To Do" section to complete critical tasks, (2) the "Promote" section inspire more wreath sponsorships, and (3) the "Manage" section to do activities like researching orders, managing grave specific requests, track trucks, and view performance reports.



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To Do


How to View Your Volunteer Report

Are you looking for a quick count of volunteers from your group or for your location?

Go to Manage, then Reporting, then Volunteers by Event.

When a supporter visits your group or location page and clicks the red Volunteer button to register to help at your event, they will be added to this list!

Make note, Location Coordinators can edit and message registered volunteers by following the instructions in the two previous slides.



How Many Wreaths Do You Have?

Reach out to your Regional Liaison Team if you have questions about an order!



NEW Cutoff Dates for 2024!

The November Educational Webinar goes into detail about what to expect for Cutoff this year. Mark your calendars!

WREATHS across AMERICA 2024 NEW CUTOFF DATES



- ★ While we accept sponsorships all year round, the last day that wreaths are guaranteed for delivery is the Cutoff Date. Sponsorships received after the Cutoff Date are not guaranteed for delivery this year, but we will do our best to get them on the truck for shipment. Any wreaths that don't get delivered for placement this year will be added as a credit for the location for next year, giving them a head start for 2025!
- ★ To give you as much time as possible to gather checks, we will email you a Cutoff Form a week before the Cutoff Date and you will fill out only if needed. It works similarly to an IOU by letting us know you have sponsorship funds on hand, will be mailing them to us within a week of Cutoff, and want them included in the wreath shipment for the location this year.
- ★ We always recommend making copies of the Tally Sheets and Order Forms that you mail in to help you track the processing of orders. To submit a Cutoff Form, you will be required to upload a copy of the Tally Sheet or Order Form.
- ★ Grave Specific Requests are not accepted on Cutoff Forms. Mailed Grave Specific Requests must be manually added to the Grave Specific Report on your Dashboard before Cutoff.

Grave Specifics

It's quick and easy to manage Grave Specific Requests on the Dashboard!

What is a Grave Specific Request? A wreath sponsored by someone to be placed on a specific veterans grave.

Sponsors may choose to place the wreath themself or request to have a volunteer place it for them.

Grave Specific Requests are accepted online and in the mail.

- → For online orders, sponsors would select the Grave Specific option prior to checkout.
- → For mailed orders, sponsors must first verify on the location page that they are able to accept Grave Specific Requests. Then, they must mail the approved Wreath Sponsorship Grave Specific Form with their check made payable to Wreaths Across America. When their sponsorship is received at WAA-HQ the information will be entered in the system and reflected on your Grave Specific Report.
- → Volunteers may gather a list of Grave Specific Requests and mail the sponsorships with the approved Wreath Sponsorship Order Form and Tally Sheet, then manually enter the Grave Specific Requests to the Dashboard prior to the Cutoff Date.

How to Order Grave Specific Wreaths ONLINE

Request a Grave Specific wreath online through a registered WAA group page for select locations!

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Click the red Sponsor Wreaths button.
- Select the number of wreaths to sponsor.
- Choose the sponsorship group to support.
- Pick the location for wreath placement.
- Add any customizations.
 - Grave Specific Request
 - Remember Wall Post
 - > Pair Wreaths
 - ➤ e-Card or Mailed
 - In Honor/Memory Of
- Confirm and add to cart.
- Checkout or add more sponsorships before completing the order.

IMPORTANT

For a Sponsorship Group to receive credit, sponsors must use the direct link to their WAA Sponsorship Group page to place an online order.



What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? Sponsoring a veteran's wreath is a personal gift of gratitude and remembrance for someone who served this country so that we can be free.

SPONSORSHIP \$17

Your sponsorship supports the yearlong mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom, while making new and existing free programs available to the masses. With each sponsorship made, a veteran's wreath will be placed to honor an American hero at participating locations this year on National Wreaths Across America Day.

With each veteran's wreath placed by a volunteer, we ask that they "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service, and sacrifice is never forgotten.

I. Wreaths to Sponsor

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Please select the number of veterans' wreaths you would like to sponsor or click CUSTOM to select your preferred number of wreaths, dollars or boxes.

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2. Sponsorship Group to Support

S. Location to Place Your Wreaths

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4. Choose Customizations (Optional)

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Confirm & Add to Cart

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REATHS across AMERICA

How to Order Grave Specific Wreaths ONLINE

Provide as much veteran information as possible to ensure volunteer Location Coordinators can place the wreath.

5. Grave Specific Request



If the selected location accepts Grave Specific Requests, sponsors can request to have a wreath placed on a specific grave.

Choose Placement Option

- Sponsor may place the wreath themselves.
- Sponsor may request to have a volunteer place it for them.

Required Information

- Veteran's First and Last Name
- Veteran's Branch of Service

Optional (but helpful!) Information

- Military Rank
- Date of Birth
- Date of Passing
- Gravesite Information (Section, Row, and/or Marker Number)



How To: Sponsor a Grave Specific Request MAILED

The Sponsor must put their email address on the form so that we can collect any missing information.



Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

Grave Specific Requests are accepted through the mail with the approved Wreath Sponsorship Grave Specific Form.

REQUIRED:

- → You <u>must</u> first check the location page to make sure they are able to accept Grave Specific Requests.
- → Complete and mail the approved Wreath Sponsorship Grave Specific Order Form with check made payable to Wreaths Across America.
- → WAA will add the Grave Specific Request to the to the Grave Specific Report on the Dashboard.

Orders with incorrect or incomplete forms, and/or with illegible information will experience delayed processing times.

The Grave Specific Report

A great organizational tool!

The Grave Specific Report is where Location Coordinators organize their list of grave specific wreaths that need to be placed on National Wreaths Across America Day. The last day to add Grave Specific Requests is the Cutoff Day.

Group Leaders can offer to help Location Coordinators by contacting sponsors if more information is needed, assisting with placement of the grave specific wreaths, and sending photos of the grave specific wreaths to sponsors. MAILED orders are added to the Grave Specific Report <u>after</u> WAA - HQ receives and processes the sponsorships.

Groups can add their own Grave Specifics MANUALLY!

ONLINE orders are automatically added to the Grave Specific Report.

How To: Gather Grave Specific Requests for MANUAL ENTRY

For your group and location to receive credit, all forms must have your Group ID and Location ID printed clearly in the required sections.



STEP 3:

Manually enter them to the Grave Specific Report on your Dashboard prior to the Cutoff Date.

How To: MANUALLY ENTER a Grave Specific Request

Provide as much veteran information as possible to ensure volunteer Location Coordinators can place the wreath.







View the Grave Specific Report

There are many different options for viewing your Grave Specific Report!

Grave Specific	GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS (1) ▼ 1 IMPORT & DOWNLOAD				You can download a list for your records by clicking on Download.	
Manage grave specific requests for your Locations or the Locations your group supports. Identify requests with missing	rder Line 2117507 - Online - 1414190 - 04/03/23 -	Member Live Veteran Name		Last More Info Message	n/a ····	
data and message donors directly for them to provide the required information. Export to word, excel, and	5549929 - Julie Bright - NCADCC - NC0280 -	Served Or Other	United States Military	Last Photo Message	n/a	
other formats. Grave Specific	\$17.00 - Grave Specific Year 2023	Dittrion	Navy Next to the dirt road	Last Reorder Message	Jul 25, 1:54:39 PM	
	sor Name Julie Bright or Display	Cemetery Row	facing the road.	Complete Percentage	100 %	
Will Place	ce Myself No - Volunteer	Marker Number		9	2. Requested Info	
Special Services Manage Libraries	Group NC0280 - Fayetteville	Other Identifying	Shared marker with	Status		
Grave Specific	Area Wreaths for Veterans	Items Other Instructions	Vernell Gore n/a	Grave Specific Status By	Tim Gore - fayettevillewaa@gmail.com	
Grave Specific (Previous Year)	roup Live Live Location NCADCC - Adcock			Grave Specific Status At	10:51 PM	
Cards Or Invites	Cemetery ation Live			Grave Specific Status Comment	n/a	
All Special Services	Member n/a					

Search the Grave Specific Report

It's easy to filter the Grave Specific Report to quickly find the request you are looking for!

Use the quick filters to help you manage and plan.

Veterans Name - Use this filter to find a specific Veteran.

Will Place Myself - Use this to filter to pull a list for disbursement on wreath day.

Complete Percentage - Use this filter to quickly send a message to request more info for those not at 100%.

Other Instructions - Use this filter to quickly see if anyone had any special instructions.

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Match all conditions < with specified filters <					
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Year equals 🗢 2023 🗸	Search however you would like!				
Sponsor Name For Display equals 🗢 text 💌	Search by Sponsor Name,				
Veteran Name equals 🗢 text 👻	Veteran Name, or to see who is placing the wreath.				
Will Place Myself equals 🗢 text 🕶	Add an additional search				
add search condition 🗢	condition for more specific filters.				
add matching group 🗢	Click Search to generate your results.				
	SHOW LESS CANCEL RESET SEARCH				

Set Grave Specific Requirements For Your Location

This is a great way for larger cemeteries to track requests that are missing important information.

Setting Requirements for your Grave Specific Requests will not restrict people from placing orders without missing information, but it will allow you to send a message to Request More Info based on the percentage complete.

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To Dos

We will show you how to send those emails in a few slides.

Perform all registration and annual renewal tasks for all of your location(s)/group(s).	Configure Grave Specific Requirements Below, configure your preferences concerning accepting Grave Specific Requests your location. Note that the settings below are designed to help collect the best			
Ensures that your pages are set-up properly with the proper features for your page types.	GRAVE SPECIFIC SETTINGS	^		
	* Accept grave specific requests	Toggle to designate which sections you want		
Registration To Dos	* Designate my locations requirements for each grave specific request	required for your Locations Grave Specific Requests. Click Save.		
INAGE TO DOS X	* Require full name			
E TO DOS (11) - PUBLISH & VIEW C a wreath on Wreaths Across America Day & your goal, as well as the ceremony type supported by your location.	* Require date of birth or death			
Please note, there may be various reasons why your goal number is different than the number of eligible graves and that's ok. When finished, please mark this to do as	* Require cemetery section			
complete.	* Require row within sections			
Configure Grave Specific Requirements If your location accepts Grave Specific Requests, please click "Review" to provide your Grave Specific Requirements. After providing your requirements, please	* Provide additional grave specific instructions			
show this task as complete.	CLOS	SE SAVE AND "COMPLETE" SAVE		

Manage Grave Specific Requests

Location Coordinators can delegate a team of volunteers to handle their Grave Specific Requests!

Select - Opens the order for editing

Send - These options are all messaging templates that we will discuss in detail on the next slide.

View Change Log - Opens a log so that you can view any changes or status updates that have been made to that request.

Update Grave Specific Status - Allows you to set the status to mark the request as Ready to Place, Requested Info, etc.

View Status History - Opens a log so that you can view the status updates overtime.

Delete - Allows you to delete an entry in the case of a duplicate entry.



Message Grave Specific Sponsors

Click the 3 dots in the top right corner of any order to message of a Grave Specific Request.

Grave Specific Report Message Templates

- Send Request for More Info: This is a WAA template and <u>cannot</u> be edited. It asks for the information needed, based on the Grave Specific requirements that the Location Coordinator toggles on in their Registration To-Do's.
- Send Grave Specific Photo: This is a WAA template and <u>can</u> be edited. Be sure to toggle on to Include Attachments of the Image or Video of their grave specific wreath.
- Send Reorder Request: This is a WAA template and <u>cannot</u> be edited.

Will Place Myself No - Volunteer			Select	
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Location COFLND - Fort Logan National Cemetery	Other Instructions n/a		Send Grave Specific Photo	
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Year 2023	Served Or Other United States Military	Last Reorder Message n/a		
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Sending Multiple Messages to Grave Specifics

Send an email to request missing information to all orders less than 100% complete in a few clicks!



Add Grave Specific Photo to Requests



If you have a Grave Specific Photo, it will automatically pull into the Grave Specific Photo Message. Dear Julie Bright: Thank you so much for your grave specific request for Carl Burr at Fayetteville Area Veterans. I am writing to share the following photo we took when our volunteers placed your wreath:



Thank you very much for supporting our cemetery and allowing us the privilege of remembering your loved one.

Sincerely,

Julie Bright

Volunteer Resource Page

Where Can I Find the Volunteer Resource Page? Visit the main WAA page at <u>www.wreathsacrossamerica.org</u> and go to Resources, then Volunteer Resource Page.

What Is The Volunteer Resource Page?

It is your go-to spot for all of the WAA approved (and updated!) order forms, documents, marketing materials, logos, press releases, webinar recordings, and volunteer tutorials.

What If I Want to Customize A Document?

If you would like to customize an image or document, email the draft to your Regional Liaison Team prior to any printing or distribution to get approval from WAA. This is required.

Should I Use a QR Code? Yes! Be sure to link it to the WAA group page you want to support so they get credit for the orders.



RATHS across AMERICA

THANK YOU

Wreaths Across America