

Remember Me 2026 Theme: Volunteer FAQ

About the Theme

Q: What is the 2026 theme for Wreaths Across America?

A: “Remember Me” is our official theme for 2026. It emphasizes honoring both known and unknown service members as individuals, each with a name, a family, and a story, in addition to remembering them only as a collective group.

Q: Why “Remember Me” for 2026?

A: As America approaches its 250th anniversary, we wanted a theme that honors the deeply personal sacrifices behind our nation’s freedom. The theme reminds us that while we often honor service members collectively, each one had an individual story that shaped the freedoms we enjoy today. It was inspired by a line from Home Alone 2: “Maybe they don’t forget about you, but they forget to remember you.”

Q: Who does “Remember Me” honor?

A: Every service member from the Revolutionary War to those serving today, both the known and the unknown. This includes those whose families have long passed, leaving only markers and silence, as well as veterans whose stories risk being lost to time.

How to Participate?

Q: How can I participate in the “Remember Me” campaign?

A: There are four main ways:

1. **Share stories** of veterans using #RememberMe on social media.
2. Encourage people to share local names and stories through **MemoryFox** [here](#).
3. **Listen and learn** through [Wreaths Across America Radio](#).
4. **Volunteer or sponsor a wreath** for National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 19, 2026.

Q: What should I post with #RememberMe?

A: Share the story of a servicemember whose name deserves to be remembered. This could be a family member, a local hero, someone you knew personally, or even someone whose grave marker you’ve seen but never knew. Include their name, branch of service, and what made their story special. Photos are encouraged but not required.

Q: When is National Wreaths Across America Day 2026?

A: Saturday, December 19, 2026. This free, public event is open to everyone.

Q: How do I volunteer at a local ceremony?

A: Visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/About/LocationAndGroupSearch> to find participating locations in your area and sign up to volunteer. You can help with wreath placements, assist with planning and logistics, or be part of the ceremony itself.

Q: How do I sponsor a wreath?

A: Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org to make \$17 sponsorship. Each sponsored wreath honors a specific veteran at a participating location across the country and overseas.

Using the Theme

Q: Can our local group create materials using the “Remember Me” theme?

A: Yes! We encourage all volunteer Group Leaders and Location Coordinators to incorporate the “Remember Me” theme into your 2026 ceremonies, promotional materials, and community outreach. Use **#RememberMe** in all social media posts.

Q: Are there specific talking points I should use when explaining the theme?

A: Focus on these key messages:

- Each service member had a name, a family, and a personal story
- For America's 250th anniversary this year, we're renewing our commitment to remember individuals, in addition to the collective sacrifice
- “Remember Me” is a promise that no veteran—past or present—will be forgotten
- Their stories teach us courage, resilience, and the true cost of freedom

Q: How does this theme connect to our year-round mission?

A: “Remember Me” reinforces our three pillars: Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach children the value of freedom. In 2026, we're emphasizing the individual stories behind the service, ensuring the next generation understands that *real people, with real families and real dreams, made these sacrifices.*

Resources

Q: Where can I hear more stories of service members?

A: Tune in to Wreaths Across America Radio, available on:

- iHeartRadio app

- TuneIn
- Audacy app
- www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/radio
- [Wreaths Radio SoundCloud page](#) (for on-demand listening)

Q: Where can I find more information about Wreaths Across America?

A: Visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org for our mission, locations, sponsorship information, volunteer opportunities, and educational resources.

Q: Who can I contact with additional questions?

A: Reach out to your Regional Liaison team! Their direct contact information can be found on the [Volunteer Resource Page](#).

For Educators and Youth Programs

Q: How can I use “Remember Me” in educational settings?

A: WAA’s Curriculum Developer has developed a Service Learning Project for educators to use in the classroom. Share with the teachers and school administrators in your community to encourage students to research a service member(s) from their community or family and share that person’s story. Download details [here](#).

Q: Are there age-appropriate ways to discuss this theme with young children?

A: Yes. Focus on the idea that every person matters and every story is important. Help children understand that the people who served were real individuals with families, hobbies, and dreams, just like the people they know and love today.

The Mission Continues

Q: Does “Remember Me” replace our core mission?

A: No. “Remember Me” is our 2026 theme that amplifies our year-round mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. It provides a focused way to engage our communities during this historic milestone year.

Q: Will the theme continue beyond 2026?

A: While “Remember Me” is our official 2026 theme tied to America’s 250th anniversary, the commitment to honoring individual stories will always be central to our mission.

“Their sacrifices were deeply personal, and their stories shaped the freedoms we enjoy today.”

— Karen Worcester, Executive Director, Wreaths Across America