



President General's Proclamation

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, Dec. 14

On Saturday, Dec. 14 the nation will honor our fallen heroes with acts of remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery and over 1,900 veteran cemeteries. What began as a patriotic act by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992 is now nationally recognized as the Wreaths Across America program. Formally recognized by the United States Congress in 2008 its mission is to REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH. To honor veterans during the holiday season a remembrance wreath is laid by volunteers upon the hero's grave in every state, at sea and abroad.

Wreaths Across America works with thousands of schools, scout and civic groups including the SAR's Patriotic Outreach Committee to secure wreath sponsorships. An "Honor Fleet" comprised of over 170 trucking companies donate their trucks that are driven by volunteer drivers called "rolling ambassadors" to identified cemeteries. This year eleven tractor - trailers will transport 283,000 sponsored veterans' wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery and other designated veteran cemeteries. These "truckloads of respect" travel from Herrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery filled with sponsored wreaths in what is known as the world's largest veteran's parade.

President of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Mona Gunn will be the 2019 Grand Marshal of this annual escort to Arlington National Cemetery. The parade's theme will REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH with public events scheduled in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Washington D.C.

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