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The Resolve of Wreaths Across America for Our Veterans and Their Families

Wreaths Across America Day event this year and what to expect

Amherst Cemetery, located at 513 Grandview Drive, Amherst Va. — December, 19, 2020 12:00 pm—

The Wreaths Across America mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, is the foundation behind all the organizations efforts. Throughout the year, local volunteers have been tirelessly working to make certain that families, loved ones and heroes get honored and remembered for the holidays. However, the challenge was doing so in a way that is consistent with safety and in compliance with local COVID-19 recommendations and mandates.

To ensure the safety of all for this year's program in Amherst Cemetery, modifications have been made due to COVID-19 restrictions to ensure the continuance of National Wreaths Across America Day – scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2020 – and more importantly to show the families of our nations heroes just how much we appreciate their ultimate sacrifice.

The decision to amend this year's traditional wreath laying was not made lightly and we have gone great lengths to address public safety while maintaining the best interests of families whose loved ones are interred here.

Modifications include:

- Wearing gloves
- Wearing masks
- Socially distancing
- Limited number of visitors
- Limited number of volunteers
- Smaller ceremony
- Virtual ceremony will be streamed by Amherst County Chamber of Commerce. A will be posted on County of Amherst Facebook page following ceremony.

These continued efforts prove our resolve and tell the story of our commitment to our fallen veterans while demonstrating our appreciation for everything they have done to preserve the freedom that we all enjoy today.

Wreath sponsorships are only \$15, and can be sponsored directly at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/VAAMHC. There are [3] Sponsorship Groups supporting this cemetery. These groups represent local civic, youth, and veteran organizations giving back within the community. Amherst VFW Post 9877 wreathsacrossamerica.org/VA0800, Amherst Chapter NSDAR wreathsacrossamerica.org/VA0809, and Clifford Ruritan Club, wreathsacrossamerica.org/VA0806.

“Every \$15 wreath sponsorship is a meaningful gift from a grateful American who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy,” said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. “Whether the wreath is placed this December, or next, know that your gift will be honored. We are so grateful to the good people of this great nation for participating in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.”

To stay informed about changes to Wreath Day events in your community or to sponsor a wreath for a local hero, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/VAAMHC

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

This year’s National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 19, 2020. For more information or to sponsor a wreath, please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

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