

31 YEARS AT ARLINGTON

Wreaths Across America was first inspired when 12-year-old paperboy Morrill Worcester won a trip to the nation's capital, a trip he would never forget. He later recognized that his success as a businessman was, in large part, due to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1992, when Morrill Worcester found himself with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season, Mr. Worcester saw an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality. With the help of Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of DC, the wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Worcester vowed to bring wreaths to honor veterans every year. In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Morrill Worcester expanded his wreath donations nationwide, with ceremonies held at 230 locations. Heading into our 31st year and millions of veterans' wreaths later, our Nation's heroes continue to be honored, from the banks of Alaska to the beaches of Normandy.

GET INVOLVED

- 🎄 Attend Wreaths Across America Day event on Saturday, December 16, 2023
- 🎄 Add a location for a ceremony if you do not have one close to you.
- 🎄 Start a fundraising campaign to help sponsor wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery or a participating cemetery of your choosing.
- 🎄 Hand out Service Appreciation cards to veterans and active duty personnel. (free + \$5 S&H on our website)



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Our Story:

In 2007, Morrill Worcester was inspired to create Wreaths Across America, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping families honor their loved ones by sending wreaths to cemeteries, monuments and state houses across the country and sponsoring annual National Remembrance ceremonies. Emulating the Arlington Project at the local level, WAA is funded by sponsorships by people just like you. One day, every veteran's resting place will be adorned with a wreath. We need your help to make this dream a reality.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*National Wreaths
Across America Day*
DECEMBER 16, 2023



I Owe You CARDS

In 2010, Wreaths Across America began a campaign to thank one million veterans. We reached this goal by distributing one million cards to our nation's heroes. This year, help us to continue this great tradition by ordering your FREE cards on our website. We will send you "I owe you" cards that you can present to any veteran or active duty personnel you know, meet or see, to honor them for their service.

"To me, there is no greater thing I can do than to thank these people, and this card is a tangible way of doing that. It is something they can keep and look at when times might not seem so good for them. I can't buy them fancy things or do glamorous things for them, but, I CAN thank them for what they have done for this country, or for what they are currently doing." – Rae Wilson

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Museum

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On September 23, 2011, Wreaths Across America celebrated the Grand Opening of the Wreaths Across America Museum in the former Columbia Falls Elementary School at 4 Point Street. This beautiful 1,800-square-foot facility was completed ahead of schedule, thanks to hundreds of generous donations from individuals and several Maine-based companies, including County Concrete, Marden's, Poirier Construction, Cloud 9 Electric and Ellsworth Building Supply.

Free and open to the public, the museum serves to document Wreaths Across America's history and tell the stories of those who gave their lives while serving their country, while also offering the public a place of comfort and healing. Hundreds of items donated by family members, from personal photos and awards to uniforms, helmets and other military memorabilia, serve to honor those who serve, provide greater insight into the experiences of U.S. military personnel, and teach the value of freedom to the next generation.

The Wreaths Across America Museum is open to the public Monday - Friday
9a.m. - 4p.m.

Remembrance TREE PROGRAM

The Veterans Remembrance Tree Program was established as another way to remember and honor our veterans. As Gold Star families visited the land where the balsam tips are harvested each year, they found a sense of peace and tranquility from the land, so WAA established a program to give them a living memorial to their lost loved ones. Veterans' families can contact WAA and provide information on their loved one. The family is then taken out to the balsam tip land to find a tree that will become their living memorial, and a dog-tag and red-ribbon are placed on an evergreen tree of their choosing. The trees are kept in production and are tipped every three years, and then used to make the veterans' wreaths that are placed each December.

To request a dog tag please visit:
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/
remembrance-tree-program](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/remembrance-tree-program)