



Honor an American Veteran

Wreaths Across America at Ft Lawton Post National Cemetery, 17 DEC 22
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HISTORY of Wreaths Across America

In 1992, Morrill Worcester, owner of <u>Worcester Wreath Company</u> of Harrington, Maine found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington National Cemetery, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. Worcester donated his 5,000 surplus wreaths to Arlington.

The Program continued and grew. WAA received national attention through a 2005 internet picture posting. Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups

WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. The organization offers learning tools, interactive media projects, and opportunities for youth groups to participate in the events. They also work to create opportunities to connect "the Greatest Generation" with the "Generation of Hope", passing on inspirational stories from World War II veterans to the leaders of the future.

Wreaths Across America would not be successful without the help of volunteers, active organizations and the generosity of the trucking industry, which offer invaluable support to WAA's mission to remember the men and women who served our country, honor our military and their families, and teach our children about our freedom and those who protect it. How can you help? - For more Information please contact J. Bryce McWalter, Rotary Club of Magnolia, 206-283-2037 or info@magnoliarotary.org.

2019 to current date RECAP:

- Nearly 2.2 million veterans' wreaths placed at more than 2,100 participating locations.
- More than two million volunteers nationwide, with 38,000 volunteers participating at Arlington
- Expanded the mission overseas with the placement of veterans' wreaths at Luxembourg American Cemetery and Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial.
- 2020 Rotary Club of Magnolia Foundation sponsored the first WAA Program Ft. Lawton Post National Cemetery.(In Discovery Park, Seattle)

Wreaths are \$15.00 each. You can order on line (see below)

Special Program recognition for orders submit through Rotary Club of Magnolia

5 Wreaths Ordered – Patriot Supporter (\$75 total)

10 Wreaths ordered – Bronze Star Supporter (\$150)

25 Wreaths Ordered – Silver Star Supporter (\$375)

50 Wreaths Ordered – Gold Star Supporter (\$750)

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Order Date Cut off November 28, 2022

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