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A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

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Wreaths Across America

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

On December 19, 2026, at 08:00 am (EST), American Legion Auxiliary will be helping to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's military members.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

How can this benefit your unit?

ALA units can take part in the Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Group Program. Units that register as a "$5 back group" will earn $5 for every $17 sponsorship earned — allowing the donor to essentially "do good twice" and support both programs and missions.

How Do I Get Started?

You may donate to one of many locations by doing the following:

1. Select "Sponsor Wreaths."

2. Select "Location to Support." There is a drop-down menu on the right of "Arlington National Cemetery."

3. Scroll through the list to select your location of choice

4. If a participating cemetery you would like to support is not listed, scroll to the bottom of the list and select "choose another cemetery to support." You will enter that cemetery name, and your donation will count towards our goal.

Thank you so much for supporting American Legion Auxiliary and Wreaths Across America!

To sign up as a Sponsorship Group, visit:

https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/LeadASponsorshipGroup

You can also support the ALA's efforts through the WAA program with a $17 sponsorship at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/amlegaux.

For more information on the deadline for guaranteed delivery during Wreaths Across America Day. Please visit https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/Resources/VolunteerResourcePage

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

November 19th
February 18th
May 20th

All Meetings Start at
7:00 PM EST

Watch Your Emai for the **LINKS** to **REGISTER** will be sent closer to the date.

Please note that ALA Poppy Funds CANNOT be used for Wreaths Across America. For more information on how to use Poppy Funds to support our mission, visit https://www.legion-aux.org/Poppy-Funds.

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