Wreaths Across America

In August 2023, the American Legion Auxiliary national organization joined forces with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to build a stronger awareness of each group's common missions while supporting fundraising efforts nationwide. Wreaths Across America is an incredible organization whose mission is to remember our fallen U.S. veterans. Honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom. Wreaths Across America's mission so closely aligns with the ALA's as they continue to pay homage to our heroes after they have passed from this world.

(*Courtesy ALAforVeterans.org blog*)

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Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 5,500 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Anyone who wants to offer a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy can volunteer at a wreath-laying ceremony to assist in saying veteran names aloud and thanking them for their service.

When you volunteer at a cemetery near you on National Wreaths Across America Day, you'll play a valuable role by placing live, balsam veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our fallen heroes. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed annually. Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active-duty military, and their families. When each wreath is placed the servicemember's name is said out loud, ensuring their memory lives on.

Every year since 2008, Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day. This year's Wreaths Across America Day will take place on December 19, 2026. **On that day, more than 2 million Veterans' Wreaths will be placed across Local, National and Military Cemeteries as well as Veterans' Memorials and historic sites.**

At each of those sites, Wreaths Across America Location Coordinators works throughout the year with cemetery contact and local governments to organize and promote the ceremony, coordinate wreath delivery and manage the placement of wreaths. In addition to location coordinators, most Wreaths Across America locations rely on the assistance of community members, local businesses and civic groups and organizations to place wreaths on the day of the event. Typically, more than a third of our volunteers across the country are children, and we welcome all participants to play a part!

(*Courtesy WreathsAcrossAmerica.org*)

- The main 2026 Wreaths Across America ceremony in North Dakota
  - Saturday, December 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. CST.
  - North Dakota Veterans Cemetery (Mandan) — 11:00 a.m. CST
  - Wreath placement follows ceremony
  - Coverage goal: 10,030 wreaths; 3,646 already sponsored

- Wreaths Across America 2026 — Fargo, ND National Cemetery Schedule
  - Fargo - North Dakota National Cemetery
  - Saturday, December 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. CST
  - Wreath placement immediately following the ceremony

Contact for Questions
If you need more information about sponsorship costs or payment, contact the **Fargo National Cemetery Volunteer Committee** via the Wreaths Across America page or call the cemetery office at **701-451-4650**

Sponsorship Details for North Dakota Cemetery, Mandan

- **Cost:** $17 per wreath
  - **Options: Specific veteran designation**(name/grave location) or
- **General placement (**one wreath per headstone)
- **Payment methods:**
  - Mail a check to: ***Wreaths Across America, c/o Bismarck Civil Air Patrol, P.O. Box 2104, Bismarck, ND 58502*.**
  - Credit card sponsorship was available in 2025 but **is no longer accepted for 2026**

.**Coverage goal:**10,030 wreaths for 2025; 2026 goal is also 10,030

How to get involved

Volunteer, sponsor a wreath, and get parking and other directions by visiting the website

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/about/locationandgroupsearch, then type in Mandan or Fargo

If you plan to attend, it's best to arrive early, dress respectfully, and bring any wreaths you've sponsored. This is a meaningful opportunity to honor veterans and participate in a nationwide tradition of remembrance.

The official National Wreaths Across America Day wreaths placed at cemeteries, the most common size is 20 inches in diameter. These are made from fresh Maine balsam, decorated with a red ribbon, and shipped across the U.S. to participating cemeteries.