



The *Wreaths Across America* story began 21 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company (a for-profit commercial business from Harrington, Maine) began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery during the holidays.

Over that period of time, Worcester Wreath has donated 400,000 wreaths which were placed by volunteers in a wreath-laying ceremony each December. But as word spread, the mission to *Remember; Honor; and Teach* about the sacrifices made by our veterans has captured the hearts and minds of many communities across the Country.

In December 2007, 286 participating locations hosted Wreaths Across America ceremonies overseeing the placement of 32,553 wreaths on the headstones of those who served and sacrificed for our freedoms. In 2008 that number exceeded 350 locations and 100,000 wreaths placed in honor!

Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol invites you to join us in 2013 at any of the wreath-laying ceremonies to be held concurrently on **Saturday, December 14th 2013 at 1100 hours local time.** A ceremony will be conducted at **Fort Snelling National Cemetery at the Main Flagpole** and consists of a moment of silence, followed by a brief address and placement of wreaths at each military service branch monument flagpole. Following this we will move to selected sections to decorate gravestones.

Please join us for this memorable ceremony and dedication to honor our Minnesota Veterans here in the Twin City area.

Last December over 5,000 wreaths were placed throughout the state of Minnesota at veterans' cemeteries to remember those resting in honored glory.

To sponsor wreaths, please contact us as noted below.

Thank you most kindly,

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