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**Holiday Wreaths to Honor Veterans at VA National Cemeteries**

WASHINGTON – Volunteers will place holiday wreaths at Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries on Saturday, Dec. 10, to honor the Nation’s Veterans.

“This generous gesture to remember our Veterans at this time of year shows that Americans cherish the service and sacrifice of these heroes,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “The volunteers who turn out for this event show America’s heartfelt, true holiday spirit.”

At most locations, the Civil Air Patrol organizes wreath-laying ceremonies with assistance from local citizens and Veterans service organizations. All 131 VA national cemeteries receive wreaths, one for each military service branch, one for the Merchant Marines and one for prisoners of war and those missing in action.

This is the sixth year that Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, is distributing wreaths to all VA national cemeteries and state Veterans cemeteries in a nationwide program called *Wreaths Across America*. It is the 20th year that the Company -- which created the program -- will send thousands of wreaths to be placed at individual gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery and other locations across the country. Company President Morrill Worcester seeks to recognize Veterans, active duty military and their families, and his goal is to remind the public to remember Veterans and teach children the value of freedom.

Community organizations, school groups and individuals have been purchasing and placing wreaths at Veterans cemeteries across the country for several years and hundreds are expected to do so again this week.

For more information about the event at local national and state Veterans cemeteries, call the cemetery’s administration office, or visit the VA Web site at <http://www.cem.va.gov/> or the Wreaths Across America Web site at <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>.

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**VA National Cemeteries Participating in Wreaths Across America**

**ALABAMA**

[Alabama National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftmitchell.asp)  
Montevallo, AL

[Fort Mitchell National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftmitchell.asp)  
Seale, AL

**ALASKA**

[Fort Richardson National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftrichardson.asp)  
Fort Richardson, AK

[Sitka National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/sitka.asp)  
Sitka, AK

**ARIZONA**   
[National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/nmca.asp)  
Phoenix, AZ

[Prescott National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/prescott.asp)  
Prescott, AZ

**ARKANSAS**   
[Fayetteville National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp)  
Fayetteville, AR

[Fort Smith National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftsmith.asp)  
Fort Smith, AR

[Little Rock National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/littlerock.asp)  
Little Rock, AR   
  
**CALIFORNIA**

[Bakersfield National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/Bakersfield.asp)  
Arvin, CA

[Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftrosecrans.asp)  
San Diego, CA

[Golden Gate National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/goldengate.asp)  
San Bruno, CA

[Los Angeles National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/losangeles.asp)  
Los Angeles, CA

[Miramar National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/Miramar.asp)  
San Diego, CA

[Riverside National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/riverside.asp)  
Riverside, CA

[Sacramento Valley National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/sacramento.asp)  
Dixon, CA

[San Francisco National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/sanfrancisco.asp)  
San Francisco, CA

[San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/sanjoaquinvalley.asp)  
Gustine, CA  
  
**COLORADO**

[Fort Logan National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftlogan.asp)  
Denver, CO

[Fort Lyon National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftlyon.asp)  
Las Animas, CO

**FLORIDA**

[Barrancas National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/barrancas.asp)  
Pensacola, FL

[Bay Pines National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/baypines.asp)  
Bay Pines, FL

[Florida National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/florida.asp)  
Bushnell, FL

[Jacksonville National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/jacksonville.asp)  
Jacksonville, FL

[Sarasota National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/sarasota.asp)  
Sarasota, FL

[South Florida National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/southflorida.asp)  
Lake Worth, FL

[St. Augustine National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/staugustine.asp)

St. Augustine, FL

**GEORGIA**

[Georgia National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/georgia.asp)  
Canton, GA

[Marietta National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/marietta.asp)  
Marietta, GA

**HAWAII**

[National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/nmcp.asp)  
Honolulu, HI

**ILLINOIS**

[Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp)  
Elwood, IL

[Alton National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/alton.asp)  
Alton, IL

[Camp Butler National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/campbutler.asp)  
Springfield, IL

[Danville National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/danvilleil.asp)  
Danville, IL

[Mound City National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/moundcity.asp)  
Mound City, IL

[Quincy National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/quincy.asp)  
Quincy, IL

[Rock Island National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/rockisland.asp)  
Rock Island, IL

**INDIANA**

[Crown Hill National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/crownhill.asp)  
Indianapolis, IN

[Marion National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/marion.asp)  
Marion, IN

**IOWA**

[Keokuk National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/keokuk.asp)  
Keokuk, IA

**KANSAS**

[Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftleavenworth.asp)  
Fort Leavenworth, KS

[Fort Scott National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftscott.asp)  
Fort Scott, KS

[Leavenworth National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/leavenworth.asp)  
Leavenworth, KS

**KENTUCKY**

[Camp Nelson National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/campnelson.asp)  
Nicholasville, KY

[Lebanon National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/lebanon.asp)  
Lebanon, KY

[Mill Springs National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/millsprings.asp)  
Nancy, KY

[Zachary Taylor National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/zacharytaylor.asp)  
Louisville, KY

**LOUISIANA**

[Alexandria National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/alexandriala.asp)  
Pineville, LA

[Baton Rouge National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/batonrouge.asp)  
Baton Rouge, LA

[Port Hudson National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/porthudson.asp)  
Zachary, LA

**MAINE**

[Togus National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/togus.asp)  
Togus, ME   
  
**MARYLAND**

[Baltimore National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/baltimore.asp)  
Baltimore, MD

**MASSACHUSETTS**

[Massachusetts National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/massachusetts.asp)  
Bourne, MA  
  
**MICHIGAN**

[Fort Custer National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftcuster.asp)  
Augusta, MI

[Great Lakes National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/greatlakes.asp)  
Holly, MI

**MINNESOTA**

[Fort Snelling National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftsnelling.asp)  
Minneapolis, MN   
  
**MISSISSIPPI**

[Biloxi National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/biloxi.asp)  
Biloxi, MS

[Corinth National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/corinth.asp)  
Corinth, MS

[Natchez National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/natchez.asp)  
Natchez, MS

**MISSOURI**

[Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/jeffersonbarracks.asp)  
St. Louis, MO

[Jefferson City National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/jeffersoncity.asp)  
Jefferson City, MO

[Springfield National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/springfield.asp)  
Springfield, MO

**NEBRASKA**

[Fort McPherson National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftmcpherson.asp)  
Maxwell, NE

**NEW JERSEY**

[Beverly National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/beverly.asp)  
Beverly, NJ

[Finn's Point National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/finnspoint.asp)  
Pennsville, NJ   
  
**NEW MEXICO**

[Santa Fe National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/santafe.asp)  
Santa Fe, NM   
  
**NEW YORK**

[Bath National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/bath.asp)  
Bath, NY

[Calverton National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/calverton.asp)  
Calverton, NY

[Cypress Hills National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/cypresshills.asp)  
Brooklyn, NY

[Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/geraldbhsolomonsaratoga.asp)  
Schuylerville, NY

[Long Island National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/longisland.asp)  
Farmingdale, NY

[Woodlawn National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/woodlawn.asp)  
Elmira, NY

**NORTH CAROLINA**

[New Bern National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/newbern.asp)  
New Bern, NC

[Raleigh National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/raleigh.asp)  
Raleigh, NC

[Salisbury National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/salisbury.asp)  
Salisbury, NC

[Wilmington National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/wilmington.asp)  
Wilmington, NC

**OHIO**

[Dayton National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/dayton.asp)  
Dayton, OH

[Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ohiowesternreserve.asp)  
Rittman, OH   
  
**OKLAHOMA**

[Fort Gibson National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftgibson.asp)  
Fort Gibson, OK

[Fort Sill National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftsill.asp)  
Elgin, OK  
  
**OREGON**

[Eagle Point National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/eaglepoint.asp)  
Eagle Point, OR

[Roseburg National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/roseburg.asp)  
Roseburg, OR

[Willamette National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/willamette.asp)  
Portland, OR

**PENNSYLVANIA**

[Indiantown Gap National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/indiantowngap.asp)  
Annville, PA

[National Cemetery of the Alleghenies](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ncalleghenies.asp)  
Bridgeville, PA

[Philadelphia National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/philadelphia.asp)  
Philadelphia, PA

[Washington Crossing National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/WashingtonCrossing.asp)  
Newtown, PA

**PUERTO RICO**

[Puerto Rico National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/puertorico.asp)  
Bayamon, PR

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

[Beaufort National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/beaufort.asp)  
Beaufort, SC

[Florence National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/florence.asp)  
Florence, SC

[Fort Jackson National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftjackson.asp)  
Columbia, SC

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

[Black Hills National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/blackhills.asp)  
Sturgis, SD

[Hot Springs National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/hotsprings.asp)  
Hot Springs, SD

**TENNESSEE**

[Chattanooga National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/chattanooga.asp)  
Chattanooga, TN

[Knoxville National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/knoxville.asp)  
Knoxville, TN

[Memphis National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/memphis.asp)  
Memphis, TN

[Mountain Home National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/mountainhome.asp)  
Mountain Home, TN

[Nashville National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/nashville.asp)  
Madison, TN

**TEXAS**

[Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/dallasftworth.asp)  
Dallas, TX

[Fort Bliss National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftbliss.asp)  
Fort Bliss, TX

[Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftsamhouston.asp)  
San Antonio, TX

[Houston National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/houston.asp)  
Houston, TX

**VIRGINIA**

[Alexandria National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/alexandriava.asp)  
Alexandria, VA

[Balls Bluff National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ballsbluff.asp)  
Leesburg, VA

[City Point National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/citypoint.asp)  
Hopewell, VA

[Culpeper National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/culpeper.asp)  
Culpeper, VA

[Danville National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/danvilleva.asp)  
Danville, VA

[Fort Harrison National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftharrison.asp)  
Richmond, VA

[Hampton National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/hampton.asp)  
Hampton, VA

[Quantico National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/quantico.asp)  
Triangle, VA

[Richmond National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/richmond.asp)  
Richmond, VA

[Seven Pines National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/sevenpines.asp)  
Sandston, VA

[Staunton National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/staunton.asp)  
Staunton, VA

[Winchester National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/winchester.asp)  
Winchester, VA

**WASHINGTON**

[Tahoma National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/tahoma.asp)  
Kent, WA

**WEST VIRGINIA**

[Grafton National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/grafton.asp)  
Grafton, WV

[West Virginia National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/westvirginia.asp)  
Grafton, WV

**WISCONSIN**

[Wood National Cemetery](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/wood.asp)  
Milwaukee, WI