

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY



REMEMBER
HONOR
TEACH
16 DEC 2023

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Wreaths Across America Day Ceremony & Wreath Laying

1100 – 16 DEC 2023

Welcome & Moment of Silence

Aaron Van Beek, South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Wreaths Across America Location Coordinator

Presentation of the Colors*

*National Anthem**

Pledge of Allegiance*

Invocation

Wreaths Across America Address

Cemetery Address

Erin Brown, South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Director

Armed Forces Wreath Presentations

Wreath Order: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard

POW/MIA Wreath Presentation

Guest Speakers

Final Address

Rifle Volley & Taps*

Retirement of the Colors*

* = *please stand if you are able*

GRAVE SPECIFIC requests have been marked with a BLUE flag. We ask that these wreaths be left for the families that sponsored their loved ones.

THINGS TO KNOW FOR TODAY'S WREATH PLACEMENT:

1. Remembrance Wreaths are in boxes throughout the cemetery. Wreaths are only for Veterans buried at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery – please, do not place the wreath on spouses.
2. Please do not drive your personal vehicle through the cemetery until all wreaths have been placed.
3. Please start with only one wreath to allow all those in attendance the opportunity to honor a Veteran today.
4. The red bow should be at the top of the wreath when placed up against the stone. The wreath should lay flat on the ground in front of the stone.
5. **BLUE FLAGS** indicate a Veteran whose family has sponsored and requested to place that wreath. Please take a moment to say the name of that Veteran but refrain from placing a wreath to allow the family time with their loved one.

We thank you for your cooperation and for helping us Remember, Honor, and Teach through today's ceremony and wreath laying.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY SPONSORS

Aaron Osterbuhr	James Bahnson	Michelle Wolf
Aaron Van Beek	Jan Seibel	Mike Paulson
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*Sponsorships were current as of December 1, 2023.

We apologize if we inadvertently missed or misspelled a sponsor.

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VFW Auxiliary Unit 3164

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VFW Post 7319

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*We would also like to thank the
Lincoln County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol
for helping gather sponsorships alongside their regular
fundraising this year.*

THE STORY BEHIND WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The tradition of laying wreaths to honor our Veterans during the holiday season began in 1992, when Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath Company (Harrington, Maine) was stuck with a number of extra wreaths at the close of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood trip to the Nation's Capital, and the sacred grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, he donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed at the headstones of an older section of the cemetery.

What began as one man's gesture, has now grown into a national movement - when in 2007 Wreaths Across America was formed as a non-profit. Today, more than 4,000 locations participate on a Saturday in December in laying the wreaths out of remembrance and respect for our nation's brave servicemen and women. In truth, a person dies twice... Once when we take our final breath and later, the last time their name is spoken. In 2021, the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery was officially opened on Memorial Day with burials beginning within the week after. Midwest Honor Flight partnered with Wreaths Across America in 2021 to bring this program to our local Veterans whose final resting place is within these hallowed grounds. Sponsorships are 100% tax deductible allowed by law.

It's more than simply decorating graves. It's a silent message to all Veterans, their families, and those currently serving that we will REMEMBER their service, we will HONOR their lives, and we will TEACH future generations the importance of citizenship and how our freedoms have been preserved over time. This Christmas we will place over 400 at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

In our day in age where it seems like the values of freedom are becoming less and less, we challenge you all to take the time today to say the name of Veteran and thank them for the opportunity to live in the Land of the Free. Join us next year with a sponsorship or volunteer on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM for the 2024 National Wreaths Across America Day here at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Thank you for your attendance today, safe travels wherever you go, and may God continue to bless you, our Veterans, and the United States of America.

We'd love to see your photos of today's event. When you have a chance, be sure to tag us in your photos on Instagram, check in with us on Facebook, and use the hashtag #WAA2023 to connect with the thousands of other volunteers nationwide.

2024 Wreath Sponsorship Form - SDVC

Please postmark all sponsorships by Saturday, November 16, 2024 to be received in time for this year's ceremony.

Name or Company* _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Midwest Honor Flight and Wreaths Across America do not sell, rent, or otherwise disclose any personal information.

*Name or company line above will be used to list you as a sponsor in the program.

Wreath Sponsorship

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		
Patriot Pair = 1 Wreath Shipped to you, 1 Wreath to honor a Veteran	\$55.00		
Grand Total Due Payable to Wreaths Across America:			

If you would like to sponsor using a secure, online credit card transaction, please visit our website at: www.midwesthonorflight.org/wreaths

Remembering a Veteran at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Grave specific requests can be listed below. Donations without grave specific requests or if there are more wreaths sponsored than specifics will go towards other veterans. Please include their section and row below.

___ We/I plan to attend the ceremony on Saturday, December 14, 2024 AND place the above wreath(s).

___ We/I request to have a volunteer place the above wreath(s).

Make checks payable to: Wreaths Across America

Send form and payment to: Midwest Honor Flight

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Find out more about our program: midwesthonorflight.org/wreaths

Sioux Center, IA 51250

REMEMBER

our fallen heroes

HONOR

those who served

TEACH

our children about the sacrifices made by Veterans
and their families to preserve our freedoms



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