

**NATIONAL WREATHS  
ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

**REMEMBER  
HONOR  
TEACH  
18 DEC 2021**

**SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY**



# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

## *Welcome to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Wreaths Across America Day Ceremony & Wreath Laying*

1100 – 18 DEC 2021

Welcome & National Moment of Silence

*Aaron Van Beek, South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Wreaths Across America Director*

Presentation of the Colors\*

*National Anthem\**

Pledge of Allegiance\*

Invocation

Wreaths Across America Director Address

Cemetery Director Address

*Erin Brown, South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Director*

Armed Forces Wreath Presentations

**Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines**

POW/MIA Wreath Presentation

Guest Speakers

Final Address

21 Gun Salute & *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 and honor another Veteran laid to rest in the cemetery.**

# THINGS TO KNOW FOR TODAY'S WREATH PLACEMENT:

1. Remembrance Wreaths are in boxes throughout the cemetery.
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 against the stone.
5. **BLUE FLAGS** mark graves of Veterans whose family have requested to place the wreath. Please take a moment to say the name of the Veteran laid to rest there but do not place 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 placing.*

# INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY SPONSORS

*Jim & Kathy Bahnson*  
*Family of Wright A Bailey*  
*P Beckman*  
*Randy Blackburn*  
*Carrie Bornitz*  
*Linda Brady*  
*Rodney Brudvik*  
*Sheryl Curl*  
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*Trent Day*  
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*Dallas Faas*  
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*Anonymous Sponsor (5)*

# BUSINESS & ORGANIZATION SPONSORS

*American Legion Post 174*

*American Legion Riders Post 15 Chapter 2*

*The Barrel House*

*Dakota Marine Corps League Detachment 659*

*Disabled American Veterans, Arthur H Muchow Chapter*

*Dog Days Hotel and Day Camp*

*Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 5355*

*Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter*

*South Dakota Veterans Service Officers Association*

*VFW Auxiliary Lincoln Unit 3164*

*VFW Post 6436*

*VFW Three Rivers Post 4726*

*Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 959*

*Wagner American Legion Post 11*

*We'd like to thank the Lincoln County  
Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol and  
Elise Honors for collecting sponsorships  
alongside their regular fundraising this year.*

*We apologize if we inadvertently missed a sponsor.  
Sponsors were current as of November 27, 2021*

# 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 3,000 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 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," said Midwest Honor Flight President Aaron Van Beek. "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."

We understand we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Join us again next year with a sponsorship or volunteer on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM for the 2022 National Wreaths Across America Day right here at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Thank you for your attendance today, safe travels wherever you go, blessings to you and your family this holiday season, and may God continue to bless our Veterans and our United States of America.

# 2022 Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Please postmark all sponsorships by Saturday, November 19, 2022 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	\$15.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
Patriot Pair = 1 Wreath Shipped to you, 1 Wreath to honor a Veteran	\$50.00		
<b>Grand Total Due Payable to Wreaths Across America:</b>			

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

## Remembering a Veteran...

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 17, 2022 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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PO Box 22

Find out more about our program: [midwesthonorflight.org/wreaths](http://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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**South Dakota Veterans Cemetery**



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