

Mendenhall Cemetery will proudly partner with Wreaths Across America as an official participating location again this year. This will be our fourth year honoring our veterans laid to rest in our cemetery by placing a wreath at their headstone at Christmas.

Wreaths Across America Day will be **Saturday, December 18, 2021**. Mendenhall Cemetery will conduct a brief ceremony that day at 10:00 AM followed by placement of wreaths on the graves of veterans in our cemetery. The ceremony is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

We are asking family members, friends, and businesses to sponsor the 325 wreaths needed to honor every veteran at Mendenhall Cemetery. Each hand made, fresh, live, wreath made in the USA with Maine balsam cost \$15 to sponsor, with \$5 going to the Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc. to be used to help maintain the cemetery.

Wreaths can be grave specific to honor your loved one; you do not have to be present on December 18 to lay your wreath(s) as volunteers will be on hand to place in your absence.

We also provide an opportunity to order a wreath through us for a veteran's grave in another local cemetery. Wreaths sponsored for other cemeteries are delivered to Mendenhall Cemetery and must be picked up on Saturday, December 18 between 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. The deadline for receiving wreath order forms by mail is **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021.** An order form with detailed instructions is attached to this email to print and mail to us.

If you are on the MCA mailing list, you will also receive a hard copy of the sponsorship form with this year's holiday newsletter that will be mailed next week.

Wreaths may also be purchased online through **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30** with a credit card via secure transaction at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MS0038P. Once you land on our page, click the "Sponsor Wreath" button, then start the order process by choosing the number of wreaths to sponsor. If grave specific, look at the bottom of the page for the "grave specific" option and click to add veteran(s) information for placement in Mendenhall Cemetery. Continue to follow the prompts through to checkout.

Lastly, if you, an organization, or a business that you are affiliated with would like to volunteer, please let us know by signing up at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MS0038P or email us at mendenhallcemetery@gmail.com or call 214-770-2957 with questions about sponsoring and/or volunteering.

We appreciate your support in honoring the memory of those who proudly served our country so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have today.

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at hundreds of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

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