



“Be an American Worth Fighting For”

The inspiration 2020 Wreaths Across America theme came from a keynote address made by Staff Sgt. Daniel Strong during the 2018 escort to Arlington welcome stop at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School (Monty Tech) located in Fitchburg, Mass. As an infantryman in the United States Marine Corps, he lost 18 Marines during his service, three were his friends when he was a Lance Corporal, six as their Squad Leader and the remaining nine as their Platoon Sargent. Each impacted SSgt. Strong in a unique way as he witnessed first-hand what true sacrifice was and experienced the ripple effect it has on all involved.

His message that December day spoke to the daily importance of the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach, and the emotion is now teacher-engrained in his JROTC students. “Be an American worth the sacrifice. In your daily operations, and in how you deal with one another and how you live your lives,” said SSgt. Strong. “Those young men and women who are in Arlington National Cemetery and other cemeteries, they earned the right for you to be an American worth fighting for.”

This sentiment speaks volumes as more United States military are deploying to serve and fight, if needed, to protect the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens. Each of them, playing their part so that we too can play ours back home by being an active participant in our communities.

In 2019, approximately 2.2 million veteran wreaths were placed on headstones at 2,158 participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for our freedoms, with each name said out loud.

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 19, 2020.

It is always a free event and open to all people. Please participate and

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The Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will participate in the Wreaths Across America event on December 19, 2020 at 11:00AM at Johnson County Memorial Gardens, at 11200 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS 66210. There are approximately 3000 veterans interred at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. We need the help of all including Compatriots, their families and others who wish to support this noble event to remember the United States Armed Forces veterans who have passed. We wish help in both the sponsoring (donating) of wreaths and laying them at the grave markers of veterans.

Each wreath costs \$15, for each wreath donated the Delaware Crossing Chapter receives \$5. That \$5 is split 50% going to our chapter Veterans Fund and 50% going to our Youth Programs.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is Remember, Honor, Teach; Remember our fallen, Honor those who have and are serving, and Teach our children the value of freedom. The sponsoring of one or more wreaths will help to meet all three points of the Wreaths Across America mission.

If you wish to write a check a Wreath Sponsorship Form can be found adjacent to the letter on our dxsar.com website under ABOUT then under WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.

If you wish to use a credit card or Order a Grave Specific wreath you may go to the Wreaths Across America and search for the Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR KS0027P or click go to the following link. Please use the code KSJCMG and KS0027P to designate the Location and our Group.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/18200/Overview/?relatedId=159319>

WAA is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization; therefore, your sponsoring is a tax-deductible donation.

Thank you for your support.

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