# FIND A WAY TO Serve WREATHS across AMERICA

#### 2022-2023 State Theme:

### Wreaths Across America: Louisianans Finding a Way to Serve

This year, L.S.C.A.R. will support Wreaths Across America, Find a Way to Serve Louisiana National Cemeteries. Wreaths Across America(WAA) 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 thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. National Wreaths Across America Day is a free, non-political event, that honors and remembers our nation's veterans who are laid to rest in more than 3,100 different locations nationwide. This year, National

Wreaths Across America Day will take place on Saturday, December 17, 2022 and this year's national theme is "Find a way to serve."

From the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, our veterans are devoted sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers. They come from all backgrounds in life to place those lives on the line for our freedoms. The inspiration for this year's theme came from a few different places and seemed to be a recurring conversation throughout the last year. Notably, the American Rosie Movement<sup>TM</sup> which highlights the stories of the World War II-era women known as Rosie the Riveters, or simply "Rosies." These women pulled together to do the work that needed to be done for our freedom. The movement encourages youth to get involved in their own communities to serve in small ways that can make a big impact.

The L.S.C.A.R. state project is for each society to volunteer to place wreaths at a local participating WAA cemetery, sponsor wreaths for local veterans at a non-participating cemetery, and/or obtain sponsorships for wreaths.

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you'll honor an American hero. Your sponsorship will ensure that a wreath is hand-crafted of all-American balsam and hand-tied with a red velvet bow in Columbia Falls, Maine. It will then be sent to one of our participating locations, where a volunteer will place it on the marker of a fallen hero. That volunteer will then "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice of that veteran is never forgotten.

For more information on how to volunteer locally or sponsor a wreath for an American hero, please visit <a href="https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org">www.wreathsacrossamerica.org</a> and search for your local participating cemetery (list included at the end)

Our goal is to *Find a Way to Serve* whether through volunteering, sponsoring or purchasing.

# How can local societies "Find a Way to Serve"?

#### REMEMBER:

- Remember veterans by purchasing 1-5 wreaths.
- Remember veterans by obtaining wreath sponsors.

#### HONOR:

 Volunteer before, during, or after WAA official day – keep track of the number of members and hours volunteered. Contact your local participating site for more details.

# Before:

- Secure sponsors and or purchase wreaths.
- Volunteer to help unload wreaths at participating sites.
- Volunteer to assist with set up of the wreath laying ceremony

#### During:

- Volunteer to place wreaths on Veteran headstones at participating sites.
- Volunteer to place wreaths at other locations.
- Attend/Participate in the WAA ceremony on Saturday, December 17th

#### After:

Volunteer to assist in cemetery clean up.

#### TEACH:

- Contact your local DAR and/or SAR chapter to share information about this project.
- Secure a sponsorship from your local DAR and/or SAR Chapter.

# **IDEA!**

Contact local veteran, nursing, and/or assisting living homes for a list of living veterans who might enjoy a wreath on their door.

*Success Story*: The Fort Jesup Society participated in Wreaths Across America in 2021 by helping secure sponsorships for local veterans in nursing homes and for those buried in local church cemeteries. About 20 veterans in two nursing homes received wreaths and they were very excited to not only be recognized but to have the children visit and place the wreaths.

Join us by sponsoring a veterans' wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group.

REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans. HONOR those who serve. TEACH your children the value of freedom.

#### **Haley Flynn**

L.S.C.A.R. State President



https://7355454.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/7355454/WAA\_SponsorBrochure\_2022.pdf

# **Participating Cemeteries in Louisiana**

# Alexandria National Cemetery (LAANCP)

209 East Shamrock Street

Pineville, LA 71360

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

#### Almadane Cemetery (LAMADA)

LA Highway 111 Evans, LA 70639

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

# <u>Arcola - Roseland Cemetery (LAARLC)</u>

63386 Hill Street Roseland, LA 70456

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

#### <u>Ascension Veterans Memorial Park (LAGAVM)</u>

612 South Irma Boulevard

Gonzales, LA 70737

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

# **Ballard Cemetery (LABCWM)**

Highway 15 South Monroe, LA 71203

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

#### Baton Rouge National Cemetery (LABRNB)

220 North 19th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

# Bogalusa Cemetery (LABGCB)

Bogalusa Cemetery Rd Bogalusa, LA 70427

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

# Browns Chapel - Quinn AME Cemetery (LABCCT)

1286 Newsome Road
Tangipahoa, LA 70465
Grave Specific: Accepting

**Burr Ferry Cemetery (LABRFR)** 

LA Highway 111 Anacoco, LA 71403

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Cannon Cemetery (LACANN)

Cannon Cemetery Road Merryville, LA 70653 Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery (LACLVC)

3348 University Parkway Leesville, LA 71446

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Chalmette National Cemetery (LACMNC)** 

8606 West Saint Bernard Highway

Chalmette, LA 70043

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Colonial Cemetery (LACCIN)** 

Hwy 51 South

Independence, LA 70443 Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Cooper Cemetery (LACOOP)

US Highway 90 West Deridder, LA 70634

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Covington Cemetery No. 1 (LACCCC)

601 North Columbia Street

Covington, LA 70433
Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Duffy Cemetery (LADFYC)** 

Lees Creek Rd

Bogalusa, LA 70427

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Eli Cemetery (LAELIC)

5178 Brown Road Ethel. LA 70730

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Evans Community Cemetery (LAEVNS)** 

403 Bonner Road Evans, LA 70639

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Fountain Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery

(LALFMC)

1010 Pandora Street Lafayette, LA 70506

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Greenlawn Cemetery (LAGLHM)** 

1005 Western Ave Hammond, LA 70401

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Greenwood Cemetery (LAGWCS)

130 East Stoner Avenue Shreveport, LA 71101 Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Holly Garden Cemetery (LAHGCH)

North Holly St

Hammond, LA 70401

Grave Specific: Not Available

JS Clark Memorial Park Cemetery (LAJSCM)

3203 Burg Jones Lane Monroe, LA 71202

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremonial Only

Kilpatricks Serenity Gardens West (LAKSGW)

8729 Cypress Street
West Monroe, LA 71291
Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Liberty Cemetery (LALCML)** 

325 Liberty Baptist Church Road

Marion, LA 71260

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Loranger Community Cemetery (LALRCC)** 

Loranger Cemetery Rd Loranger, LA 70446

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Louisiana National Cemetery (LANCZL)

303 West Mount Pleasant Road

Zachary, LA 70791

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Mandeville Cemetery (LAMVLC)

1600 Montgomery Street Mandeville, LA 70448

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Merryville Cemetery (LAMRVL)

**Unnamed Road** 

Merryville, LA 70639

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery (LAMMPM)

623 East Highway 80 Monroe, LA 71203

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**NELA Veterans Cemetery (LANELA)** 

2413 Hwy 425 Rayville, LA 71269

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

North Merryville Community Cemetery (LANMCC)

US Highway 190
Merryville, LA 70653
Grave Specific: Accepting

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Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Oak Ridge Baptist Cemetery (LAORVM)

413 South Oak Street Oak Ridge, LA 71264

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church Cemetery

(LAOLPC) 14450 LA-442 Tickfaw, LA 70466

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Pine Ridge Cemetery (LAPRCK)

3893 LA-440

Kentwood, LA 70444

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Plunkaway Cemetery (LAPLNK)

Plunkaway Road Anacoco, LA 71403

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ponemah Cemetery (LAPNHB)

1136 Louisiana Ave Bogalusa, LA 70427

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Port Hudson National Cemetery (LAPHNZ)

20978 Port Hickey Road Zachary, LA 70791

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

**Riverview Cemetery (LARVCM)** 

3901 South Grand Street

Monroe, LA 71201

Grave Specific: Not Available

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Roselawn Memorial Gardens (LARLMG)

451 Hwy 151 N Calhoun, LA 71225

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery (LASLVC)

34888 Grantham College Road

Slidell, LA 70460

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery (LASWLV)

1620 Evangeline Road Jennings, LA 70546

**Grave Specific: Accepting** 

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Spikes Cemetery (LASKCE)

LA Highway 389 Bancroft, LA 70653

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

St John the Evangelist Cemetery (LASJEC)

57805 Main Street
Plaquemine, LA 70764
Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Vidalia Cemetery, Louisiana (LAVCVL)

900 Riverside Street Vidalia, LA 71373

Grave Specific: Accepting

Ceremony Type: Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Wetmore Cemetery (LAWMCP)

15235 Highway 22 Ponchatoula, LA 70454 Grave Specific: Accepting