



***DECEMBER 19, 2020***

Each December, on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,158 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. In 2019, approximately 2.2 million veteran wreaths were placed on headstones at participating locations around the country, including St. Augustine National Cemetery, in honor of the service and sacrifices made for our freedoms.

The Wreaths Across America Program in St. Augustine will be very limited this year from preceding years. Due to the restrictions placed by NCA policies having to do with the Covid-19 pandemic, we are limited to a non-public ceremony.

A very reduced number of volunteers will place the wreaths on the headstones so as to be sure we are properly maintaining personal spacing in accordance with NCA guidelines. Ceremonial wreaths will be placed by a member from each service branch: USA, USN, USMC, USAF, USCG, USMM and POW/MIA. A Bugler will perform taps.

Wreaths Across America is dedicated to ensuring that headstones in all America's National Cemeteries are adorned with a live holiday wreath at Christmas.

Donation levels for individual wreaths start as low \$15.00 per wreath. If two wreaths are purchased at \$30.00 the council receives a free wreath (3 for cost of 2). Our local businesses are encouraged to participate. With more than 1,200 gravesites the project is truly considerable. Make your checks payable to WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA and send to: Veterans Council of St. Johns County, P. O. Box 2117, St. Augustine, FL 32085-2117. We are a 501(c)(3) for donation purposes.

For additional information, including donation levels, please contact: George Linardos (CPT-USA -Fmr) at 904-495-6111.