



Wreaths Across America West Milford History

In 2017 Evan LeMay and Matthew Hoffman discovered Wreaths Across America on the news when they were asking for donations to help cover Arlington Cemetery. It was at that moment that they had a calling to help but not for Arlington but for local cemeteries. Since it was late in the game, they decided to help a cemetery in Sparta, NJ who needed help covering three cemeteries. They were able to raise 1000 wreaths for them. This began their journey to make a lasting legacy in their hometown of West Milford.

Evan and Matt turned their efforts to promoting and raising funds for West Milford's Veterans who are laid to rest in their hometown, West Milford. They involved all the schools as they visited them presenting to the students what Wreaths Across America is all about. With the support of the local community, they were successful in covering the three cemeteries in town with extra wreaths that were laid in Oakridge. The community came out in numbers as it was estimated that there were over 200 Volunteers. Since this was their Senior Year, they had to pass the reigns over to another student for the following year, Emma Darnsteadt. She took the reigns for 2019 with great success.

Wreaths Across America West Milford did not stop and continued fundraising efforts until COVID-19 put a wrench in the fundraising efforts. Last year we continued to lay the wreaths that we raised in a small volunteer effort. Unfortunately not every Veteran was able to have a wreath but not one went unmentioned as we took to social media to say every veteran's name that is laid to rest on daily posts. We are continuing our fundraising efforts and plans for a ceremony this year and are optimistic that our community will come together once again.



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To Whom It May Concern:

In December 1992 in Harrington, Maine, when wreath maker Morrill Worcester found himself with a surplus of 5,000 wreaths during the holiday season. Worcester saw the surplus as an opportunity to pay tribute to our country's veterans and with the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arranged for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery. This annual tribute to our country's veterans has continued ever since, touching the lives of millions of veterans' families and volunteers and growing in scope through the years.

In 2007, the Worcester family along with veterans and volunteers formed the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America to continue and expand their efforts at Arlington National Cemetery and to support those around the country who wished to do the same. Wreaths Across America's mission is simple: **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those that serve, and **Teach** the next generation about the value of freedom. Morrill's wife, Karen, has served as the organization's volunteer Executive Director since the non-profit was created and today oversees what has become a massive volunteer organization that continues to grow. In 2020 alone, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed over 1.7 million veterans' wreaths at over 2,500 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

This year, National Wreaths Across America day will be held on Saturday, December 18th, 2021. Locally, a ceremony will begin at noon followed by the placement of wreaths at **West Milford Presbyterian, St. Joseph's Cemetery, and Cedar Heights Cemetery** located in **West Milford** where there are over 700 interred local veterans are laid to rest. This is open to anyone who would like to attend.

In 2020, there were approximately 235 wreaths placed, leaving approximately 500 veterans without a remembrance wreath. This year our goal is to place 700 plus wreaths. With **your** generosity, we are hoping to meet this goal and ensure no veteran is forgotten. Each hand made, fresh, live wreath cost \$15 to sponsor and is made in the United States with Maine balsam.

On behalf of the volunteers and military families looking to honor all the veterans laid to rest at West Milford's Cemeteries and the Wreaths Across America extended family, I thank you for your consideration of this patriotic cause. I'll be in touch to determine your interest in supporting the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

Respectfully,

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WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card= If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

****SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____

Mailing: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that **all** sponsorships are sent directly to the location and **no** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: NJWMPC Fundraising Group ID: NJ003

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash \$: _____ Total\$: _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO \$: _____

GEN: _____

Entered: _____