



PRESS RELEASE – COMMUNITY EVENTS DECEMBER 2017

## **Record year for Honor Wreath sponsorships for the Minnesota State Veteran Cemeteries.**

WreathsForTheFallen.org is in the process of expanding this year with the addition of the new veteran's cemetery in Preston Minnesota. This addition is requiring several hundred additional honor wreaths needed to honor our countries fallen veterans and their families at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries this year.

## **2017 will be the busiest year ever for WreathsForTheFallen.org**

With almost 700 additional interments at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery's this year the challenge for WreathsForTheFallen.org to honor all our country's fallen veterans is greater than ever.

“We are in hopes this year we will again be able to honor all our nation's fallen veterans at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery's in Little Falls and Preston Minnesota” said John Thomas, president of WreathsForTheFallen.org. “For those that would like to make a general contribution to this worthy cause, please feel free to contribute to the wreath general fund. Information is on the [www.WreathsForTheFallen.org](http://www.WreathsForTheFallen.org) web site. Everyone is invited to join and assist us with this most worthy program” said Thomas.

## **New date for wreath distribution**

**This year the date for the National Remembrance Ceremony has been scheduled for December 16th, at 11 am, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday in December at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries in Little Falls and Preston.**

For a number of years now the annual ceremony has been conducted at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery's honoring those veterans that have served honorably for our country. After the ceremony consisting of representatives from each branch of the military, several thousand honor wreaths will be placed on the many markers of our fallen veterans. Many

volunteers from Camp Ripley, the Minnesota Patriot Guard, Minnesota, VFW's, American Legions, and many other civic organizations along with hundreds of families coming from a wide area will perform the honor of placing the honor wreaths on the grave sites. Everyone is invited to come and assist in the wreath distribution.

**Due to the limited parking at the cemetery car pooling is recommended.**

It is suggested everyone plan to arrive by 10 am. Plans are to have hot coffee, hot cider and other refreshments for all attending this most honored event. The ceremony starts at 11 am sharp. Wreath placement begins at about 11:20 am.

For those that would like to make a general contribution, mail your check to Wreaths at 5244 Ashdale Ln, Baxter MN 56425. All contributions are tax deductible.

Everyone is invited to assist with the wreath laying. No reservation is needed. For additional information, contact: John Thomas at 218-829-6622 or go to [www.WreathsForTheFallen.org](http://www.WreathsForTheFallen.org).

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