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## PRESS RELEASE - COMMUNITY EVENTS

Challenging times lay ahead for WreathsForTheFallen.org

With over 400 to 500 additional interments at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery each year plus the addition of three additional State of Minnesota veterans' cemeteries the challenge for WreathsForTheFallen.org to honor all our country's fallen veterans is greater than ever.

For a number of years WreathsForTheFallen.org has endeavored to honor all our country's fallen veterans at the cemetery in Little Falls by placing a wreath on each veteran's grave in December.

We are in hopes this year we will be able to honor all our nation's fallen veterans at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls Minnesota said John Thomas, president of WreathsForTheFallen.org. Now would be an excellent time to send that contribution or sponsorship to honor a veteran said Thomas.

WreathsForTheFallen.org was able to provide 3,800 wreaths last December. For those that would like to make a general donation to this worthy cause, please feel free to contribute to the wreath general fund for this year's 2015 event. Information is on the <u>www.WreathsForTheFallen.org</u> web site. Everyone is invited to join and assist with this most worthy program.

This year the date for the National Remembrance Ceremony has been scheduled for December 12th, at 11 am, the second Saturday in December at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

For a number of years now the annual ceremony has been conducted at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery honoring those veterans that have served honorably for our country. After the ceremony consisting of representatives from each branch of the military, several thousand wreaths will be placed on the many markers of our fallen veterans. Many volunteers from the Minnesota Patriot Guard, Minnesota Civil Air Patrol and hundreds of families coming from a wide area perform the honor of placing the wreaths on the grave sites. Everyone is invited to assist in the wreath distribution.

It is suggested everyone 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.

To have your personal wreath hand made and included in this memorable event; send your Name, Address, and Phone number (*in case of questions*) and \$15.00 (*or more for each wreath requested*) to: 5244 Ashdale Ln - Baxter - MN - 56425. Also include the full name, and date of birth of the veteran or family member the wreath is for. WreathsForTheFallen.org will confirm the exact location of the grave site number. Please make your check out to "Wreaths". All contributions are tax deductible.

For those that would like to make a general contribution or sponsor a specific wreaths for a loved one information is on the www.WreathsForTheFallen.org web site. Click on the "Honor A Veteran Here" red ribbon. Everyone is invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

The first additional state veteran's cemetery is presently in construction in Preston Minnesota and WreathsForTheFallen.org has been asked to perform our fallen veteran honors there as well. The formal opening is tentatively set for May 2016 said Thomas.

For additional information, contact: John Thomas at 218-829-6622 or go to www.WreathsForTheFallen.org

Many downloads are available on the Press page at www.WreathsForTheFallen.org