



PRESS RELEASE – COMMUNITY EVENTS OCTOBER 2016

## **Challenging times lay ahead for WreathsForTheFallen.org**

WreathsForTheFallen.org will be expanding this year with the addition of the new veteran's cemetery in Preston Minnesota. This addition will require many additional wreaths needed to honor our countries fallen veterans and their families in Minnesota each year.

## **2016 will be the busiest year ever for WreathsForTheFallen.org**

With almost 500 additional interments at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in the last year 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 by placing a wreath on each veteran's grave in December.

"We are in hopes this year we will again be able to honor all our country'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.

"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 the 2016 event. 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 17th, 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 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 Camp Ripley, the Minnesota Patriot Guard, Minnesota Civil Air Patrol, 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 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 before 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 a minimum of \$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 donation or sponsor a specific wreath for a loved one, information is on the [www.WreathsForTheFallen.org](http://www.WreathsForTheFallen.org) web site. Everyone is invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

For additional information, contact: John Thomas at 218-829-6622 or go to [www.WreathsForTheFallen.org](http://www.WreathsForTheFallen.org).

Sincerely,

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