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PRESS RELEASE – December 2012 – Miracles Do Happen!

Due to a last minute wave of contributions and sponsorships all indications are; on December 15<sup>th</sup> at about 11 am after the ceremony, a giant sea of green balsam wreaths with big red bows will spread over the entire Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls Minnesota to honor every one of our countries fallen veterans buried there.

“At the last count there were 3798 gravesites at the cemetery. And more will be added by December 15<sup>th</sup>. All indications at this time show we will be able to honor all the veterans buried there this year with a large natural hand made balsam bough wreath with a big red bow. It’s a miracle about to happen”, said John Thomas, President of WreathsForTheFallen.org.

Wreath requests to honor our countries fallen veterans have been substantially higher than last year. WreathsForTheFallen.org and their many volunteers have been working hard over the past few years to obtain this goal and recent large contributions from various organizations have made this possible”, said Thomas.

This year the date for the National Remembrance Ceremony has been scheduled for December 15th, at 11 am, the third Saturday in December. Next year and thereafter it will be back on the second Saturday in December.

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 various markers of our fallen veterans. Many volunteers from the Minnesota Civil Air Patrol and the Minnesota Patriot Guard perform the honor of placing the wreaths on the grave sites. The public is also invited to assist in the wreath distribution.

Everyone is invited to the ceremony and wreath placement. It is suggested to arrive before 10 am. The ceremony starts at 11 am sharp. Wreath placement begins at about 11:20 am.

A group from Eagle Bend will be providing lots of hot coffee, hot cider and other refreshments for all everyone attending this most honored event.

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 2013 event. Information is on the [www.WreathsForTheFallen.org](http://www.WreathsForTheFallen.org) web site. Everyone is invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

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