

October 10, 2012

PRESS RELEASE - WreathsForTheFallen.org preparing for cemetery expansion.

Receiving \$1.4 million (and change) means the expansion of the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery will start soon. This also means that WreathsForTheFallen.org will soon have a greater responsibility in obtaining enough wreaths each year to honor every fallen veteran and their families buried at the cemetery. The number of burials that can be scheduled has increased from 4 to 7 per day.

"This year the number of wreaths and specific grave requests has increased considerably," said John Thomas, President of WreathsForTheFallen.org. "Many organizations such as VFWs, American Legions, Lion's Clubs, and business's state wide have stepped forward with substantial contributions. We are also seeing many individuals that have not contributed or sponsored a wreath before, honoring us with their contribution." said Thomas.

This year the date for the National Remembrance Ceremony has been changed to December 15th, the third Saturday in December. Next year and thereafter it will be 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. This will coincide with like ceremonies at Veterans' Cemeteries state wide, nation wide, and in other countries as well. This is a world wide effort to honor our Fallen Heroes. After the ceremony consisting of representatives from each branch of the military several thousand wreaths are 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.

"Again this year an opportunity exists where any family or friend that has a loved one buried at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls may now arrange for a wreath to be placed on the grave of that fallen veteran", said Thomas

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*) to: **Wreaths, 5244 Ashdale Ln, Baxter MN 56425**. Also include the full name, DOB, & Date of death of the veteran the wreath is for. Please make your check out to "Wreaths" and send before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

For those that would like to make a general donation to this worthy cause, please feel free to contribute to the wreath general fund and an appropriate number of wreaths will be made and distributed at the event. 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).