



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR AGENDA
of
September 4, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Cemetery Board of the City of La Marque, Texas will conduct a **Regular Meeting on September 4, 2025**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers at 1109-B Bayou Road La Marque, Texas as well as via video-conference hosted through Zoom (bczoom.cityoflamarque.org)**. In accordance with Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Government Code the presiding officer and a quorum of the La Marque Cemetery Board intend to be and will be physically present at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas. This location will be open to the public.

The Board will meet for the purpose of considering the following agenda:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. REPORTS
 - 3.I. Financial Reports
 - 3.II. Wreaths Across America 2024
4. MINUTES
 - 4.I. Regular Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2024
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON

Comments from the public will be heard at this time. Any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to the Board (limited to three (3) minutes). If wishing to speak give the Chair or presiding officer your full legal name and the item you wish to speak about. In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours. *Press *6 to mute or unmute if you are participating by telephone, press the unmute button if attending via zoom on a smartphone, tablet or computer, or stand if attending in person, and the presiding officer will call on you in turn.*

6. NEW BUSINESS
Items presented to the Board for discussion and possible action:
 - 6.I. Electing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2025 calendar year

6.II. Wreaths Across America 2025

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requests by Board Members of items to be placed on future Cemetery Board agendas and announcements on city events/community interests TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.415. (b), "items of community interest" include: (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality or county; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

7.I. The next cemetery meeting will be held on December 4, 2025

8. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas on or before August 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Kierra K. Nance, TRMC
City Clerk



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

August 31, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2024
Cash	24,410.52
Investments	2,381.24
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	26,791.76

Total Assets **26,791.76**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2024
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2024
Available Fund Balance	30,514.30
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(3,722.54)
Total Fund Balance	26,791.76

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **26,791.76**



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - August 2024

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2023-2024	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	5.30	77.86	22.14
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
	Total Revenues	10,100.00	5.30	10,077.86	22.14
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	10,000.00	4,000.00	13,800.40	(3,800.40)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	10,000.00	4,000.00	13,800.40	(3,800.40)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	(3,994.70)	(3,722.54)	(3,822.54)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

September 30, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2024
Cash	24,410.52
Investments	2,384.97
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	26,795.49

Total Assets **26,795.49**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2024
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2024
Available Fund Balance	30,514.30
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(3,718.81)
Total Fund Balance	26,795.49

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **26,795.49**



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - September 2024

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2023-2024	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	3.73	81.59	18.41
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
	Total Revenues	10,100.00	3.73	10,081.59	18.41
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	10,000.00	0.00	13,800.40	(3,800.40)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	10,000.00	0.00	13,800.40	(3,800.40)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	3.73	(3,718.81)	(3,818.81)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

October 31, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	24,410.52
Investments	2,384.97
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	26,795.49

Total Assets **26,795.49**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	3.25
Total Fund Balance	26,798.74

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **26,798.74**



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - October 2024

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	3.25	3.25	96.75
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	3.25	3.25	96.75
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	3.25	3.25	(96.75)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

November 30, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	24,410.52
Investments	2,391.02
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	26,801.54

Total Assets **26,801.54**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	6.05
Total Fund Balance	26,801.54

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **26,801.54**



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - November 2024

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	2.80	6.05	93.95
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	2.80	6.05	93.95
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	2.80	6.05	(93.95)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

December 31, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	18,820.52
Investments	2,394.85
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	21,215.37

Total Assets **21,215.37**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(5,580.12)
Total Fund Balance	21,215.37

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **21,215.37**



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - December 2024

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	3.83	9.88	90.12
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	(4,590.00)	(4,590.00)	4,590.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	(4,586.17)	(4,580.12)	4,680.12
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	(5,586.17)	(5,580.12)	(5,680.12)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 2025

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	14,790.52
Investments	2,401.57
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	17,192.09

Total Assets **17,192.09**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(9,603.40)
Total Fund Balance	17,192.09

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - January 2025

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	6.72	16.60	83.40
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	0.00	(4,590.00)	4,590.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	6.72	(4,573.40)	4,673.40
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	4,030.00	5,030.00	(5,030.00)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	4,030.00	5,030.00	(5,030.00)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	(4,023.28)	(9,603.40)	(9,703.40)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

February 28, 2025

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	14,790.52
Investments	2,401.57
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	17,192.09

Total Assets **17,192.09**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(9,603.40)
Total Fund Balance	17,192.09

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - February 2025

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	8.15	24.75	75.25
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	0.00	(4,590.00)	4,590.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	8.15	(4,565.25)	4,665.25
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	0.00	5,030.00	(5,030.00)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	0.00	5,030.00	(5,030.00)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	8.15	(9,595.25)	(9,695.25)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

March 31, 2025

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	13,790.52
Investments	2,430.99
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	16,221.51

Total Assets **16,221.51**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(10,573.98)
Total Fund Balance	16,221.51

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

16,221.51



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - March 2025

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	21.27	46.02	53.98
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	0.00	(4,590.00)	4,590.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	21.27	(4,543.98)	4,643.98
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	1,000.00	6,030.00	(6,030.00)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	1,000.00	6,030.00	(6,030.00)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	(978.73)	(10,573.98)	(10,673.98)



City of La Marque

Balance Sheet

CEMETERY FUND

April 30, 2025

Assets

Current Assets:	Fiscal Year 2025
Cash	12,790.52
Investments	2,442.83
Inventories	-
Accounts Receivable	-
Pre-Paid Expenses	-
Other	-
Total Current Assets	15,233.35

Total Assets **15,233.35**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:	Fiscal Year 2025
Accounts Payable	-
Other	-
Total Current Liabilities	-

Fund Balance:	Fiscal Year 2025
Available Fund Balance	26,795.49
Current Year Revenue/Expenses	(11,562.14)
Total Fund Balance	15,233.35

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

15,233.35



City of La Marque

Cemetery Fund - April 2025

Accounts	Descriptions	Budget 2024-2025	Current Month	Current Year to Date Actuals	Budget Balance
Revenues					
89-3605-00-00	Interest on Investments	100.00	11.84	57.86	42.14
89-3630-00-00	Administrative fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-3807-00-00	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-9001-00-00	Transfer in from General Fund	0.00	0.00	(4,590.00)	4,590.00
	Total Revenues	100.00	11.84	(4,532.14)	4,632.14
Expenditures					
89-4048-00-00	Wreath Across America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89-4049-00-00	Cemetery Board Expenditure	0.00	1,000.00	7,030.00	(7,030.00)
89-4050-00-00	Cemetery Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditures	0.00	1,000.00	7,030.00	(7,030.00)
	Revenues over (under) Expenditures	100.00	(988.16)	(11,562.14)	(11,662.14)

Schedule of Events

- Ceremony begins at 11:00 am -
- Opening Prayer: Rev. Ingrid Clark, First United Methodist Church of La Marque
- Posting of the Colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Remarks
- Remarks: Mayor Keith Bell
- Eight Ceremonial Wreaths Placed
- Taps and Dove Release
- Retire the Colors
- Closing Remarks
- Individual Wreath Laying
- Wreath Laying at World War II Memorial at La Marque City Hall 1111 Bayou Road La Marque, Texas
- Wreath Laying at Rising Star Cemetery Albert @ Petroleum St, La Marque

*Although no sculptured
marble should rise to
their memory, nor
engraved stone bear
record of their deeds, yet
will their remembrance
be as lasting as the land
they honored.*

~Daniel Webster



La Marque Cemetery



*Saturday, December 14, 2024
11:00 A.M.*

*Special Thanks
to all the Participants in today's
Wreaths Across America Service.
From the Mayor, La Marque City Council,
City Employee and the La Marque City
Cemetery Board.*



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MINUTES
of
December 5, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Crowder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL
PRESENT:

James "Bim" Crowder	Chairperson
Kurt Koopmann	Vice Chairperson
Joel Camacho	Board Member
Brigette Johnson	Board Member

CITY STAFF / OFFICIALS:

Amanda Hobby	Assistant Public Works Director
Shirley Trahan	Public Works Administrative Assistant
3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
No participation from the public.
4. MINUTES
 - 4.I. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2024
Board member Koopmann made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 6, 2024. Board member Camacho seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. FINANCIAL REPORT
Chairperson Crowder made a motion to approve the financial reports from May, June and July 2024. Board member Camacho seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - 5.I. May 2024 Financials
 - 5.II. June 2024 Financials
 - 5.III. July 2024 Financials
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - 6.I. "Wreaths Across America" on December 14, 2024
Vice-Chairperson Koopman shared that while he would not be able to attend the "Wreaths Across America", representatives from the Galveston Daily News, the

Heritage Girls, Trail Life Boys, and the Patriot Guard would attend. He also stated that the City's advertising for this event had been corrected. He emphasized that for the event flags need to be placed on the graves, new flags will be placed at the entrance of the cemetery. The La Marque Public Works Department will provide a tent and Chairperson Crowder will play the trumpet.

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. The next cemetery board meeting will be March 6, 2025

8. ADJOURNMENT

***The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.*

National Wreaths Across America Day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024



2024 Media Guide

Remember



Honor



Teach



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Introduction



This document will familiarize you with the national nonprofit Wreaths Across America and its effort to honor our nation’s interred heroes while bringing attention to our yearlong mission to **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those who serve, and **Teach** the next generation the value of freedom.

We are sending you this media guide in hopes that you will find it helpful in your research as you develop your stories for Wreaths Across America Day 2024. In it, you will find the following:

- WAA History
- 2024 Achievements and News
- Pictures, Videos, Web, and Social Links
- Donation/Sponsorship Information

As part of our introduction, we’ve provided a [digital media page](#) containing all the necessary information and materials.

For those familiar with our organization, first, thank you for all you have done to help share the mission. I also want to remind you that National Wreaths Across America Day will occur on **Saturday, December 14, 2024.**

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A Letter from Karen Worcester

Wreaths Across America's Executive Director and Organization Cofounder



Dear Media Professional,

Thank you for opening (and reading) this media guide. We hope you find this document helpful and informative as we work to fulfill our mission to **Remember, Honor, Teach** about our nation's veterans, service members, and their families in 2024.

We look forward to helping you build great media stories that inspire and unify a nation by highlighting stories of service and community.

By caring enough to read the information in this document, you are "serving and succeeding" in your community by serving our Gold Star families and passing along our message of thanks for their service and sacrifice for our freedom.

2024 is the 18th year Wreaths Across America the nonprofit has existed, and in that time, it has grown to include more than 4,700 participating locations and more than 7,000 sponsorship groups nationwide. From 1992 to 2006, my family placed 5,000 veterans' wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery as our personal thank you to all those who enabled us to be free. We hope you will join us in volunteering and sharing the message as we endeavor to unite people in solidarity as we place sponsored veterans' wreaths to honor our interred heroes across America.

Your media support is welcome and needed as our volunteers work towards local, state and national goals for wreath sponsorship and placement. Thank you for reading this message and showing interest in helping us in our mission to **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those who serve, and **Teach** the next generation the value of freedom.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Worcester".

Karen Worcester

WAA Mission



Our yearlong mission to **Remember, Honor, Teach** is carried out, in part, by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, veterans' cemeteries, and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. Although people may be most familiar with National Wreaths Across America Day, the organization's mission lasts far beyond one day in December.

“Remember” the fallen.

When a volunteer places a wreath on a servicemember's grave on National Wreaths Across America Day, we encourage them to speak that person's name aloud, thank them for their service and sacrifice, and reflect on their life along with our wreath-laying ceremonies. WAA also holds special memorial ceremonies at all cemeteries throughout the country.

On the tip-lands in Maine, where the tips of balsam fir trees are harvested to become veterans' wreaths, replica dog tags representing thousands of veterans create a living memorial of fallen veterans giving back to other fallen veterans.

Learn more at: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/About/RemembranceTree>

“Honor” those who serve.

The WAA team participates in veteran-centric events throughout the country throughout the year. Our veteran outreach efforts include partnerships with Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) working to support living veterans and their families nationwide. Our website offers information and access to support, and we host open discussions about important topics impacting this community via our own channels.

Learn more at:
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Resources/ResourcesForVeteransAndMilitaryFamilies>

Wreaths Across America Radio, a Voice for America’s Veterans, is a 24/7 Internet stream on iHeart Radio, Audacy and the TuneIn apps. Its unique format provides informational and inspiring content about members of the U.S. armed forces, their families, military veterans, and volunteers throughout the country and overseas who support the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

Learn more at: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio

“Teach” the next generation the value of freedom.

Wreaths Across America is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed to protect them. Through our **TEACH Program**, WAA offers free, downloadable lesson plans and service-based learning for youth of all ages.

Learn more at: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Resources/EducationalResources>

Visit the **National Museum** and **Gold Star Family History & Hospitality House** at the National Wreaths Across America Headquarters in Columbia Falls, Maine. These exhibits allow guests to learn more about the mission while experiencing the many stories of service, sacrifice and success shared with the program over the last 17 years.

Learn more at:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/About/NationalWreathsAcrossAmericaMuseum>

Our **Mobile Education Exhibit** allows us to unite the local community, veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit is a mobile museum that educates visitors about the yearlong mission and our nation’s heroes.

Learn more at: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/About/MobileEducationExhibit>



WAA History Timeline

- ★ **1992:** The first wreaths (5,000) were donated, and a tradition started by Maine wreath-maker Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co., as a gift of thanks. He and his family quietly continued this tradition for 15 years.
- ★ **2005:** An iconic photo of wreaths in the snow became a viral sensation.
- ★ **2007:** Wreaths Across America formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- ★ **Since 2008,** Congress annually proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day.
- ★ **2012:** Millionth wreath placed at Arlington National Cemetery.
- ★ **2014:** Every headstone at Arlington National Cemetery received a sponsored veteran's wreath for the first time.
- ★ **2016:** 25th year that veterans' wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery.
- ★ **2018:** Mission advances overseas with the first placement of 9,387 veterans' wreaths at Normandy-American Cemetery in France.
- ★ **2021:** Marked the 30th year veterans' wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery.
- ★ **2022:** 2.7 million wreaths were placed at over 3,700 locations nationwide and abroad.

2023 Recap

- ★ Three million sponsored wreaths were placed nationwide.
- ★ More than three million volunteers participated at 4,224 participating locations nationwide. More than a third of the volunteers were children.
- ★ At Arlington National Cemetery, 68 tractor-trailers delivered 259,000 veterans' wreaths, which more than 30,000 volunteers placed.
- ★ 675 loads of wreaths were delivered across the country by over 332 transportation companies.

2024 Theme: Live with Purpose

‘Live with Purpose’ draws inspiration from the remarkable stories of these volunteers whose impactful work in their communities is a beacon of inspiration for all. “Over the course of the last year, and then especially on the escort to Arlington last December, I listened to people who had gone through great adversity, and they’d taken that adversity and turned it around as a call to action to spend the rest of their lives making sure that every day was meaningful and that they lived with purpose,” said executive director Karen Worcester. “For me, living with purpose is a mindset.”

WAA Sponsorship Information

Each \$17 sponsorship supports WAA’s yearlong program and places a live balsam veteran’s wreath on the headstone of an American hero. We endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 14, 2024, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

“Every sponsorship is a meaningful gift from a grateful American who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy,” said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. “We are so grateful to the good people of this great nation for participating in our mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.”

To make a sponsorship or donation online, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

To find a participating Location or Group near you to support, [click here](#).

To learn more about volunteering to place wreaths, [click here](#).



Upcoming Wreaths Across America Calendar

Please note that times, dates, and routes are subject to change and may vary by local area. To confirm your media participation, please get in touch with pr@wreathscrossamerica.org for information on groups in your area and to connect with local volunteers.

- ★ **November 11** Veterans Day
- ★ **November 29** Black Friday
- ★ **November 30** Small Business Saturday

- ★ **December 1** Cyber Monday
- ★ **December 3** Giving Tuesday

- ★ **December 7** **The Escort to Arlington begins!**

We will post [updates here](#) with the full schedule of events for this weeklong convoy traveling from Maine to Arlington, Va.

- ★ **December 14** **NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY!**

2024 WAA News Stories



WAA is committed to the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach year-round. These are just some of the stories on the national stage this past year.

Wreaths Across America Announces New TEACH Partnership Agreement with the Korean War Legacy Foundation

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America proudly announced its new TEACH partnership agreement with the Korean War Legacy Foundation (KWLF) in 2024. Through this new partnership, both organizations will create engaging and relevant content designed to educate and inspire students with a curriculum that encourages character development, civic responsibility, respect, and honor.

With the help of the KWLF and other partners, WAA will provide abundant free lesson plans, resources, and activities [on its website](#) that teach history, honesty, integrity, gratitude and patriotism. WAA launched the standards-based K-12 curriculum in 2022, offering free lesson plans and student activities encouraging community service. All WAA lesson plans are original content developed by award-winning educator and American Gold Star Mother Cindy Tatum.

Wreaths Across America Invites Community Throughout the Country to Wave Their Flags on Tuesday, September 10

Wreaths Across America has invited citizens across the country to join in waving their flags on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, between 9-10 am EST in remembrance of those lost on 9/11/01. In addition to local efforts, a national event was hosted LIVE on WAA's [official Facebook page](#) and broadcast over [Wreaths Across America Radio](#).

Every Tuesday morning from 9-10 am EST, WAA volunteers raise the American flag from the Freeport Flag Ladies Monument on Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine. The monument was built by WAA in partnership with its cofounder, Morrill Worcester, in September 2019 in honor of the [Freeport Flag Ladies](#), who retired after 18 years of waving the American Flag in Freeport, Maine, each Tuesday since September 11, 2001.

Wreaths Across America Seeking Carriers to Help Move the Mission This December

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) kicked off the 2024 wreath season and already has more than 20 new loads that will need carriers' support to deliver this December. WAA is seeking carriers and professional drivers to join the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. As the program continues to grow, with over 4,700 participating locations nationwide this year, several opportunities exist to find the perfect lane and make a meaningful impact.

To learn more or find an open load, please [click here](#).



WAA Mobile Education Exhibit National Tour

Wreaths Across America (WAA) proudly announced early in 2024 that its Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE) will travel the country. The WAA MEE mission is to bring veterans, the military, and the community together to teach patriotism while remembering the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes.

In 2024, the MEE visited and other notable veterans' events in NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, TN, OH, IA, IL, ME, NY, VA. For the remainder of 2024, the MEE will be traveling to DC, DE, and GA before joining the "Escort to Arlington" in December to help deliver veterans' wreaths as part of National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 14, 2024.



The Escort to Arlington

The Wreaths Across America annual “Escort to Arlington” is what many people consider the country’s longest veterans’ parade. This 12-truck convoy begins at the organization’s headquarters in Columbia Falls, Maine, the week before Wreaths Across America Day.

As the convoy travels to Arlington National Cemetery to deliver veterans’ wreaths to our nation’s interred veterans, it is accompanied by Chevrolet vehicles, the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit, local first responders, and supporters as they make their way down the East Coast.



Wreaths Across America Radio

Wreaths Across America Radio announced a series of live broadcasts focused on milestones and important events to the veteran community. These live broadcasts have become essential to Wreaths Across America Radio for sharing stories of resilience, purpose and success.

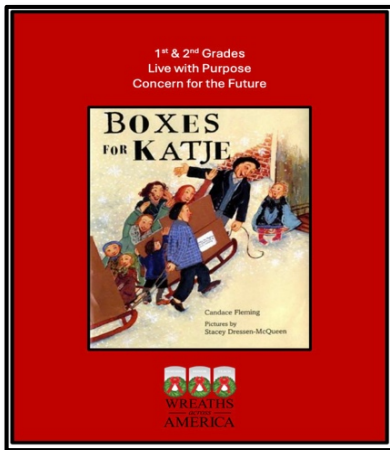
In addition, Wreaths Across America Radio has announced partnerships with many other veteran-oriented radio programming and podcasts to give our audience a true veteran’s perspective.

For a complete list of programming and to tune in to Wreaths Across America Radio, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio. The station can also be heard on the iHeartRadio, Audacy, and TuneIn apps.

Partnerships

This year, we have been incredibly fortunate to work with some of the most enthusiastic, supportive, and generous organizations. Wreaths Across America signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the [Military Order of the World Wars](#) in April.

The TEACH Program expanded its Teach Partnership Agreements to include the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) and the Korean War Legacy Foundation. It held a four-part webinar series with the Library of Congress Veterans History Project!



Wreaths Across America Teach Curriculum

WAA hit a major milestone in 2024 of more than 25,000 FREE educational materials and curriculums downloaded by professional educators! The team has added over 80 new lesson plans this year.

Learn more: <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/Resources/EducationalResources>



WAA “Stem to Stone” Road Races

Wreaths Across America held its 5th Annual Stem to Stone Race in July 2024. This program included both live and virtual races for participation across the country. The races were highly successful this year, and we want to take a moment to thank everyone who took part!

National Wreaths Across America Day!

National Wreaths Across America Day is an event held every December. During this day, millions of volunteers unite to place sponsored veterans’ wreaths at the final resting place of millions of service members in thousands of participating locations across the U.S. and abroad. These wreaths are delivered through the generosity of hundreds of volunteer truck drivers and their companies and are sponsored by individuals and businesses. This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Learn more: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org>

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WAA Leadership

*An advisory board of volunteers governs Wreaths Across America.
(Non-voting) Volunteer Executive Director Karen Worcester manages day-to-day operations.*

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