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#### UPCOMNG EVENTS

Next Meeting Monday, September 11, 2023 Rachel's Kitchen 11:45 a.m. Please bring a dish to share.

## September 2023 ISSUE

# **President's Message**

Well, I guess summer is over; at least the family vacations part of it. Of course, the smart folks who don't have family obligations know that now is the time to get the reduced rates at the beach resorts with fewer crowds to deal with. The Travel Club wrapped up the summer with an informative tour of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, thanks to Rick Turner, and a Ladies Wine Tour in the Piedmont, led by Annmarie Laird. Both trips went well. Read the trips reports by John Toliver and Annmarie Laird in this newsletter.

As we move into the busy fall travel seasons the club will be repeating some favorites from prior years (Little Washington, Potomac Eagle Train Ride) and adding some exciting new excursions (Harpers Ferry, Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Inn, a Night at the Charles Town Races, and Wreaths Across America). Don't wait too long to sign up on MTL and drop off your checks. These trips will fill up fast. Read the trip description in this newsletter and on MTL Events.

Except for the Noah's Ark trip in September, I think most of the Shenandoah Tours trips for the remainder of the year are sold out. Call them directly at 540-885-1528 to register or ask questions. They have other trips on their website that we do not include in our newsletter <a href="https://www.shenandoahtours.com/">https://www.shenandoahtours.com/</a>. I'm sorry to report that we have dropped the Camp Rapidan trip from our October schedule. I just can't figure out how to make it work. Reservations for the bus ride from Big Meadows to Camp Rapidan on an NPS van must be made directly with the NPS (Travel by van 30 minutes to President Herbert Hoover's summer retreat. Reservations are required and can be made online at <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or by calling 877-444-6777). We can meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), tours end on October 27. They have one trip a day at 10: a.m., on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This trip does not lend itself to tour groups. We will look at it again next year. Cheryl Mortland, who has been on this trip, will make a report at our September meeting on how you can make this trip.

Michelle is mending slowly; her stitches are out, and she can drive. We cancelled our Shenandoah Tours trip to Pittsburgh in October and signed up for their Longwood Gardens Christmas trip in November. We are also signed up for an American Cruise Line paddle wheeler trip from Memphis

to Nashville for our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2024. Let us know if you would like to join us and we may be able to get a group discount.

Don't miss the flag retirement ceremony by the Veterans Association on September 11 and our potluck luncheon on the same day at 11:30 a.m. in Rachel's Kitchen. Bring a neighbor and introduce them to us.

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# Travel Club Trip to Manassas-Bull Run Battlefield By John Toliver

August 18, 2023



**Thursday, July 18, 1861**, General Thomas J. Jackson, camped in the area of Martinsburg, WV, began to march his Virginia Confederate Brigade (5 McCRegiments of green inexperienced troops) attached to General Joseph Johnston's Army of the Shenandoah 17 miles up the Valley to Paris, VA, and then another 6 miles to Piedmont (now Delaplane), where, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, they boarded rail cars for a 30-mile ride at 4-mph to Manassas Junction, the full regiment finally arriving on July 20<sup>th</sup> **three days later**. This was the first time in history that troops had ever been moved to battle by rail.

**Friday August 18, 2023**, Sergeant Rick Turner and a busload of 20 Trilogy Residents left Lake Frederick, VA, 162 years later, traveling through Delaplane at 70 mph and arriving at Manassas Junction about **one hour later.** 

Our first stop was at the well-known Stone Bridge over Bull Run on Rt. 29 (Lee Hwy.) then known as the Warrenton Turnpike. Our morning trip was focused on the 1st Battle of Manassas (July 18-21, 1861). Here, Rick gave us an overall perspective of the Manassas area, the troop strengths, movements, and Confederate battle emplacements along the southwest side of the Run facing Washington, D.C. to the northeast with Manassas Junction - Warrenton behind

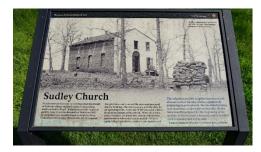


them. Confederate General Beauregard had about 9,000 men in place and was joined by Johnston's 9,500 Army of the Shenandoah on Sunday the 21st totaling 18,000 green untested troops.

On **July 18, 1861**, Union Gen. McDowell moved out on the offense from Washington, with about 18,000 untested troops. His intent was to push the Confederate troops back away from Washington, engaging them at Manassas Junction. After probing the Confederate troops on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> along Bull Run, McDowell surmised their strength lay in the center and on their right. He pulled back and developed a plan to attack around the left flank of the Rebel line which primarily ended at Stone Bridge. This two-day delay gave The Army of The Shenandoah time to arrive as McDowell did not make his major attack until Sunday morning the 21<sup>st</sup> crossing Bull Run to the North near Sudley United Methodist Church. The Yankees quickly drove a few surprised Rebels South to Stone Bridge and across Warrenton where Jackson's troops had marched from Manassas Junction to Henry House Hill to participate in their first major battle of the Civil War. There Jackson and his Brigade would earn their immortal title the "Stonewall Jackson" Brigade, this being where the Confederates withheld the Union attack, drove them back across the Stone Bridge, and put them into retreat. A major defeat for the Union.

**First Manassas/Bull Run** was the first major battle of the Civil War, and, historically, the largest armies (36,000 total) to clash on U.S. soil, for the moment. Raw young soldiers, in their colorful uniforms and eager to fight, were confident they would have their opponents on the run at the first shot, as were those civilians who came from Washington and surrounding areas with picnic baskets to watch "the game" from the hillside. They would all soon learn of the violence and destruction of war, not knowing that it would go on for four long years. Ten hours later, the Union would be "skedaddling" with troops and civilians running back toward Washington. About 500 dead boys and men in blue and 1,000 wounded lay on the field -- another 400 dead and 1,600 wounded in grey and butternut. Any notion that the war was pageantry, a game, and the outcome of this civil game would be decided quickly was gone. The battlefield was left in smoke, din, dirt, misery, pain, and death.

One year later **August 28-30, 1862, Second Manassas/Bull Run,** it would be repeated again when 127,000 men bloodied the same ground, same roads, streams, ridges, and hill tops, leaving many more dead and wounded. This two-day brutal battle was one of the bloodiest of the entire Conflict. It was a major disaster for the Union forces. pitting Robert E. Lee's 50,000 Confederates (1,096 killed and 6,202 wounded) against John Popes 77,000 Union soldiers (1,747 killed and 8,452 wounded).



Our second stop was at Sudley United Methodist Church, near where McClellan's flank movement was initiated on the morning of August 21, 1861. A beautiful white church today, one can only imagine the confusion and anxiety caused by thousands of bluecoats marching down Sudley road at battle. The church was destroyed but the congregation persevered, rebuilt and thrived today.

Here we learned a bit of Rick's Civil War family history. "Union Army Major Sullivan

**Ballou"** of the 2nd Rhode Island Infantry took part in the Union flank attack on the opening morning of First Manassas. He led his men on horseback crossing Bull Run at Sudley Ford and engaged Confederate forces of the 8th Georgia at Matthews Hill a short distance south of the Church. He and his horse were killed in action by artillery fire. Major Ballou was Rick's great-great cousin (his full name being Richard Ballou Turner). He was initially buried next to Sudley Church, and eventually



moved to a final resting place near Providence, R.I. He was popularized in the Civil War documentary by Ken Burns where his famous and moving love letter to his wife that was written just before the battle was highlighted.

Stop 3: Henry Hill – General Bee:" There stands Jackson like a stone wall! Rally behind the Virginians!" This hilltop is where the Confederates rallied behind Stonewall Jackson's Brigade, captured a union battery, and turned the Union onslaught from the North along Chinn Ridge in the late afternoon and

sent the Yankees running back to Washington.



Stop 4: Short Bus stop at Chin Ridge



**Stop 5:** Lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant — A bit more of Rick's Civil War family history: "Confederate Private John Plaster Chinn from Middleburg Va., of Company H (Loudoun Light Horse), 1st Virginia Cavalry, under the command of Col. J.E.B. Stuart took part in the Cavalry charge against the Union right flank that halted the Union advance on Henry Hill at First Manassas. He was Rick's great-great grandfather. This assault would have been staged in the vicinity of the Golden Corral Restaurant where the Travel Club had lunch. Ironically, this attack would travel across the farm of Benjamin Chinn and push Union forces off of Chinn Ridge. Confederate Private Edward S. "Ned"

Hurst from Upperville Va., would be alongside Private Chinn in the same attack. He was Rick's great-great uncle. Pvt's Chinn and Hurst would participate in the cavalry protection of Confederate General Longstreet's right flank prior to the massive Confederate assault against Union General John Popes forces at Second Manassas.

## Stop 6: Brawner Farm, Second Manassas Aug. 28-30, 1862

Stonewall Jackson concealed his troops just north of this farm home on a hill overlooking the Warrenton Turnpike. This was the site of the opening battle of Second Manassas and a strong Confederate strong position throughout the  $2^{\rm nd}$  battle including a major Union infantry attack at the center of Jackson's lines positioned in the bed of a deep cut of an unfinished railroad still visible running into the woods. This attack failed and led to the retreat and loss of Second Bull Run to the Union.





# Stop 7 Bull Run Winery -- What a nice place for wining and reclining.

We all enjoyed the beauty and relaxing atmosphere of this winery, and it was right around the corner from our last battlefield stop. So, we had plenty of time to relax, enjoy some friendship, comradery and plenty of good wine or a beer or two. And they had a lot of Civil War relics peruse. Then we all took a nice nap on our 70 mph one hour trip home in our air-conditioned bus. Something I am quite sure the young boys and men who had been on that hallowed ground we had just visited were not









Thanks Rick Turner and George Darnell for a great trip.

# Ladies Wine Tour in the Piedmont Area By Annmarie Laird

On a sultry August day, 14 ladies (Bonnie Ayers, Laura Ayres, Susan Bodane, Wendy Delaney, Bernadette Hoiem, Annmarie Laird, Marguerite Madigan, Patty Paczan, Sandy Shaver, Tina Sherrets, Caroline Solomon, Susan Sunukjian, Mary Supik, and Lynda Whitmire) travelled via a Shenandoah Shuttle van to Virginia's Piedmont winery region. This was the second Ladies Winery Trip offered by the Lake Frederick Travel Club.

After a late start due to a late van, the group traveled along the scenic I-66, Route 29, and the back roads to the three wineries (Prince Michel Vineyard, Magnolia Vineyard, and Rappahannock Cellars). The first winery, Prince Michel, had a gift shop where you could order food, two choices of tasting flights of different wines and tasting sizes, and shop. There was a different room for beer tasting, wine slushes, and an additional food ordering location. At that time there were no crowds, and an area was reserved for us. The flights were served on a tray in small plastic cups with a very brief written synopsis of each wine. There was no individual to address questions. We left the winery an hour and ten minutes later at 1:30 p.m.

# August 25, 2023





At 2:15 p.m. we left a poorly air-conditioned bus to the welcoming doors opened to Magnolia Vineyard for us by the owner and his three delightful, rescued pups. The very friendly staff had set up a tasting table which included individual plates of paired cheeses and chocolates. After an introduction of the tasting process, each wine and its pairing were introduced with information, history, and/or story. The wine was served and time was given to savor and reflect on the wine. The owner was readily available for questions. After our tastings, purchases, and "puppy fixes," we left at 3:30 and headed to the last winery.

The third and last winery was the Rappahannock

Cellars. The rustic building included a tasting room, gift shop, a room reserved for us, and a distillery next door. We started our 4 p.m. visit in a room of a bar, tables, sofas, and huge windows with a lovely view. We were offered a couple different flights using test tubes, individual glasses, and pre-sampling if a choice was needed between a couple of wines. We were also offered a discount. The gentleman was ready to offer information, suggestions, and his personal choices. Before heading out at 5:30, some ladies slipped into the distillery and tasted the cinnamon vodka.



Our group of 14 ladies had a lovely time with the tastings, the scenery, becoming more acquainted, and making new friends before we arrived home at 6 p.m. The group agreed that we are ready for more Ladies Winery Adventures.

# Trips Planned for 2023 v16

- Sep 14—Harpers Ferry, WV Tour \$75
- Sep 25-28—Niagara Falls; 4 days/ 3 nights/ 4 meals; (SOLD OUT)— Call 540-885-1528 <a href="https://www.shenandoahtours.com/">https://www.shenandoahtours.com/</a>
- Sep 27-30—Noah's Ark & Creation Museum in KY; 4 days/ 3 nights/ 3 meals;
   (SOME ROOM)— Call 540-885-1528 https://www.shenandoahtours.com/
- Sep 29—Little Washington-Sperryville-Flint Hill Tour \$75
- Oct 12-14—Colors of Autumn: Fallingwater, Pittsburgh tour & river cruise, Potomac Eagle train ride; 3 days/ 2 nights/ 6 meals;—(SOLD OUT) Call 540-885-1528 <a href="https://www.shenandoahtours.com/">https://www.shenandoahtours.com/</a>
- Oct 19—Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown \$75

- Oct 30 Potomac Eagle Train Ride— \$150
- Nov 16—Night at Charles Town Horse Races—\$75
- Nov 27-29—Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate & Grove Park Inn; 3 days/2 nights/4 meals; \$799 pp double/\$919 single; R/T motor coach -Call 540-885-1528 https://www.shenandoahtours.com/
- Nov 28-30—Longwood Gardens/Miracle of Christmas in PA; 3 days, 2 nights, 4 meals; \$769 pp dbl, \$899; \$100 dep by Sep 15, R/ Coach -Call 540-885-1528 <a href="https://www.shenandoahtours.com/">https://www.shenandoahtours.com/</a>
- Dec 16—Wreaths Across America in Winchester National Cemetery
- Dec 19—Christmas Lights in DC TBD

Please note: Shenandoah Tours fill quickly; make reservations early!

Also note: The cost of vans for day trips is now \$95/hour.

# **Trip Registration Deadlines for 2023**

- Sep 2—Harpers Ferry, WV Tour
- Sep 5—Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate
   Call 540-885-1528
   https://www.shenandoahtours.com/
- Sep 15—Longwood Gardens/Miracle of Christmas in PA Call 540-885-1528 https://www.shenandoahtours.com/
- Sep 19—Little Washington, Sperryville, & Flint Hill Tour

- · Sep 30—Potomac Eagle Train Ride
- Oct 5—Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate
   Call 540-885-1528
   https://www.shenandoahtours.com/
- · Nov 2—Night at Charles Town Races
- Dec 1—Wreaths Across America in Winchester
- Dec 5—Christmas Lights in DC

# Harpers Ferry, West Virginia Tour

September 14, 2023

Nestled in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is a must visit destination for anyone looking to explore America's past in a picturesque natural setting. Sitting at the junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, and bordered by Virginia and Maryland, Harpers Ferry has been a strategic and majestic site since the time of Washington and Jefferson, who visited here often.

For this trip, our leader, Mike Ericksen, has arranged for a professional tour guide to board our bus and show us around this historic area. After the guided tour we will have time to explore on our own before traveling to a brewery for photos and light



refreshments before lunch in Mike's favorite place. Feel free to pack some snacks to hold you over until lunch.

### Schedule

- 8:30 Leave Lodge
- 9:30 Meet professional guide at Harpers Ferry Historical National Park Visitor Center
- 9:30 12:00 Tour by bus historical museums and points of interest around Harpers Ferry
- 12:00 Free time to visit shops, walk the footbridge over the river, revisit historical sites, etc.
- 1:00 Board bus and depart Harpers Ferry
- 1:15 Brief photo op from the vantage point of Harpers Ferry Brewery (refreshments available)
- 1:45 Depart Harpers Ferry Brewery
- 2:00 Lunch stop will be at Mike's favorite place
- 4:00 Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 12 and maximum is 18. Registration is \$75 for transportation. Lunch, purchases, tips for the guide and driver are not included. Register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club," with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge no later than September 2, 2023

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# Little Washington – Sperryville Tour

September 29, 2023



On this trip we will tour delightful Rappahannock County and some of its historic towns: Flint Hill; Little Washington; and Sperryville. We will have breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Riverton and then drive through Shenandoah National Park to the Route 211 exit to Sperryville. After our tour we will have dinner in Flint Hill. The tour will include walking around Little Washington and Sperryville where you can browse their many shops, museums, and galleries. We will visit Copper Fox Distillery and Quievremont Winery in Sperryville. Some COVID-19 restrictions may still apply; so, we will wear masks and social distance where required.

### Schedule

- 8:00 Leave lodge
- 8:30 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 9:30 Enter Skyline Drive with stops at overlooks
- 11:00 Sperryville Walking Tour & Galleries
- 12:00 Lunch in Sperryville
- 1:30 Copper Fox Distillery tastings & Antiques Warehouse
- 3:00 Quievremont Winery wine tasting
- 4:00 Little Washington Walking Tour including "Wine & Chocolates"
- 5:30 Griffin Tavern Dinner in Flint Hill
- 6:30 Depart
- 7:00 Arrive Lodge

All times are approximate and subject to change depending on the conditions of the day of the trip. \$75 covers roundtrip van transportation and entrance to the park only. The minimum for the trip is 8 and maximum is 14. To reserve a seat, register online and then drop off a check with the lodge concierge made payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club" with your contact information and the date of the trip.

### Oktoberfest at the Bayarian Inn

October 19, 2023



We delayed our Oktoberfest trip from September in hopes of seeing some fall colors and enjoying cooler weather. This trip features a late lunch and brewery visit at the famous Bavarian Inn and Brothers Brewery, a lovely resort overlooking the Potomac River and Maryland border in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Bookending lunch are stops at the Vibrissa Brewery in Winchester and Abolitionist Ale Works in Charles Town, West Virginia.

Our first stop, Vibrissa's production brewery, located adjacent to the Mount Hebron Cemetery, was previously the site of the Winchester Star newspaper. Sampling Vibrissa's varied offerings will start us on our way. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are available but save room for the Bavarian lunch.

Following Vibrissa, we will travel through the fall colors of Virginia and West Virginia to Shepherdstown and the Bavarian Inn. The Inn specializes in German fare. We will spend a leisurely early afternoon ordering lunch from their menu, with separate checks, and partake in their microbrewery's tasty ales, or German imported draughts, or wines by the bottle. Hopefully, an Octoberfest on tap will be available! If the beer and food isn't enough, then we can try one of their outstanding desserts, maybe a piece of apple strudel or Black Forest cake.

Our final stop is Charles Town with beer tasting at the Abolitionist Ale Works. Abolitionist Ale has an extensive list of Farmhouse ales and sours along with traditional pilsners and IPA's. A nice outdoor patio is available at their location that hopefully we can use on this fall afternoon.

#### **SCHEDULE**

- 11:15 a.m. Leaves Lodge
- 11:45 a.m. Arrive Vibrissa
- 1:00 p.m. Leave Vibrissa
- 2:00 p.m. Arrive Bavarian Inn
- 4:00 p.m. Leave Bavarian Inn
- 4:30 p.m. Arrive Charles Town
- 5:30 p.m. Leave Charles Town
- 6:15 p.m. Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 12 and maximum is 18. Registration is \$75 for transportation. Lunch, tastings, purchases, tips for servers and driver are not included. Register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club," with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge no later than October 4, 2023.

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# Potomac Eagle Fall Foliage Train Ride

October 30, 2023

This trip was so popular in 2022 that we decided to repeat it in 2023. The Lake Frederick Travel Club has reserved 25 seats on October 30, 2023, for a three-hour round-trip ride along the South Branch of the Potomac River in West Virginia. We will be riding in reserved seats in a vintage dining car with a boxed lunch. The meal selections are Ham, Turkey, or Vegetarian sub. Menu choices are due with your reservation. We will be taking round-trip bus transportation from the lodge to the train station in Romney, WV.



Potomac Eagle gets its name from the American Eagles that are frequently seen along the train route.

## All-inclusive cost is \$150 per person.

#### STANDARD DINING CAR BOXED LUNCH CHOICES:

(All lunches include chips, seasonal fruit, brownie, and bottled water)

- 1 Ham Sub
- 2 Turkey Sub
- 3 Vegetarian Sub

For more information you can view their website at <u>Potomac Eagle</u>. There is also an overview video at <u>You Tube</u>.

#### **Schedule**:

- 10:30 a.m. Bus leaves Lodge
- 12:00 p.m. Arrive Romney train station
- 12:30 p.m. Board train
- 1:00 p.m. Train departs
- 1:30 p.m. Meal service
- 4:00 p.m. Train returns
- 4:30 p.m. Board bus
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive Lodge

The deadline for reservations and meal choice is **September 30.** Please register on MTL Events and drop off a check made payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club" with your contact information, date of the trip, and meal choice at the concierge desk.

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# An Evening at the Charles Town Races November 16, 2023



We don't need to travel to Kentucky for Thoroughbred Racing, or to Las Vegas to try our luck at the gambling tables and slots. We have both right here in nearby Charles Town, WV. For this trip we will take a bus to Charles Town for a seated dinner in the Barstool Sportsbook restaurant with separate checks. After dinner, we will have time to visit the Hollywood Casino and paddock, before placing our bets and watching the races from the grandstand. When we have had our fill of the "high life," we will board our bus for the short ride back to the lodge.

#### Schedule

- 4:30 Leave Lodge
- 5:15 Arrive Hollywood Casino
- 5:30 Dinner at the Barstool Sportsbook
- 7:00 Visit casino and paddock First Race Starts
- 10:00 Board bus for home
- 10:15 Bus leaves
- 11:00 Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 12 and maximum is 18. Registration is \$75 for transportation only.

Dinner, purchases, bets, and tip for the driver are not included. Register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club," with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge no later than November 2, 2023.

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# Wreaths Across America – Saturday, December 16, 2023

Winchester National Cemetery (VAWNCW)

The Lake Frederick Travel Club will be taking a group from the community this year to the Winchester National Cemetery (VAWNCW) located on 401 National Avenue in Winchester, to participate in laying wreaths on the graves of local American Heros on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Our plan is to leave the Shenandoah Club parking lot at 10 AM on Saturday December 16th. This is a rain or shine event. Due to the lack of parking at the cemetery, we will take a bus and be dropped off at the cemetery around 11:00 AM. We will participate in laying wreaths on graves prior to the ceremony, which will take place at noon there in the cemetery. Following the event, we plan to stop for lunch on the way back to Lake Fredreick.



We would like to secure a group of 25 to 30 people to join us on this adventure. Please check out MTL and sign-up ASAP to secure your seat on the bus. We will be posting costs for participation soon, once we get a better idea what size bus we will need. If you need assistance or further information please feel free to contact Peggy Sabato at sabatopk@gmail.com.

Remember – Our Fallen U.S. Veterans

Honor - Those Who Serve

**Teach** – Your Children the Value of Freedom

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach and is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

## \$17 Sponsorship places a Fresh Balsam Wreath on the Headstone of an American Hero.

We remember their lives. Join us by sponsoring a veterans' wreath at the Winchester National Cemetery. Check out the following statistics for wreath sponsorship in Winchester; we have a long way to go to get a wreath on every grave this year. Let's do our part to Honor our local hearos. When you make a purchase, please indicate that you would like your wreath to go to the Winchester, VA National Cemetery (VAWNCW). Thank you so much for supporting Winchester National Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST 228 Wreaths Sponsored of the 5,561 2.2% to Goal 5,441 To Go!

Honor your beloved Veteran by sponsoring a wreath. Get the details by clicking on the following link and select 'Sponsor Wreaths'. www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/VAWNCW