

# Join the Mission: Wreaths Across America in South Carolina

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## What is Wreaths Across America?

Every December, something truly beautiful happens across our nation. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 4,900 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

### The Mission: Remember, Honor, and Teach

- **Remember** the fallen and their sacrifices
  - **Honor** veterans and their families
  - **Teach** future generations about the cost of freedom
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## GFWC's Proud Partnership with Wreaths Across America

As members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, you're part of a legacy that spans over 135 years of community service. GFWC clubs across the nation have embraced Wreaths Across America as a meaningful way to honor our veterans, with clubs from Tennessee to Texas organizing fundraising events and ceremonies.

### GFWC Clubs Leading the Way:

- GFWC clubs partner with VFW and American Legion to present official National Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies
- Clubs organize year-round fundraising, from Christmas in July events to community sponsorship drives

This partnership aligns perfectly with GFWC's mission of community improvement through volunteer service. When we participate in Wreaths Across America, we're carrying forward the same spirit that has driven GFWC women to make a difference since 1890.

# Why South Carolina Needs You

Right here in our beautiful state, we have three national cemeteries that participate:

## **Fort Jackson National Cemetery (Columbia)**

- 585 acres acquired from Fort Jackson, a United States Army Basic Training facility, and was dedicated on October 26, 2008
- Thousands of heroes rest here

## **Beaufort National Cemetery**

- Designated by Abraham Lincoln on February 10, 1863, Beaufort National Cemetery is one of the oldest United States National Cemeteries
- Over 18,500 graves of veterans from every conflict since the Civil War

## **Florence National Cemetery**

- Another sacred resting place for our heroes

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## How You Can Make a Difference

### **Sponsor a Wreath (\$17 each)**

- Directly honors a veteran's memory
- Every \$17 places a fresh evergreen wreath on a hero's grave

### **Volunteer on Ceremony Day**

- December 13, 2025 (mark your calendars!)
- Help place wreaths, read names, assist families
- Be part of a deeply moving, patriotic experience

### **Organize Your Community**

- Coordinate wreath sponsorships through your club and other networks
- Recruit volunteers for ceremony day
- Share the mission with friends and family

### **Year-Round Support**

- Fundraise throughout the year
- Spread awareness about the program



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## The Impact of Your Involvement

When you participate in Wreaths Across America, you're not just placing a wreath – you're:

- Ensuring no veteran is forgotten during the holiday season
- Teaching children and grandchildren about service and sacrifice
- Connecting with your community in meaningful service
- Creating lasting memories while honoring those who gave everything

**This December 13th, join thousands of Americans in saying "Thank You" to those who secured our freedoms.**

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## Take Action Today

- Visit [wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org) to sponsor wreaths
- Bring your family – this is a powerful teaching moment
- Share this mission with everyone you know

**Every wreath matters. Every volunteer makes a difference. Every act of remembrance counts.**

*"A wreath is more than a decoration – it's a symbol of honor, respect, and remembrance that says we will never forget."*

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