

Blue Star Salute Fundraising for Wreaths Across America

The Blue Star Salute Foundation Inc. (BSSF) has been the primary fundraiser for Wreaths Across America at the Alabama National Cemetery since the cemetery opened in 2009. We have provided 85-90% of the funding to place a live Maine Balsam Wreath on each Veteran's grave for over a dozen years.

The fundraising requirement has grown dramatically, from 354 wreaths required in 2009 to 7,352 required in 2020. See the chart to the right showing the growth over the years. Our fundraising efforts in the early years were very successful, allowing us to build up a reserve balance for future growth. In recent years, especially during the COVID plagued 2020, our fundraising efforts did not keep pace with the growth and these reserves have been depleted.



In 2020, we raised \$30,485 which at the price of \$15 per wreath is a small fraction of what was needed. Had it not been for a limited time discount program offered through the National Wreaths Across America Organization and our prior years reserves, we would have been 3,386 wreaths short.

We need your support!!! Thank you for considering a Large Donor Sponsorship to ensure that our goal of placing a wreath on every grave is fulfilled. See the far-right panel for the Sponsorship Levels and a Sponsorship pledge form.

Also, see our website @ www.bluestarsalute.org for more information.

All of the funds raised from both corporate and personal donations goes towards the purchase of wreaths. Any expenses incurred are charged to the Blue Star Salute General Funds Account.

Wreath Requirements over the last 12 Years

Year	Total Wreaths	% Increase from Prior Year
2009	354	
2010	745	110.45%
2011	1,228	64.83%
2012	1,720	40.07%
2013	2,390	38.95%
2014	2,985	24.90%
2015	3,625	21.44%
2016	4,325	19.31%
2017	4,950	14.45%
2018	5,752	16.20%
2019	6,475	12.57%
2020	7,352	13.54%

Blue Star Salute Foundation, Practicing What We Preach...

Blue Star Salute is also a sponsor for Wreaths Across America, donating funds each year from our general account to help the effort. In addition, the vast majority of our members also sponsor wreaths personally, many in memory or in honor of loved ones. This is another opportunity for your organization.

Remembrance Ceremony and Wreath Laying

The Remembrance Ceremony, which is planned and executed by the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC), is normally scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in December at 11 AM. All family members of those buried within ALNC and the general public are invited to attend and participate in the wreath-laying ceremony. For more details, visit, www.SCALNC.org.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum Sponsor - \$10,000 and up

Gold Sponsor - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Silver Sponsor - \$2,500 to \$4,999

Bronze Sponsor - \$500 to \$2,499

Individual Sponsorships – Any amount welcome.

Platinum, Bronze, Silver, Gold sponsors will receive:

- Your name listed on the Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Page of the Blue Star Salute Foundation Website.
- Your Name Listed as a Wreaths Across America Sponsor on our Display that we take to events across the State of Alabama.

The Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. EIN: 02-0763282. You can donate online @ <https://bluestarsalute.org/wreaths-across-america-1> or by check made payable to BSSF and mailed to:

Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 661
Chelsea, AL 35043

Donor Name

Sponsorship Level/ Pledge Amount

Street Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail address

Phone number

Name of Contact

- Also, enroll us as an Organizational Member of the Blue Star Salute Foundation. \$100 Annual Dues.

Alabama National Cemetery Montevallo, Alabama

Many call Alabama National Cemetery the Arlington of the South. The grounds are no more magnificent than during the Christmas season when live Maine Balsam Wreaths adorn each Veteran's grave.



Wreaths Across America State House Ceremony

A State House Ceremony is held each year at the Capitol where the Governor issues a Proclamation naming the 3rd Saturday in December Wreaths Across America Day in the State of Alabama. Pictured below is Governor Ivey presenting the Proclamation to Blue Star President Tom Long.



Blue Star Salute Foundation *** Our Many Missions ***

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in December 2005 to honor our military, our veterans, and our Fallen heroes. Over the years we have proudly done this through the following ways (in alphabetical order):

Alabama's Fallen Heroes – We take our “Faces of the Price of Freedom” display all over the State of Alabama to schools and Veterans Events to ensure that our fallen heroes are never forgotten.

Blue Star Salute – We schedule an annual Armed Forces Day event to honor Veterans who have served to protect our freedom. These events are generally held on Armed Forces Day at the Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, AL.

Deployments – We attend deployment ceremonies and provide Service Members with a Blue Star Service Banner. Family members display these in the front windows of their homes to honor the service of their loved ones.

Memorial Services – We attend memorial services for those Alabamians who have fallen during their active-duty military service.

National Veterans Day – We participate in the planning of the National Veterans Day program in Birmingham (National Veterans Day Banquet, Parade, etc.).

Joel Adkins Memorial Veterans Assistance Fund
This is the newest mission of the Blue Star Salute Foundation. A modest fund has been established to provide active military and veterans a helping hand with unforeseen, financial emergencies.

Wreaths Across America – We lead in the fundraising effort to put live Maine Balsam Wreaths on every grave (7,352+) at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL.



Blue Star Salute Foundation

13th Annual Fundraising Drive for

Wreaths Across America at the Alabama National Cemetery Montevallo, Alabama

