

Blue Star Salute Fundraising for Wreaths Across America

The Blue Star Salute Foundation Inc. (BSSFI) has been a leading fundraiser for Wreaths Across America at the Alabama National Cemetery since the cemetery opened in 2009. In 2022 we provided over 45% of the funding to place a live Maine Balsam Wreath on each Veteran's grave.

The fundraising requirement has grown dramatically, from 354 wreaths required in 2009 to 9,980 required in 2022. See the chart to the right showing the growth over the years. Prior to 2021, our fundraising efforts were solely targeted at individuals and we were struggling to meet our goals.



We need your support again in 2023. 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 14 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% |
| 2021 | 8,390 | 14.12% |
| 2022 | 9,980 | 18.95% |

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 scheduled for December 17, 2022 at 11 AM. 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 BSSFI 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.



Special Thanks to our 2022 Corporate and Large Donors

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Blue Star Salute Foundation

15th Annual

Fundraising Drive
for

Wreaths Across America
at the
Alabama National Cemetery
Montevallo, Alabama

