

## 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 2025 we provided over 35% 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 11,500 required in 2025. 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.



### REMEMBER

We need your support again in 2026. 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](http://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 16 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	8,900	6.08%
2023	9,825	10.39%
2024	10,700	8.91%
2025	11,500	7.48%
2026	12,400	7.83%

## HONOR

### 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.

## 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

TEACH  
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 people 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 Capitol Ceremony

A Ceremony is held each year which serves as a kickoff to a week-long series of events designed to raise awareness and appreciation for the sacrifices of our nation's veterans and their families. The Governor issues a Proclamation which names the following Saturday as 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 2025 Corporate and Large Donors

#### Silver Level Sponsors

**\$2,500 to \$4,999**

Dr. Stephen and Pamela Burgess

#### Bronze Level Sponsors

**\$500 to \$2,499**

Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance

Alabama Society DAR

Alabama Society SAR

American Legion Riders Post 137

Birmingham Chapter SAR

Blue Star Salute Foundation

Cahaba-Coosa Chapter SAR

Chelsea-Westover Homemakers & Community Leaders

Thalia Freeman

Gary Palmer for Congress

Porch Creek Indians

Tom and Kelley Rowan

Charles and Dianne Serianni

South Oak Title Pelham, LLC

### 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 19, 2026 at 11 AM. For more details, visit, [www.SCALNC.org](http://www.SCALNC.org).



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## Blue Star Salute Foundation

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Fundraising Drive  
for  
Wreaths Across America  
at the  
Alabama National Cemetery  
Montevallo, Alabama**

