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September 27, 2024

Dear MEDC Board of Directors;

Attached, please find a request for a grant to support the 2024 Wreaths Across America event at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery. As you may remember, this event was generously sponsored in 2023 and was a great success, bringing visitors from as far away as Beaumont and Huntsville to participate.

The event also resulted in additional information being gained about the veterans interred at the cemetery. Originally, we believed that 42 veterans were buried there but found 69 veteran headstones with an additional two veterans believed to be buried at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery but with headstones not yet located. One additional veteran was located through family information provided by a cemetery visitor. We also found that 13 veterans' information was not registered in findagrave.com, which is the free section of Ancestry.com, the largest genealogy company in the world. Adding Montgomery's residents to sites like this helps link families and provides a more comprehensive picture of our rich history.

Earlier this year, a Boy Scout from Troop 351 performed his Eagle project at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery, which included obtaining and installing two headstones provided by the Veterans Administration. An additional Eagle project is scheduled at the cemetery prior to this year's WAA ceremony.

Last year, wreaths were placed by local Scout Packs and Troops and Montgomery High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps members performed a flag ceremony and also helped place wreaths.

We hope that we will receive your support again this year. Wreaths cost \$17 each, and we are part of a 3 for 2 program which means that we need to raise money for 47 wreaths in order to receive 70 total. We also need small American flags to place at each gravesite prior to the event. The total for these items comes to \$853 in sponsorship for this event. Last year the funds were paid out of the unallocated portion of the Events line item.

Sincerely,

Rebecca K Huss

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Montgomery Memorial Cemetery Veterans

Adams, Minor	Hamilton, John	McWashington, John
Allen, Johnnie	Hamilton, Tommy	Neal, Lawrence
Allen, Richard D.	Haynes, Porter	Powell, Pershing
Allen, William Bill	Hearn, Daniel	Reeves, Jr. Tom Ben
Arnsworth, Edward Sr.	Jackson, John L	Robinson, Tobman
Bailey, Eddie	Jackson, John W	Ross, Denver
Bailey, Philip	Jackson, Ransom	Saddler, Albert
Beverly, Oran	Jefferson, Willie	Simonton, Tommie
Bolden, Nat	Johnson, Ernest	Smith, Melvin
Brandon, Jack	Johnson, Floyd Jesse	Starks, Jimmie
Brandon, Joe T	Johnson, I C	Terell, Thomas G

Brantley, Cobbie	Johnson, Robert	Terry, George
Byrd, Cecil	Jones, Aaron	Terry, Joe
Byrd, Panther Felix	Jones, Henry W	Terry, Sam
Byrd, Willis E.	Jones, Sam	Thompson, Steve
Campbell, Jhamu	Jones, Worsham	Wells, Charlie
Emerson, James L.	Kindle, John W.	Williams, Charles
Evans, John B.	Lawson, Elbert	Williams, John H Sr
Evans, Thomas Jr.	Lawson, Monroe	Williams, Welton
Franklin, Cyrus	Lee, Earnest	Wise, Jr. John E.
Franklin, Ira B	Linton, D. J.	
Franklin, Perkins	Manning, Philip	
Gay, Segal	McDowell, Wesley	
Gilford, James A.	McLin, James D.	

31 YEARS AT ARLINGTON

Wreaths Across America was first inspired when 12-year-old paperboy Morrill Worcester won a trip to the nation's capital, a trip he would never forget. He later recognized that his success as a businessman was, in large part, due to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1992, when Morrill Worcester found himself with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season, Mr. Worcester saw an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality. With the help of Senator Olympia Snowe and the Maine State Society of DC, the wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Worcester vowed to bring wreaths to honor veterans every year. In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Morrill Worcester expanded his wreath donations nationwide, with ceremonies held at 230 locations. Heading into our 31st year and millions of veterans' wreaths later, our Nation's heroes continue to be honored, from the banks of Alaska to the beaches of Normandy.

GET INVOLVED

- 🎄 Attend Wreaths Across America Day event on Saturday, December 16, 2023
- 🎄 Add a location for a ceremony if you do not have one close to you.
- 🎄 Start a fundraising campaign to help sponsor wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery or a participating cemetery of your choosing.
- 🎄 Hand out Service Appreciation cards to veterans and active duty personnel. (free + \$5 S&H on our website)



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Our Story:

In 2007, Morrill Worcester was inspired to create Wreaths Across America, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping families honor their loved ones by sending wreaths to cemeteries, monuments and state houses across the country and sponsoring annual National Remembrance ceremonies. Emulating the Arlington Project at the local level, WAA is funded by sponsorships by people just like you. One day, every veteran's resting place will be adorned with a wreath. We need your help to make this dream a reality.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*National Wreaths
Across America Day*
DECEMBER 14, 2024



I Owe You CARDS

In 2010, Wreaths Across America began a campaign to thank one million veterans. We reached this goal by distributing one million cards to our nation's heroes. This year, help us to continue this great tradition by ordering your FREE cards on our website. We will send you "I owe you" cards that you can present to any veteran or active duty personnel you know, meet or see, to honor them for their service.

"To me, there is no greater thing I can do than to thank these people, and this card is a tangible way of doing that. It is something they can keep and look at when times might not seem so good for them. I can't buy them fancy things or do glamorous things for them, but, I CAN thank them for what they have done for this country, or for what they are currently doing." – Rae Wilson

 [facebook.com/WAAHQ](https://www.facebook.com/WAAHQ)

 twitter.com/WreathsAcross

Museum

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On September 23, 2011, Wreaths Across America celebrated the Grand Opening of the Wreaths Across America Museum in the former Columbia Falls Elementary School at 4 Point Street. This beautiful 1,800-square-foot facility was completed ahead of schedule, thanks to hundreds of generous donations from individuals and several Maine-based companies, including County Concrete, Marden's, Poirier Construction, Cloud 9 Electric and Ellsworth Building Supply.

Free and open to the public, the museum serves to document Wreaths Across America's history and tell the stories of those who gave their lives while serving their country, while also offering the public a place of comfort and healing. Hundreds of items donated by family members, from personal photos and awards to uniforms, helmets and other military memorabilia, serve to honor those who serve, provide greater insight into the experiences of U.S. military personnel, and teach the value of freedom to the next generation.

The Wreaths Across America Museum is open to the public Monday - Friday
9a.m. - 4p.m.

Remembrance TREE PROGRAM

The Veterans Remembrance Tree Program was established as another way to remember and honor our veterans. As Gold Star families visited the land where the balsam tips are harvested each year, they found a sense of peace and tranquility from the land, so WAA established a program to give them a living memorial to their lost loved ones. Veterans' families can contact WAA and provide information on their loved one. The family is then taken out to the balsam tip land to find a tree that will become their living memorial, and a dog-tag and red-ribbon are placed on an evergreen tree of their choosing. The trees are kept in production and are tipped every three years, and then used to make the veterans' wreaths that are placed each December.

To request a dog tag please visit:
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/
remembrance-tree-program](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/remembrance-tree-program)

**City of Montgomery, TX
Economic Development Corporation
Grant Application**



Company Name: Wreaths Across America to benefit Montgomery Memorial Cemetery			
Company Contact: Rebecca Huss		Title:	
Best Phone: 619.962.7737		Alt. Phone:	
Email Address: rkhuss@gmail.com			
Physical Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Mailing Address (if different):		City, State, Zip:	
Applicant's years of experience in this business: N/A		How long has his business been located in Montgomery?	
Do you own or lease this facility? <input type="checkbox"/> OWN <input type="checkbox"/> LEASE		If leased, please provide owner information and a copy of lease agreement. Owner Name: _____ Owner Phone: _____	
Provide a detailed description of the proposed project as "Exhibit A" attached please see attached			
What is the estimated total cost of the project? (Include supporting information, ie estimates/quotes as "Exhibit B" attached)		\$	
How much funding are you requesting from the MEDC for this project? (Typical grants are awarded at 1/3 the total project cost or up to \$5,000)		\$ 853	
Are you requesting an exception for additional funding on this project? (Please provide additional supporting evidence for this request as "Exhibit C")		\$	
When will this project begin? December 14, 2024		What is the estimated completion date? December 14, 2024	
Attach all drawings of planned improvements as "Exhibit D"			
Include a description of expected commercial revitalization impact & sales tax revenue impact as "Exhibit E"			
If this project will employ Montgomery vendors, please supply details as "Exhibit F"			
Applicant's Signature: <u>Rebecca K Huss</u> Title: <u>Volunteer</u> Date: <u>9/27/2024</u>			
OFFICE USE:			
Date Application Received:	Date Presented to Board:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DECLINED
Performance Agreement Received:	Project Completion Date:	Funding Date:	Check Number:



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America

PO Box 249

Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.

Thank you for your sponsorship and for joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach!

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00	47	\$799
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, veteran wreaths may be sponsored online by scanning the QR Code above or by visiting: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1175

You should be the only one to enter your credit card information at checkout on the Wreaths Across America website. For your security, do not share this information with anyone else who offers to place an order for you. To verify the validity of the QR Code, always check that wreathscrossamerica.org is part of the web address when sponsoring wreaths online.

If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

CHECK #		CHECK DATE		SPONSOR NAME FOR DISPLAY <i>If different than name on check.</i>	
GROUP ID(s)	TX1175			EMAIL ADDRESS	
LOCATION ID(s)	TXMONT			PHONE #	
DOLLAR AMOUNTS(s)				MAILING ADDRESS	

To split your donation between multiple groups and/or locations, please list the IDs and dollar amounts for each.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.

IN MEMORY OF REQUEST	The "In Memory Of" Name will be listed on the Wreaths Across America online Remember Wall, along with your personal message.
NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST	
SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	

IN HONOR OF REQUEST	An email will be sent to your chosen recipient from Wreaths Across America letting them know of your donation of sponsored veteran wreaths in their honor.
RECIPIENT NAME	
RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	

Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!