

Friends of Montgomery Memorial Cemetery is fundraising to support Wreaths Across America, specifically to earn sponsorships for veterans' wreaths to be placed at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, December 17, 2022.

This twelve acre cemetery is the final resting place to approximately 800 African Americans and dates back to the 1800s. It was the first cemetery in Montgomery to be given a historical designation and is recognized as a Historic Texas Cemetery by the Texas State Historical Commission. Many of the oldest gravesites are unmarked and exact locations unknown.

The Montgomery Memorial Cemetery Board has recorded 40 veterans as being buried in the cemetery. Montgomery's other two main cemeteries are already part of the Wreaths Across America program.

## **About Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 3,100 veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and overseas