



2024 National Grange Annual Session Community Service Project

Remember, Honor, Teach

Remember the fallen.

Honor those who serve.

Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

This is the mission of Wreaths Across America.



Wreaths Across America has been selected as the community service project for the 2024 National Grange Session.

Every December, Wreaths Across America honors all our fallen heroes with placing a wreath at their markers. This endeavor started out small in 1992 when Worcester Wreath Company found themselves with a surplus of wreaths. Remembering his experience from a trip to Washington, DC at the age 12, owner Morrill Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. The company was able to place the surplus of wreaths on markers in one of the older sections in Arlington National Cemetery. This small tribute became an annual event. When a picture of the wreaths hit the internet gaining nationwide attention in 2005, it has since grown to 2.7 million sponsored wreaths being placed at 3,702 locations nationwide in 2022.

Of course, this is no easy feat, as cost and labor have an impact each year. We would like to be a part of the 2.7 million sponsored wreaths placements this year and this is where you can help! Each wreath is only \$17.00 to sponsor. You can sponsor one or more wreaths or make a donation in any amount to go towards a wreath. Find our table at the National Grange Session in Bettendorf, Iowa, or you can send a donation early. Make checks payable to "Michigan State Grange" and mail to Connie Johnston, 6241 Grand River Road, Bancroft, MI 48414.

If you would like to honor a living veteran or sponsor a wreath in memory of those that passed, please include their name, rank, branch of service and state. We will be displaying those names at the table and that list will be sent to Wreaths Across America with our donation.

The 2024 National Wreaths Across America Day is December 14th and the theme is 'Live With Purpose'. Besides sponsoring a wreath, you can participate in laying the wreaths at any one of the participating locations. To follow the mission statement, as you place the wreath, you will "say their name" to *Remember* them so they are never forgotten, *Honor* them for their service and sacrifice and *Teach* the next generation the value of freedom.

During the session, you can learn more about Wreaths Across America by visiting the table, sitting in on the workshop session that will be offered, or can be found at their website: wreathscrossamerica.org