



Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge *Wreaths Across America Committee Message from the Chair*

Greetings DVF Members,

We are continuing our Wreaths Across America efforts to honor our Valley Forge patriots. Two years ago, the Pennsylvania Brigade brought the Wreaths Across America project back to Valley Forge National Historical Park (VFNHP) after many years of absence. Last year, due to the pandemic and limited access to the park, we had a very limited service with approximately 50 wreaths.

This year, we are again participating in the Wreaths Across America as a national organization by both purchasing and laying wreaths at the VFNHP on December 18, 2021. We want to honor the 2,000 who died at Valley Forge during the Encampment by placing 2,000 wreaths at the National Memorial Arch, and are partnering with the Valley Forge Park Alliance as a fundraising group to ensure a successful year.

This year, we hope to have guests that include DVF and VFPA members, the National Park Service, Delta Sigma Theta, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Society of the Cincinnati, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Boy and Girl Scout troops, college alumni associations, and quite a few park guests. We want to continue the momentum and excitement for the history of Valley Forge and strengthen our connection with the park.

For those unfamiliar, here is a brief history from Wreaths Across America from their website:

In December 1992, wreath maker Morrill Worcester found himself with a surplus of 5,000 wreaths during the holiday season. Worcester saw the surplus as an opportunity to pay tribute to our country's veterans and, with the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arranged for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery.

*In 2007, the Worcester family along with veterans and volunteers formed the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America's mission is simple: **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those that serve, and **Teach** the next generation about the value of freedom. In 2018, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed nearly 2 million veterans' wreaths at more than 1,600 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.*

We greatly appreciate your participation and support as we work to grow this admirable project in Valley Forge. If you would like to donate, you have two options: [donate online](#) or mail a check. All the information you need to donate is found on the following Wreath Order Form. All donations to the DVF wreaths, in order to be recognized, need to be made by November 30, 2021.

We hope to see as many DVF members as possible on December 18, 2021 at the park! Stay tuned for more information!

Courtney Cunningham
DVF Wreaths Across America Committee Chair





WREATHS *across* AMERICA

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Join DVF members on December 18, 2021, at the Valley Forge National Historical Park for a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the Valley Forge soldiers who died there during the Encampment of the Revolutionary War. The time of the event has yet to be determined. To RSVP, contact [Courtney Cunningham](#), Chair.

Two ways to sponsor a wreath:

- Online:** To sponsor a wreath, you may either go to wreathscrossamerica.org and click "Specific Cemetery" underneath "Sponsor Wreaths". Choose your number of wreaths and then in the "Select Location to Support", enter "Valley Forge National Historical Park." It will show Your Cart where you can pay for your items. [Here is the direct link.](#)

OR

- Mail this form:** Complete the following information to submit with your check made out to "**Wreaths Across America**".

Name: _____ Brigade (Optional): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please choose only one of the following (optional):

In Honor of: _____

OR

In Memory of: _____

Number of Wreaths to Sponsor:

___ 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$15)

___ 2 Wreaths (\$30)

___ 5 Wreaths (\$75) *Most Popular

___ 10 Wreaths (\$150)

___ Custom Number of Wreaths
(Enter the number - each wreath is \$15)

To pay using this form and a check:

Make check payable to
"**Wreaths Across America**"

Send completed order form and payment to:

Courtney Cunningham
DVF WAA Chair

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