

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs: Wisconsin Veterans Cemeteries to participate in Wreaths Across America

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MADISON — The Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries at King, Spooner, and Union Grove will participate in National Wreaths Across America Day with ceremonies to honor and remember our nation's veterans. The nationally coordinated wreath-laying ceremonies, will be held simultaneously at over 1,200 locations throughout the U.S. at 11:00 a.m. CST on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

At 10:00 a.m., at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (King), the American Legion Riders District 8 will coordinate placement of wreaths. A ceremonial program at the cemetery pavilion will begin at 11:00 a.m. The American Legion Riders District 8 lead the effort to cover every headstone at King Cemetery with a wreath. In 2016, 6800 wreaths were laid. This year, the challenge has grown to 7100 wreaths. Meeting this challenge has been possible thanks to donations from veterans groups, businesses, and others.

Ceremonies at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Spooner) and Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Union Grove) will begin at 11:00 a.m. coordinated by the Civil Air Patrol. Following a brief ceremony, donated

wreaths will be placed on the grave sites.

All ceremonies will honor veterans of each branch of military service, the Merchant Marines and Prisoners of War as well as those still missing in Action. The programs will take place outdoors on the cemetery grounds.

In 2016, the Worcester Wreath Company, through a campaign called Wreaths Across America, and their national network of volunteers, laid over 1.2 million wreaths at 1,228 participating locations in all 50 states and overseas.

National Wreaths Across America Day is a free event, open to all. For more information, to donate, or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

WHEN:

Saturday, December 16, 2017

WHERE:

Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery
N4063 Veterans Way
Spooner

Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery
N2665 County Rd QQ
King

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery
21731 Spring Street
Union Grove