



KANSAS COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS



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Dear Family and Friends:

Greetings! We will be participating in our 12th Annual Wreaths Across America service on **Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.** Wreaths Across America is an extension of the Holiday Wreath Program at the Arlington National Cemetery that is sponsored and completely paid for by Worcester Wreath Company, each year for the past twenty-seven years. The Worcester Wreath Company has donated 7 wreaths (one for each branch of service, including the Merchant Marines and one in memory of POW/MIAs) to each Veteran's Cemetery across America.

As many of you know, donations were collected the past ten years to place a holiday wreath at each grave in our Cemetery. The cemetery never looks more beautiful than when our family members place wreaths at their loved one's grave following the ceremony. Sponsored by our local VFW, they are again requesting donations through Wreaths Across America program for the purchase of wreaths. Our goal is to purchase 460 wreaths for our Cemetery. Each wreath sponsorship is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to **Wreaths Across America**. This is a tax-deductible donation. I have enclosed a donation form with this letter. If you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved one and/or another veteran or spouse, please fill out the form and mail it to: Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney, PO Box 185, WaKeeney KS 67672, by **Friday, November 16th**. We forward all of the donations to Wreaths Across America, while assuring that we keep proper records of donations first. Please do NOT make checks payable to the Cemetery.

Wreaths will be placed at each grave during a special ceremony, sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney on **Saturday, December 15th, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.** We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend this ceremony. Each family will be given the opportunity to place the wreath on the grave of their family member. The American Legion Riders and other volunteers will place the wreaths if the family is unable to attend.

Also, I would like to remind you that we will not be having a service on Veterans' Day again this year. If you have any further questions, please contact me at hgoff@ruraltel.net or calling at (785) 743-5685. I look forward to seeing you on December 15th.

Sincerely,

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Cemetery Manager

P.S. All items that are on the grave or niche sites will be removed on Wednesday, December 12th, in preparation for the wreath placing on December 15th. Any items that appear to still be in good shape may be found in the administrative museum in the family receiving room. If anytime throughout the year there are items missing from your loved one's gravesite or niche, they may have been removed by staff. There is a museum inside the administrative office where some of these items may have been kept. Feel free to check for any items that you may be missing during regular office hours.