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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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Local Civil Air Patrol unit seeks sponsors for wreath-laying salute to veterans

(Trenton, ME) — Members of Civil Air Patrol's (**Downeast Squadron**) invite the public to sponsor remembrance wreaths for placement on the graves of veterans on Dec. 10 to honor those who served the U.S. as well as current military members. Sponsors can even designate where the wreaths will be laid in the local community.

The CAP squadron's efforts coincide with Wreath Across America tributes occurring simultaneously across the nation, including Arlington National Cemetery, where the initiative began 20 years ago with the placement of 5,000 wreaths donated by Morrell Worcester, owner of Harrington, Maine's Worcester Wreath Co. In 2006, Worcester and his family formed Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit initiative that recognizes the courage and sacrifices of U.S. veterans by placing wreaths on the graves of the fallen during the yearend holiday season.

As a major partner in Wreaths Across America for six Decembers now, CAP has adorned memorials and veterans' graves with evergreen wreaths to make sure the sacrifices of the nation's soldiers are not forgotten. Last year, members of the public sponsored the placement of 219,000 wreaths on veterans' graves across the U.S. and abroad. These wreaths were placed in ceremonies at memorials and cemeteries in all 50 states, as well as 24 locations overseas.

For more information on how to sponsor wreaths in (**Downeast ME**), (**contact Donna Tiemann 207-664-7576**).

Wreaths Across America ceremonies are conducted largely by CAP wings and squadrons with the help of veterans' organizations; private citizens; the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C., which annually assists with the laying of wreaths at Arlington; and the Patriot Guard Riders. Visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org for more information about Wreaths Across America and participating locations.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 70 years. It is a major partner of Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.qocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information on CAP.

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