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Wreaths Across America Community Event

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – The American Legion *"U.S.S. Tampa"* Post 5 invites the community to its holiday memorial event, Wreaths Across America. This is a family-friendly event to show support for our military's sacrifices.

The ceremony begins at 12:00 p.m. (arrive early for parking and seating) at the American Legion, *"U.S.S. Tampa"* Post 5 located at 3810 W. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609. Terry Doan (American Legion member) will be presiding over the ceremony under the coordination of Post Commander Chris Man-Son-Hing and Cemetery President Alyse Duffy. All branches of the military will be represented, as well as the remembrance wreaths announcement. Designated wreaths for the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Merchant Marine and POW/MIA will be placed during the ceremony that will be coordinated simultaneously at over 4,000 participating locations across the Country (including Arlington) and abroad.

The cost of our programs is paid by individual wreaths sponsors. Sponsor a wreath for \$17.00, any donation will be delivered to Wreaths Across America officials. This can be done on the Post 5 website http://www.post5tampa.org/WreathsAcrossAmerica.officials. This can be done on the Post 5 website http://www.post5tampa.org/WreathsAcrossAmerica.officials. This can be done on the Post 5 website http://www.post5tampa.org/WreathsAcrossAmerica.html or https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/17901/Overview/?relatedId=15625

We hope to be included in your holiday event schedules to make the community aware of this event, which provides a venue for all ages to give thanks for our military's sacrifices. The significance of the cost our soldiers have come to bear to preserve our freedoms granted will never be forgotten.

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization whose mission: Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and abroad. Their mission is to spread the important message of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. This event is made possible by thousands of volunteers who organize local ceremonies, raise funds to sponsor wreaths, and participate in the events. We receive no government funding for the project.

For directions or to sponsor a wreath please call (813) 870-0505 or visit www.post5tampa.org

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