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Local Wreaths Across America Event Planned for December 19, 2026
9:00 AM - Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend
12:00 PM - Mt. Jefferson Memorial Park Cemetery in Madras

Volunteers help to Remember, Honor, and Teach about our community's heroes.

Bend, OR — October 30, 2026 — Local Wreaths Across America volunteers are working hard to ensure that all veterans laid to rest in central Oregon are honored this December as part of National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, December 19, 2026. In preparation for this annual event, Bend NSDAR is working to raise awareness and sponsorships to honor every veteran laid to rest in our area.

Bend NSDAR has proudly been a part of Wreaths Across America since 2015, and working with others groups and individuals in our community to do our part to remember, honor, and teach.

"Every $17 sponsorship made is a meaningful gift from a grateful American who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy," said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. "We are so grateful to the good people of this wonderful community for participating in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach."

Last year, ceremonies were held across the country at 5,300 participating locations, placing more than 3 million sponsored veterans' wreaths for servicemembers laid to rest. **This year Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2026.**

The goal: place a live, balsam veteran's wreath at the headstone of every American servicemember to Remember their sacrifice, Honor their service, and Teach the next generation about the value of freedom. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/OR0015P

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About Wreaths Across America
Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's yearlong mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

All Wreaths Across America Day events are, non-political/religious events, open to all people. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/OR0015P

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