



Our Lady of the Fields
Roman Catholic Church



Dear Loved Ones of Our Cemetery Veterans:

It was December 1992 in Harrington, Maine, when wreath maker Morrill Worcester found himself with a surplus of 5,000 wreaths during the holiday season. Morrill had been touched by holy ground at Arlington Cemetery at age 12 and saw the wreath surplus as an opportunity to pay tribute to our country's veterans and arranged for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery. This annual tribute to our country's veterans has continued ever since, touching the lives of millions of veterans' families and volunteers, and growing in scope through the years. In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans and volunteers, formed the non-profit organization *Wreaths Across America* to continue and expand their efforts at Arlington National Cemetery and to support those around the country who wished to do the same.

Wreaths Across America's mission is simple: REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom in addition to respecting a life of selfless service

Once again, Our Lady of the Fields will participate with and support *Wreaths Across America* with a "Remembrance Wreath" program to honor Our Lady of the Fields cemetery veterans and support our local Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. The theme for 2021 is "**Live Up to Their Legacy.**"

We invite you to participate with us. We would like to offer you the opportunity to order Military Honor Wreaths for your beloved veteran. In turn, a wreath will also be donated to Crownsville Veterans Cemetery to be placed on one of the 20,000 graves there.

On December 11, 2021, we will honor our veterans at the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Fields. Families are also invited to a wreath blessing and placement ceremony afterwards in our cemetery behind the church. Social distancing and masks are required.

National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, locally at 12:00pm at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery (Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville) where 20,000+ local veterans are laid to rest. Please visit the Crownsville location website for details for volunteering:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16144>.

Please follow the instructions on the enclosed order form. **The deadline to order a wreath to participate in the Our Lady of the Fields Remembrance Service is Friday, November 19.** Please feel free to call Maribeth Love (Our Lady of the Fields parishioner/WAA volunteer) at 443-223-2210 if you have any questions or need more information.

Respectfully,

Fr. Jack Ward

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

Our Lady of the Fields Military Tribute Pair Order Form

One wreath will be shipped to Our Lady of the Fields Cemetery for the December 11 "Blessing and Remembrance Ceremony" in honor of your veteran and a second wreath will be shipped to Crownsville Veterans Cemetery for the "Wreaths Across America Remembrance Ceremony" on December 18.

NAME : _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Shipping Information:

**OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS CHURCH
1070 Cecil Avenue South
Millersville, MD 21108**

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Military Tribute Pair	\$39.50 (includes shipping)		
Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, POW/MIA	Please select Branch of Service for shipped wreath		
		Grand Total	

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on the online
"Wreaths Across America" memory wall.

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

Ordering Deadline for Military Tribute Pair Wreaths is November 19, 2021

Please make checks payable to **"Wreaths Across America"**
Completed forms with payment can be submitted to
the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Fields

OR

Mail completed forms and payment to:

**Attn: WAA
1070 Cecil Avenue South
Millersville, MD 21108**

Please contact Maribeth Love at bionicismom@comcast.net or 443-223-2210 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!