

Brother Knights,

The Veteran Affairs Working Group (VAWG) kicks off the new year with some great news regarding expansion of our efforts in the Wreaths Across America Program.

**Wreaths Across America:** The Wreaths Across America program theme in 2026 is "REMEMBER ME" Please see the link below for the WAA Directors message <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/#:~:text=%22We%20often%20speak,Worcester%2C%20Executive%20Director>

2026 should prove to be an exciting year for Wreaths Across America as we celebrate the nations 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are preparing more rollout information at the upcoming Indiana State Council Convention April 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, let's recognize one of our VAWG members (John Higgins) from Lafayette Assembly #249 for participating in a joint effort of the Lafayette Gold Star Mother's Chapter who coordinated the laying of 3,100 wreaths on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana Veterans Home Cemetery. [See attached photos.](#) They also retrieve the 3,100 wreaths in January/February, what a tribute and effort to recognize those who made such sacrifices to keep our country safe!

Military Chaplains: we wish to thank Fr. Paul Cochran – St. Joseph Church, Lebanon and of Assembly 1906 Mary Queen of Peace for donating 5 vestments for active Chaplains reporting out of Camp Atterbury, IN. Thanks to State Faithful Director Dave Doran for coordination with Past VAWG Chairman Steve Lutz coordinating the delivery of these vestments in February.

Attachments: Wreaths Across America ordering instructions for 2026.

In closing, we thank you for your continued support of our essential programs that honor and recognize our veterans, service members, chaplains and seminarians seeking to follow in the footsteps of Fr. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus.

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