

For immediate release

Harrington, Maine – *Wreaths Across America* is coming to Rochester, Minnesota on December 10, 2011. Please mark your calendar now.

The ceremony will be at the New Life Worship Center 6301 34<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Rochester, MN, Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 11:00 to 11:45 where seven ceremonial wreaths will be placed to remember those who gave their lives in service for our country. All across the country at 11:00 Central time there will be similar ceremonies. We are requesting that everyone, stop for a minute of silence at 11:00 to remember and reflect.

Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and POW/MIA will be placed during a short program, which will include Posting of the Colors and taps followed by a caravan to the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial where the wreaths will be placed in the Memorial with a short ten minute ceremony. Wreaths will also be at the entrance of the four cemeteries in Rochester. All branches of the service will be represented and everyone is encouraged to attend to honor those who have fought to defend our freedoms.

Following the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial the Civil Air Patrol and the VFW Color Guard will place wreaths on Veterans graves at Calvary Cemetery, 5<sup>th</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and both Oakwood Cemeteries in Rochester. The wreath placements at Calvary Cemetery are expected to be about 1:30 followed by the Oakwood cemeteries.

December 10th will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maine wreaths being donated to decorate the graves at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, where over 1000 volunteers honor our nation's heroes by placing wreaths on their grave stones. This is the fifth year of a national campaign dubbed *Wreaths Across America* that will bring the same remembrance wreaths to over 230 National and State Veterans cemeteries and memorials across the nation and also overseas and on American Ships at sea.

All of these specially made wreaths are made by Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. The full story can be seen and heard on line at the below Wreaths Across America Website.

Sponsors can also donate on line at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) or [www.cap.gov/visitors/donations](http://www.cap.gov/visitors/donations)

Further information on program

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