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Civil Air Patrol to Honor Veterans on Wreaths Across America Day

CARMEL, New York – November 24, 2018 – Join Civil Air Patrol's Putnam County Composite Squadron on National Wreaths Across America Day to honor veterans laid to rest at the Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel, New York on Saturday, December 15 at noon.

The wreath-laying ceremony takes place nationwide, with over 2 million volunteers placing wreaths on veterans' headstones. The annual event honors veterans and advances the Wreaths Across America mission to "Remember, Honor and Teach," ensuring the memory of those who served our nation endures.

Squadron members will hold an additional ceremony with the Enoch Crosby Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Sunday, December 16, at noon, to place wreaths on the headstones of American Revolutionary War veterans interred in Gilead Cemetery on Mechanic Street in Carmel, New York.

Invite your family and friends to an experience you will never forget as we honor our service men and women and their families. Wreaths may be purchased through December 5. Visit www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyCompositeSquadron, click on the Wreaths Across America post on the top of the page and follow the sponsorship instructions. Contact Major Elena MacDermant at (845) 216-5433 or email elenamac@aol.com for additional information.

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 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. For more information, to sponsor wreaths or to sign up to volunteer, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com or www.CAP.news for more information.

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