

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for December 2018

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Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Road March~ starting at the Glens Falls Civic Center at 9am. **LIKE** them on **FB** at SFC Coon's Christmas Eve Road March. **NOTE:** *Warren County Veterans' Services* will provide transportation for up to 11 people who want to participate but **can't** march. Please call the number listed above to reserve your seat.

Wreaths Across America~every year in early December, scores of tractor trailer trucks leave Maine and make their way across the U.S. - to deliver wreaths to Veteran's cemeteries. Wreaths which have been purchased by citizens for placement on the graves of our honored veterans at Christmas time.

Capital area Patriot Guard Riders have been a part of the volunteer effort that fund raises for and physically places these wreaths at the graves at Saratoga National Cemetery. Hard to believe but it is that time of year again - time to begin to ramp up our efforts to see as many wreaths as possible are able to be placed on the graves of our veterans at Saratoga National Cemetery.

MAIL IN FORM (call to have one mailed to you): The Patriot Guard Riders of Eastern New York have been granted Group Sponsorship status within the Wreaths Across America organization. So what does our Group Sponsorship status mean? Well for every two wreaths that are ordered - **using our group code NY0057** - WAA will donate another wreath - we get 3 for 2. You will see on the order forms that the appropriate cemetery designation for G. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery is **"NYGSNS"** but just as important - the Sponsoring Group ID# is **"NY0057"** for the Patriot Guard Riders.

INTERNET ORDER: For those who wish to order a wreath on-line, go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org

- On the home screen's 1st page you will see **SPONSOR** in the middle of the screen. Just below that – in tiny print – you will see a link to **Local Fundraising Group** – click on that link.
- **"SEARCH GROUPS"** page. – On the Search line at top of page enter **"NY0057"** – Page will then indicate that this code belongs to "Patriot Guard Riders of Eastern NY (NY0057) Supporting: Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. Click on the Search Button.
- Map will appear showing Patriot Guard Riders of Eastern NY (NY0057) - click on link labeled **SPONSOR**
- The next screen will confirm again the selection of **"NY0057 – Patriot Guard Riders of Eastern NY (NY0057)**. Under "Sponsor Veterans' Wreaths" - Scroll down and click on **SPONSOR A WREATH**
- Heading on next page – "Sponsor A Wreath" – Patriot Guard Riders of Eastern NY (NY0057). Move to section titled **Number of Wreaths to Sponsor**: Then make the appropriate selection. Remember for every two wreaths ordered using our sponsorship code – a third wreath is added to the order – FREE !! Continue to scroll down and click on **ADD TO CART**
- Click on **PROCEED TO CHECKOUT**
- Your Cart screen will appear. Click on **START CHECKOUT**
- Just continue to follow screen prompts to finalize your payment – YOUR DONE!!

If any of you should have any questions about Wreaths Across America program - please feel free to contact me at any time. ***This is a voluntary program - participate or don't participate but spread the word about this wonderful program to others who you think may be interested. DO YOUR PART – THEN TELL OTHERS.*** Lets hope that this years efforts will match last years of 11,000+ wreaths. The cemetery inters over an additional 1000+ veterans every year – so we have to make sure we keep up with these increases.

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