



Thank you for your participation and/or interest in Wreaths Across America at The Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, PA. We are pleased to see so much support for our local chapter. Please note that this is the first year this is being held at Grandview. As a result, we are keeping in mind the following, and ask, respectfully, that you do as well:

- Everything being done this year, is being done for the first time. Wreaths Across America does an amazing job of providing support and templates. With that said, there are still a lot of “behind the scenes” logistics that are being put in place, which include a learning curve. After this year, it will allow for smoother processes, and hopefully a chance to see the program grow.
- The Grandview Cemetery has been extremely gracious in their support of the event. When working with their leadership team, one item that surprised us was that they have over 71,000 grave sites to maintain. With that in mind, we are making sure that we shoulder the logistical burden, as to not put additional strain on their staff or day to day operations.
- Given that it's the first year, we will be conducting it in a more “limited” capacity. We would want nothing more than to see a wreath laid at each military grave this year. However, this year will serve as the basis for ensuring a good foundation for our local chapter, and put us in position to grow it in 2019 and beyond.

While keeping those items in mind, we have already seen an overwhelming response, which is awesome, and not surprising, given our region's support for veterans. In order to support the amount of common questions we get asked, we put together this FAQ. We hope it helps you understand how to best support Wreaths Across America - Grandview in 2018.

1. **When you say 2018 will be a limited program, what specifically does that mean?** At the heart of every WAA program is the core ceremony. That includes opening remarks, The National Anthem, Taps, Color Guard, Honor Guard, and the laying of 7 ceremonial wreaths (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW/MIAs). This will be followed by closing remarks, and a further placement of roughly 100 wreaths.
2. **Can I donate directly to our local cemetery WAA program?** Yes. You can find our location at the WAA website, and from there, you can do a direct donation.
3. **What happens if I donate after the target goal has been reached?** Any wreaths/funds donated after our goal has been reached for 2018, automatically roll over to next year's funding. That ensures that your donation will help our local program regardless of when you donate.
4. **I know WAA allows for a group to benefit from my donation, is that the case with our chapter?** Yes. For every wreath donated, a \$5 donation is made from WAA to a local group in our region. The group we have partnered with is Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc (VCI), who are a local non-profit, who do an amazing job of providing supportive services to veterans. They are also very instrumental in providing all levels of support to WAA - Grandview. To learn more about VCI, please visit www.vciinc.org, or call them at 814-255-0355.



5. **I see that donations for a specific family member is currently disabled. What does that mean?**
That is disabled this year due to it being our first year, and the logistics associated with the ownership of cleanup. With that said, if you donated for a wreath, without the specific family designation, and choose to lay it on a family member's grave, we will not want to inhibit it. We just ask that you take responsibility for removal on/by the required day from WAA. If you feel you cannot meet that obligation, simply let us know, and we will take care of it.
6. **How can I help/ Volunteer?** You can help in multiple ways. Donating funds, laying wreaths, or just attending to show support for the program and fallen veterans are all great ways to help. Also, you may not be aware, part of running the local WAA program is wreath clean-up. In order to make this event stress and logistics free for the cemetery, we are responsible for wreath removal. That help is always welcomed.
7. **How long will wreaths stay once they are placed?** Clean-up/removal day is January 19, 2019.

Again, we ask you to please keep in mind that this is our inaugural year, and as a result, can only have it be so big. We are committed to see it grow after 2018, and look forward to your support.

If you have additional questions, or would like to contact us, we can be reached at:

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Again, we appreciate your support for the event, and veteran causes within our community.

Regards,

WAA - Grandview

Please note that as the program grows, so will this FAQ. As newer versions are created, we will publish and send them out as needed, or as we can.