



This year's event will be on Saturday, 16 December 2023, at the Raleigh National Cemetery. Normally the official wreath laying begins at noon; but I'll get you a more 'exact' time once it is announced by the site coordinator ... however, I encourage participants to be at the cemetery before 1000 hours to lay wreaths as soon as they are delivered to be unloaded ...

Each wreath costs the donor \$17. Of that amount, \$5 will go to the local sponsor group, Veteran Smiles Foundation, NC0383P, if the donor correctly follows the steps on the Wreaths Across America website ...

***ALL** donations through Wreaths Across America received by VSF go to provide financial support for veterans within the greater Wake Forest area seeking improved oral health (provided through East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine in Lillington); this past year the majority of donations received went to residents of the Veterans Life Center in Butner.*

Hence, there are two 'courses of action' for potential donors to Wreaths Across America in Raleigh:

- 1) a. Go to the wreathscrossamerica.org website
- b. **Under the large red button in the center**, click on "Local Sponsorship Group"
- c. Select the desired number of wreaths you would like to donate
- d. Type in NC0383P (that's capital letters NC, then the numerals 0383, last capital P); then within the 'Select Group to Support'; you should see Veteran Smiles Foundation; **click on it** for the remaining "who is donating" and "how to pay" sections

NOTE: Veteran Smiles Foundation only receives the desired donation using the NC0383P entry

- 2) COA #2: Contact David E McCracken, via dem32415@aol.com or call 828.550.5980 and we'll figure out an option to make the desired donation. David is a member of both American Legion NC Post 187 and VFW Post 8466; and lives in Del Webb @ Traditions in Wake Forest

Regardless of donation (or none) ~ ALL are invited to go lay wreaths on Saturday, 16 December 2023 at the:

Raleigh National Cemetery, 501 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610
for the wreath laying that will begin approximately 1000 hours or 10 AM.

On Saturday, after the wreath laying ceremony, participants can gather at a local 'site' who strongly supports veterans, Bud's Tavern, 823 Youngsville Boulevard South (along US Highway 1-A just over the Franklin County line), Youngsville, NC 27596, starting at approximately 1130 hours or 11:30 AM, for some camaraderie.