

Wreaths Across America Makes National Call To Stand Out And Wave Flags To Remember 9/11 Anniversary

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On September 11th, Wreaths Across America wants to honor the “Freeport Flag Ladies” and those affected by 9/11, by uniting in national flag waving

COLUMBIA FALLS, Maine– On Friday, September 11th, 2020, Wreaths Across America calls for every American to stand outside and wave a flag for one minute at 8:46AM, 9:03 AM, 9:37AM and 10:03AM.

At **8:46 a.m.**, On Tuesday, September 11th, 2001, five hijackers took control of American Airlines Flight 11 and flew it into the heart of New York City and the northern facade of the World Trade Center's North Tower (1 WTC).

At **9:03 a.m.**, five other hijackers flew United Airlines Flight 175 into the southern facade of the South Tower (2 WTC).

At **9:37 a.m.**, another five hijackers flew American Airlines flight 77 into the western facade of the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia

At **10:03 a.m.**, four hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 93 into a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Pennsylvania

Following the events of 9/11, three patriotic women (Elaine Greene, Joann Miller

and Carmen Foote) were moved to find an old American flag they had stored at home and stand on a hill in Freeport, Maine, waving that flag to honor victims. These women became nationally known as “[The Freeport Flag Ladies](#),” and proudly hoisted the Stars and Stripes every Tuesday morning for the following 18 years.

[After they retired on September 11, 2019, \(their last 9/11 remembrance\)](#) the following Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Wreaths Across America took the helm and continued the weekly flag waving tradition along US Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine, on land donated by the organization’s founder Morrill Worcester leading to the new Acadia National Cemetery.

Since that time Mr. Worcester has added a mile stretch of American flags (105 in total) on both sides of the road that lead to the entrance of Acadia National Cemetery which will open to the public for the first time on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020. Mr. Worcester also donated the land for this new National Cemetery to be built in his hometown.

“Each Tuesday, we are joined by dozens of members of the local community and curious people stopping to be part of something meaningful,” said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America, and wife of Morrill Worcester. “Especially

over the last six months, this flag waving has taken on new meaning for us all and given a spark of hope and patriotism during this difficult time in our country.”

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Participants are encouraged to take video and pictures of their participation in the national flag waving and share them with Wreaths Across America, their family and their friends to help REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH the generation born after 9/11, how hard times can strengthen us as a nation. Please use the hashtag #FlagsAcrossTheCountry and [#AmericaStrong](#) when posting on social media and tag the Wreaths Across America [Official Facebook page](#).

“My husband and the community’s commitment to the mission and continuation of this important weekly tradition has taken on the additional meaning of American unity during this uncertain time,” added Karen. “I hope Americans will see this as an opportunity to not only honor those directly affected by 9/11, but also to follow in the footsteps of “The Freeport Flag Ladies.”

[Wreaths Across America](#) is the non-profit organization best known for placing veterans’ wreaths on the headstones of our nation’s fallen at [Arlington National Cemetery](#). However, the organization, in total, places more than 2 million sponsored wreaths at over [2200 participating locations nationwide](#) and offers other programs throughout the calendar year. These programs remember the events of 9/11 in their own way such as [The Mobile Education Exhibit](#) which will be visiting Kentucky in September and will join in the national flag waving effort. Radio host Michael W. Hale of [Wreaths Across America Radio](#) will hold on-air tributes, and the [on-line store](#) will be selling [#AmericaStrong](#) signs made by the brother of “Lone Survivor” Marcus Luttrell (who gave a special family message during the Wreaths Across America Virtual Concert now streaming on [Showcase NOW](#)).

You can sponsor a wreath for \$15 at <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/>. Each sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam veteran’s wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 19, 2020, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

About Wreaths Across America

[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 or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.