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Acalanes DAR Chapter to place wreaths on 290 veteran graves at Lafayette Cemetery

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Each year millions of Americans come together to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families and teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place on Dec. 18 in more than 2,500 local and national cemeteries in all 50 states as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

There are 290 veterans buried in the historic Lafayette Cemetery, and this is the second year the cemetery has participated in the National Wreaths Across America Day. Local members of the Acalanes Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) are raising funds to place a wreath on each veteran's headstone. To sponsor a wreath, please visit: www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CA0565.

Vanessa Crews, DAR member from Orinda, recalled a recent trip to the American Cemetery in Normandy, France. "I stood among thousands of crosses marking the graves of fallen patriots of World War II and felt overwhelmed with grief and gratitude for the supreme sacrifice these men and women made for the freedoms I enjoy today. It's an honor to participate with Acalanes DAR members and Wreaths Across America to sponsor wreaths for our veterans in the Lafayette Cemetery."

There will be a ceremony at noon on Dec. 18 at the Lafayette Cemetery, located at 3285 Mt. Diablo Blvd., with wreath laying following the ceremony. The free event is open to everyone. All veterans, active-duty military, and their families as well as the local community are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about Wreaths Across America's yearlong mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. COVID-19 County Health Guidance protocols will be followed, including mask requirements, to keep our community safe.

Please visit <http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/CA0565> for safety regulation updates.

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