



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - HOUSTON

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### Are you looking for an easier and better way to make money for your group?

Are you tired of washing cars? Are you tired of selling overpriced things that nobody wants? Are you tired of delivering everything you sold? Are you tired of doing all of this just for a few bucks?

We can help.

Wreaths Across America, a 501c3 non-profit group, has been placing live Maine wreaths upon the gravesites of our fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery for over a decade. Prior to 2008 the Houston National Cemetery only received seven wreaths, one for each branch of service including MIA and POW. In 2007 my son Alex (7 years old) asked a simple question of why Arlington National Cemetery received wreaths but Houston did not. He then asked "what can one person do". With that simple question the Wreaths Across America Houston project was born. Our group of patriotic volunteers is working very hard to insure this year each one of our fallen heroes at the Houston National Cemetery will be honored with their own wreath, something never done before. We started in 2008 and to spite the difficult economy and Hurricane Ike we still managed to place a history making 14,400 wreaths. In 2009 we grew again and placed over 23,000 wreaths and in 2010 we placed over 26,000 in honor of our fallen heroes.

Last year we had over 15,000 people in attendance with multiple groups and organizations from all over the city. The education and memories taken from the event are not things that can be learned from any school book. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember, Honor, and Teach. The first two are accomplished by participating in the project and the teaching aspect is achieved by getting our youth involved.

I would like to get your group involved. First, I would like to use this project to help raise funds to complete the goal of laying 59,000 wreaths this year (about \$625,000). Your group will be able to use the project as a fundraiser by selling wreaths for \$15.00 and retain \$5.00 of those monies for an internal fundraiser. The best part is that there is nothing to take delivery of, nothing to deliver, and nothing to go bad. There are no minimums and no out of pocket money needed. Finally, having all the groups involved on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the ceremony and wreath laying will help complete the mission to honor and teach and will satisfy needed service hours for many.

I hope you will consider getting involved in this history making event that will surely be remembered forever. I look forward to discussing this further and answering any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at your leisure.

Mark your calendar for the 2011 event to be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Sincerely,

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Volunteer  
Wreaths Across America - Houston

*Our mission: Remember; Honor; and Teach*