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National Wreath Laying Ceremonies Honor Veterans

MONTGOMERY – On Monday, Dec. 5, a Wreaths Across America Statehouse Ceremony will be held in the auditorium of the State Capitol beginning at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will promote a week-long celebration of America's veterans and their service with a particular focus on family during the holidays.

All 50 states and the nation's capitol will hold concurrent wreath laying ceremonies to remember America's fallen service members, honor those who serve in uniform, and to teach children the cost of freedom.

Gov. Robert Bentley and State Sen. Bryan Taylor will join other state officials, family members and veterans for the ceremony with the Booker T. Washington Magnet School Choir of Montgomery providing special music. A wreath will be laid during the program, which will be displayed next to the Alabama Fallen Heroes Memorial in the Old Supreme Court Chambers of the capitol throughout the holiday.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Blue Star Salute Foundation of Alabama and the Civil Air Patrol of Bessemer will host a Wreaths Across America Day at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. The program begins at 11 a.m. with more than 1,200 wreaths being placed at gravesites by family members, friends and volunteers. The public's participation in the wreath laying is encouraged. The Alabama National Cemetery is located at 3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL 35115.

Wreaths Across America was formed as a non-profit organization in 2007 as a response from people around the country asking how they could get involved in the Arlington Wreath Laying Project, which started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992.

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