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SDDVA TO LAY CHRISTMAS WREATHS IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, in partnership with Midwest Honor Flight and Wreaths Across America, will host a wreath-laying ceremony on Saturday, December 13, 2025. The event will begin at 11:00 am (CT) at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Committal Shelter, located at 25965 477th Avenue in Sioux Falls.

This commemorative tradition started in 1992 when Morrill Worcester of the Worcester Wreath Company (Harrington, Maine) donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery, inspired by his boyhood visit to the nation's capital. What began as one individual's gesture has grown into a national movement with over 2,500 locations participating in Wreaths Across America each year.

This annual event serves to remember the fallen, honor those who have served, and teach future generations about the sacrifices made for freedom. The South Dakota Veterans Cemetery has proudly partnered with Midwest Honor Flight since 2021.

All are encouraged to attend and participate in this important act of remembrance during the holiday season, a time when many feel the absence of loved ones who served.

Additional information regarding volunteering or sponsorship opportunities can be found at:
<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/>