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## CHRISTMAS HONORS WREATH PICK UP DATE

**Fort Smith, AR – Friday, December 30, 2022** – On December 3<sup>th</sup> 2022, volunteers helped honor the servicemen and women of our community the 14th Annual Christmas Honors event by placing one wreath on each of the headstones.

The time has come to pick up and store the wreaths in preparation for next year's event. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Fort Smith Convention Center Hall C beginning at 9:00AM to help pick up, clean and pack 16,000+ wreaths. Truck and trailers are needed to help with the transportation. Please contact Todd McCorkle for details 479-652-3553.

For more information, visit <u>www.ChristmasHonors.org</u> or Facebook @ChristmasHonors

\*\* In 2009, a volunteer group began the local program, *Christmas Honors*. The mission was to transform the National Cemetery in Fort Smith each December into a vision of beauty, and the families of those buried at cemetery to take comfort in seeing the respect that is shown to their grandfathers, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends, and other fallen heroes who so loved our Country. The first year more than 1,000 volunteers respectfully placed a wreath on each of the 12,000 headstones. The program has since grown to serving 16,000+ veterans and their families.

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