



Mayor's Column – October 25, 2013



Wreaths Across America –A Unique Tribute to Veterans

There are opportunities throughout the year to honor our veterans and the City of Gallatin is joining in one of those – a nationwide tribute called Wreaths Across America. On Saturday, December 14 at 10 a.m., the City along with other communities across the country will hold a ceremony placing live wreaths on veterans' graves in the City Cemetery.

There are more than 600 veterans buried in the City Cemetery dating back to the Civil War. Based on the amount of donations, we will lay a wreath on as many graves as possible.

You can read all about Wreaths Across America – which is strictly a non-profit effort using lots of volunteers – by visiting their website at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. But the tribute is very simple. A \$15 donation buys one wreath. You may purchase a wreath in honor or memory of a loved one. The wreaths are delivered by volunteer truckers.

On the day of the tribute, the wreaths are placed on the tombstones of the veterans and there is a short service – all open to the public. Wreaths Across America also donates a wreath to represent each branch of the service along with one for POWs and MIAs.

It is a simple tribute with a powerful impact.

If you would like to participate, write a check payable to "Wreaths Across America". Corporate donations are greatly appreciated. Mail or deliver them to my office:

Mayor's Office
Attn: Wreaths Across America
132 West Main Street
Gallatin, TN 37066

I will order as many wreaths as donations allow. Then join me on Saturday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at the City Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. The American Legion and volunteers will help lay the wreaths and assist with the ceremony. You're welcome to call my office at 451-5961 for more information.

Many of us have a family member, friend, or co-worker who is either serving our country now or has given their service, and perhaps their life, to protect our freedoms. Let's show our honor, our remembrance, and our appreciation as often as we can.