

A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE AND GIVING

Nov. 28 – #GIVINGTUESDAY

Dec. 1 – CIVIL AIR PATROL (USAF AUXILIARY) BIRTHDAY

- Connect with your local Civil Air Patrol Squadron to conduct joint events/service projects - [Squadrons - Civil Air Patrol, North Carolina Wing \(ncwgcap.org\)](#).

Dec. 7 – NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

- Honor the day with a memorial service, wreath-laying ceremony and retelling of the days' events. Have a moment of silence at 8AM to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
- Volunteer at your local schools/museums with activities to educate on the historical importance of Pearl Harbor.

Dec. 13 – U.S. NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY

- Celebrate by having a cake cutting ceremony with your local National Guard. Don't forget that the oldest member cuts the cake – it's a tradition!

Dec. 16 – NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

- Attend the NC State House Remembrance Ceremony to help REMEMBER the Fallen, HONOR those who Serve, and TEACH our children the value of Freedom. December 11, 2023 at 12:00PM at the NC State House ([NC State House Ceremony](#)).
- Start a fundraising group – begin a wreath sponsorship campaign for a local cemetery. A portion of the proceeds from this type of fundraising activity will go to you!
- Volunteer to place wreaths on a veteran's grave – help is needed at any of the thousands of locations.
- Sponsor-a-Wreath which will be placed on a veteran's grave on Wreaths Across America Day.
- Suggest a new location - coordinate a wreath-laying ceremony at a cemetery or veteran's memorial near you.
- Visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org for more information!

HOLIDAYS – A TIME TO GIVE!

- This is a great time to support an Armed Service Food Pantry (<https://asymca.org/what-we-do/food-assistance/>), adopt a family, or send a care package (<https://supportourtroops.org/>).
- Be sure to check for events going on with our partners:
 - USO - <https://northcarolina.uso.org/>
 - Operation Homefront - Holiday Meals
 - 11/18/23 - Charlotte, NC: <https://operationhomefront.org/event/holiday-meals-in-charlotte-nc/>
 - 12/6/23 - Fayetteville, NC: <https://operationhomefront.org/event/holiday-meals-in-fayetteville-nc/>
 - 12/9/23 - Jacksonville, NC: <https://operationhomefront.org/event/holiday-meals-in-jacksonville-nc/>

ONGOING:

- Wear RED on Fridays - Remember Everyone Deployed.
- Follow the Legion's POW/MIA Empty Chair Resolution 288 for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings. Fly the POW/MIA flag at your Post.
- Cut and send coupons for our troops: <https://supportourtroops.org/troopons>
- Organize a blood drive or simply take time to donate blood.

A veterans' wreath is a symbol of HONOR, RESPECT, and VICTORY. Each of the 10 balsam bouquets that comprises a veteran's wreath, symbolizes 10 special qualities:

- Their BELIEF in a greater good
- Their LOVE for each other
- Their STRENGTH, work ethic, & character
- Their HONESTY & integrity
- Their HUMILITY, selflessness & modesty
- Their AMBITIONS & aspirations
- Their OPTIMISM for America
- Their CONCERN for the future
- Their PRIDE in their duties
- Their HOPE & DREAMS that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets



Parts of the Wreath Symbols

- Evergreens = Longevity & Endurance
- Red Bow = Great Sacrifice
- Forest Scent = Purity & Simplicity
- Circular Shape = Eternity

We want to hear from you! Post pictures of your events on FACEBOOK: [AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPT OF NC](#).

Be sure to report everything you do to michelle.potuzak@yahoo.com.