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Press Release for Immediate Release

Local Veterans Remembered During the Holidays

Wreaths Across America™ Day To Honor Veterans At the National Iwo Jima Memorial in New Britain / Newington And Over 750+ Participating Locations Nationwide.

On Saturday December, 15th, 2012 all are invited to gather together to honor veterans during the holiday season as part of the annual Wreaths Across America Day (WAA).

The Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation has volunteered to conduct the WAA ceremony this year at the National Iwo Jima Memorial on Saturday December 15, 2012 starting at 12:00 Noon. Seven ceremonial wreaths will be placed to remember all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high cost of our freedoms. The ceremony will include live singing, color guard and an honor guard rifle salute by the Marine Corps League Hardware City Detachment.

Specially designated wreaths for the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and POW/MIA will be placed at the memorial during a ceremony that will be coordinated simultaneously at over 750 participating locations all across the Country.

In 2012 it is projected that over 400,000 wreaths will be placed nationwide, by over 150,000 volunteers as part of the Wreaths Across America mission. The Wreaths Across America's mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve including their families who sacrifice, and Teach our children the cost of the freedoms we enjoy each day. Wreaths Across America is a national non-profit organization.

The Wreaths Across America™ story began over 20 years ago when the Worcester Wreath Company from Harrington, Maine initiated a tradition of donating and placing wreaths on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Recognition of the service and sacrifice of our veterans, and their families, is especially poignant during the traditional holiday season.

Worcester Wreath Company continues to be a major supporter of the project, donating over 30,000 total wreaths in 2011. Over 400,000 wreaths will be sponsored by individuals, businesses, and groups from communities Nation-wide. Wreaths will be placed in all 50 states from Maine to Alaska and Hawaii, and at 24 national cemeteries on foreign soil. If you'd like more information about this organization, visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

Information about the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the National Iwo Jima Memorial can be obtained by calling Gary Roy at (860) 291-9666 or visiting www.SOSIwoJima.com.

The National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument is located on the northeast side of the CCSU campus at the intersection of Ella Grasso Boulevard and Route 9 (exit 29) at the Newington-New Britain town line.

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