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# Welcome!

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Welcome to the first edition of the WreathsForTheFallen.org (WTFF) Newsletter!

This issue will give a brief introduction to WTFF to those who may not be familiar with us.

The WTFF newsletter will be sent monthly via email to keep supporters informed of news pertaining to WTFF, as well as upcoming events related to our military and Veterans.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in various ways in addition to placing the wreaths each year at our state Veterans cemeteries. Please

check out the Website:

<http://www.wreathsforthefallen.org/> for further details.

All we do to honor our Fallen could not be accomplished without our many dedicated volunteers- thank you for supporting WTFF & our Fallen!

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
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# Who We Are

WreathsForTheFallen.org is a unique organization in that we do not have official members. We rely on volunteers and supporters such as yourselves to spread the word and/or participate as needed when it is convenient for you.

It's understood that people have busy lives and obligations that make it difficult to commit to additional responsibilities. So any time that you have to give to help honor our Fallen is greatly appreciated!

For information regarding our organization, check out the WFTF Website:

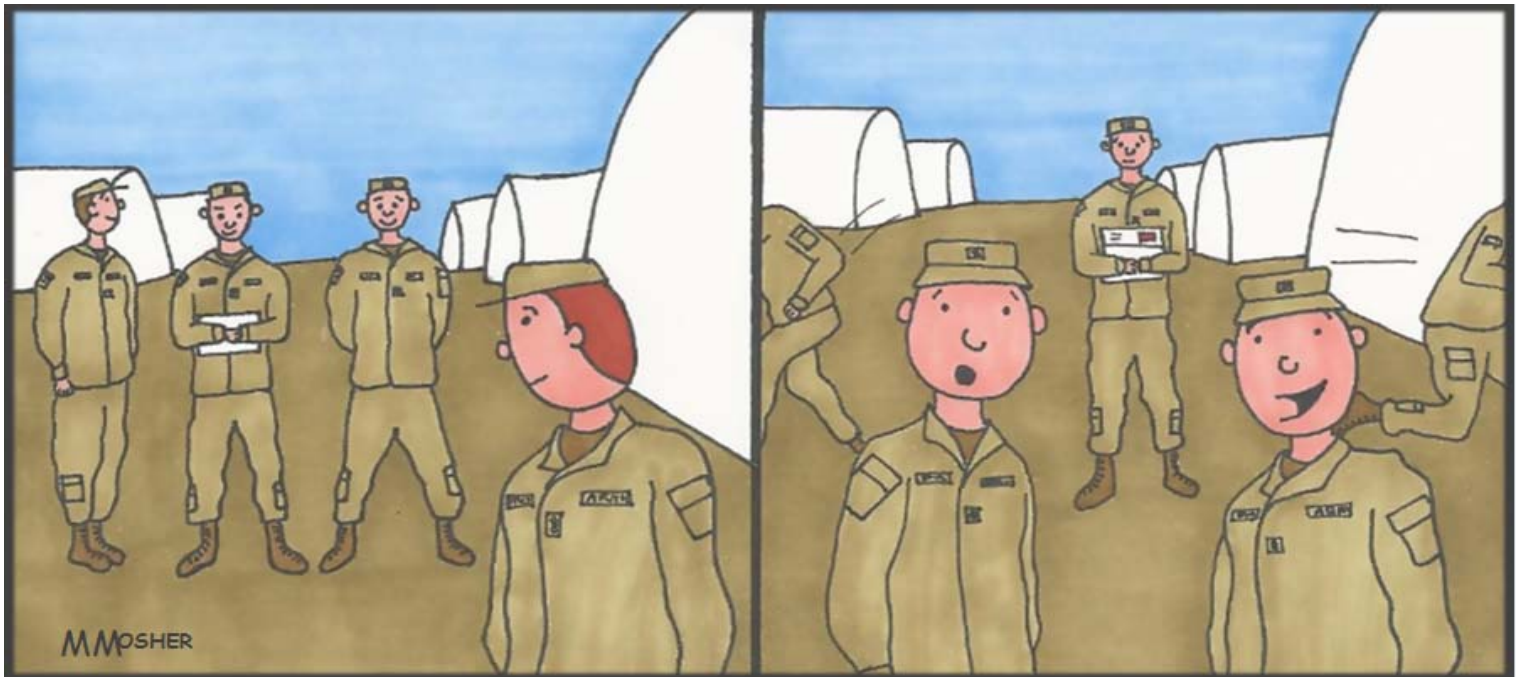
<http://www.wreathsforthefallen.org>. You will see a listing of our officers, what we do, and pretty much anything you would like to know. If you have questions or comments, you may contact us at [Office@WreathsForTheFallen.org](mailto:Office@WreathsForTheFallen.org), or by calling (218) 829-6622.

## Who are our Volunteers?

- Veterans & Active Duty Military
- National Guard members
- Family members
- Community organizations such as non-profits & military organizations
- Community & civilian supporters of the military

To all who help us in our mission to honor our Fallen veterans

## THANK YOU!!!!



"Looks like Becker's mom sent him her homemade cookies again!"

# Upcoming Events - WFTF & Other

August 20th - 23rd Veterans Appreciation Event (Saint James MN)

August 20th - 29th NSSDC FurK 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser (Camp Ripley MN)

August 20th - 23rd 34th Annual NHRA Nationals at BIR (Brainerd MN)

August 22nd Military Appreciation Night [MN Vikings home game]

August 22nd Ride for Homeless and Wounded Warriors (Garrison MN) [poster soon]

August 22nd Annual Homeless Veterans Run & Funraiser (Saint Cloud VA)

August 22nd Bike Rally for Youth at Risk (Hanover MN)

August 22nd Chloe's Courage Fund Bike Run (Sauk Rapids MN)

August 25th **FREE** Drop-In Legal Clinic for Veterans (Anoka MN)/

August 28th - 30th Gold Star Family Weekend (Camp Ripley MN)

August 29th Firefighters Fighting Cancer (Maple Grove MN)

September 1<sup>st</sup> Military Appreciation Day MN State Fair (St Paul MN)

September 1st Nation of Patriots 2015 Tour (Eden Prairie MN)

September 2nd Nation of Patriots 2015 Tour (Albert Lea MN)

September 4th - 6th ABATE of Minnesota State Rally (Litchfield MN)

September 4th - 6th 31st Annual Max's Bash (Roosevelt MN)

September 8th **FREE** Drop-In Legal Clinic for Veterans (Minneapolis MN)

September 19th - Saint Cloud VA 3rd Annual Veterans Rendezvous (Saint Cloud MN)

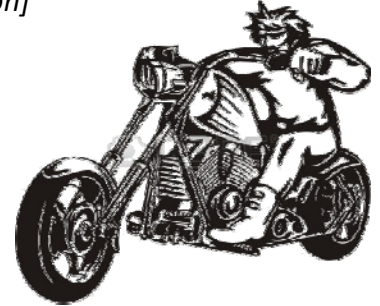
September 19th Fall Flood Run (Lake St Croix Beach MN) [poster soon]

September 20th Camp Ripley Open House (Little Falls MN)

September 22nd **FREE** Drop-In Legal Clinic for Veterans (Saint Cloud MN)

October 3rd Vietnam Veterans Annual Pig Roast (Sauk Rapids VFW MN)

November 8th - 14th Duluth-Superior Military Appreciation Week



Military  
Appreciation Day



[Click here to visit the Events page  
for the most up-to-date information](#)

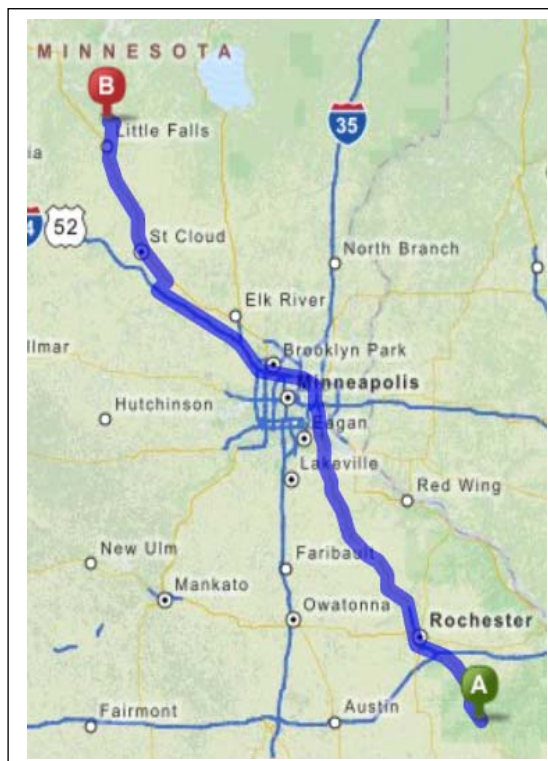
# The New Veteran's Cemetery- Preston, MN

The progress continues in Preston, and it is anticipated to be open November 11, 2015.

Preston will be the second Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, with Redwood Falls and Duluth to follow.

With Preston and the additional locations, a State Veterans Cemetery should be located within 75 miles of most Minnesotans, reducing the distance needed to travel to visit loved ones interred.

Map of current Minnesota Veteran's Cemetery locations  
"A" is Preston. "B" is Little Falls



Aerial View of Preston from October 2014

WFTF will support Preston as it does Little Falls- by honoring all of the Fallen with a wreath placed on the second Saturday of December of each year.

If you live in the Preston area and would like to assist us in the wreaths ceremony and honors in December just call or e-mail us.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath in honor of a loved one, you may do so on our Website. Please look for this link on our Home page:



[Click on "Honor a Veteran Here"](#)

# What We Do Pictures from the Past

Benton County Fair



State Veteran's Cemetery- Little Falls



Little Falls



Little Falls getting ready to lay wreaths



Minnesota State Fair  
General Nash and Rose Clement  
with the "Flag Bike"



Little Falls



# Volunteering Opportunities



Benton County Fair Military Day- August 9, 2015  
Front- Jamie      Back- Dave, Missy, Laura, Krystal, and John

## UPCOMING EVENTS-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE RESPOND TO: [office@wreathsforthefallen.org](mailto:office@wreathsforthefallen.org) OR CALL 218-829-6622

*We need assistance at a few upcoming events; please let us know if you are able to help out any of these dates:*

- Minnesota State Fair (Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) - need 15 volunteers. For this event respond ASAP as tickets will be mailed out to you  
**(Volunteers for the State Fair will receive free tickets to the Minnesota State Fair & a WreathsForTheFallen.org T-shirt)**
- Saint Cloud Rendezvous (Sept 19<sup>th</sup>)- need 6 volunteers; receive a WFTF T-shirt
- Camp Ripley Open House (Sept 20<sup>th</sup>)- need 6-8 volunteers; receive a WFTF T-shirt

**Would you like to conduct a fund raising event for WreathsForTheFallen.org? Give us a call or e-mail as we can provide you with promotional items to make your event a success.**



# MEAT RAFFLE

SAINT AUGUSTA AMERICAN LEGION POST 621

1894 247th ST

SAINT AUGUSTA, MN

Last Sunday of Month

Time 4:00 pm until???

[Click Here for Map](#)



Location: West of Hwy 75 on 247<sup>th</sup> Street

**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS APPRECIATED TO HELP SELL  
RAFFLE TICKETS.**

*The American Legion will supply all the meat and raffle tickets.  
We would appreciate your help to sell tickets. It will be lots of fun!*

Please come and help us make this a success and show your support to the Saint Augusta American Legion for supporting

[www.WreathsForTheFallen.org](http://www.WreathsForTheFallen.org)

To sign up to help call or E-mail

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[www.StAugustaAmericanLegion.org](http://www.StAugustaAmericanLegion.org)

# It's not about Us, It's about Them

What we envision for this section of our newsletter is stories of the Fallen.

Each year we place a growing number of wreaths at our Veteran's Cemeteries, and we often wonder about the men and women we honor.

We would love to hear about your loved ones! Please share with us stories of their lives, which may include dates of service, what branch of service, and also personal stories that tell us who they were.

If you would also like to include a picture or two along with your story, you may do that as well.

Please email stories & photos to:

[Office@WreathsForTheFallen.org](mailto:Office@WreathsForTheFallen.org) for inclusion in the newsletter.

Thank you for letting us serve your  
loved ones!



## SAVE THE DATE!

NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE  
CEREMONY

DECEMBER 12, 2015

11:00 AM

MINNESOTA STATE  
VETERANS CEMETERY  
LITTLE FALLS & PRESTON