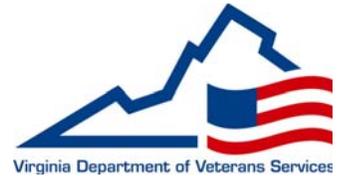


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Albert G Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery Wreath Society conducts fund raising campaign to place live wreaths on all gravesites

Suffolk – Members of the Albert G Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery Wreath Society continue to collect donations to purchase live wreaths for the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony in December. The campaign was launched in September.

The Horton Wreath Society began in 2008 with a small group of volunteers who collected \$8,400 in donations and placed wreaths on 1,400 gravesites. Last year, December 2011, 3,400 live wreaths were placed at the cemetery by more than 1,000 volunteers, with more being added every year. This year's goal for 2012 is \$34,000 in donations to purchase 4,000 live wreaths. This will be the 5th year the Society has raised funds to honor our veterans and fallen heroes. The Society strives to educate our youth to remember the sacrifices, respect our veterans, and educate future generations.

Wreaths will be placed on the graves on Saturday, December 15th, 2012. If the fund raising goal is not met, wreaths will be placed in only one or two sections, depending on available funds. In future years, wreaths will be placed in different sections of the cemetery.

Veteran, military and fraternal organizations, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and active duty personnel will begin laying the wreaths at 9:30 am. A ceremony will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the committal shelter. The ceremony will feature guest speakers, music, and a final procession from the committal shelter to the last row of graves where active duty members in uniform from each service branch will place the wreaths on the remaining headstones.

The Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery is located at 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, VA. The public is encouraged to attend. Contributions can be sent to Horton Wreath Society Treasurer, 1401 Trapelo Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Checks can be made out to the Horton Wreath Society which has its 501 (c)(3) pending. For more information on the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony and Society please visit <http://www.hortonwreathsociety.webs.com>.

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