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Wreaths Across America observance to be held at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia December 13

RICHMOND— Wreaths honoring each branch of the Armed Forces will be placed at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia on Saturday, December 13, 2008 as part of the national Wreaths Across America observance. The Wreaths Across America tradition began in 1993 when the Worcester Wreath Company donated wreaths for the headstones of fallen heroes in Arlington National Cemetery. Since then, placing wreaths on the graves of veterans has become an annual tradition.

The Wreaths Across America ceremony at will begin at 11:30 on the 13th. At noon, a member of the Civil Air Patrol will read the Wreaths Across America tribute. The same tribute will be read simultaneously at veterans cemeteries across the U.S., linking participants in honoring the service and sacrifices of the nation's veterans. A wreath will be placed for each branch of the Armed Forces plus one for POW/MIAs.

The Civil Air Patrol partners with Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit organization, to remember, honor, and teach about the service and sacrifices of our nation's veterans. This year approximately 350 similar ceremonies will be held across the nation.

The Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia is one of two state-operated veterans cemeteries in Virginia. A similar ceremony will be held at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk.

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