



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

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HONOR
TEACH
16 DEC 2023

KINSEY ELEMENTARY | SIOUX CENTER, IA

Welcome to Sioux Center's Wreaths Across America Day Ceremony & Wreath Laying

1100 – 16 DEC 2023

Welcome & Moment of Silence

Elaine Leusink, Sioux Center Wreaths Across America Location Coordinator

Mayor of Sioux Center Address

David Krahling, Mayor of Sioux Center

Presentation of the Colors*

*National Anthem**

Pledge of Allegiance*

Invocation

Director Address

Armed Forces Wreath Presentations

Wreath Order: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard

****VETERANS:** Please stand, if you are able, during your branch's presentation**

POW/MIA Wreath Presentation

Final Address

Rifle Volley & Taps*

Retirement of the Colors*

** = please stand if you are able*

Thanks to a grant from the Sioux Center Generations Community Foundation, we have wreath hangers for most of the stones this year to keep them up off the ground, snow, and ice. Please place the wreath on the hanger if your Veteran has one. Blue ribbon indicates a family has sponsored and requested to lay the wreath – orange ribbon indicates Veterans who need wreaths placed by community members here today.

Refreshments will be served in the Kinsey Cafeteria prior to the wreath laying provided by the Sioux Center American Legion Auxiliary Unit 199.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Names below the Veterans are those who sponsored that Veteran specifically.

Names noted with an asterisk* are those Veterans buried in the Carmel Cemetery

All other Veterans are buried in Sioux Center's Memory Gardens.

Nicolas Aardema	Nonie Aardema	Floyd Achterhof	Darryl Addink
Elmer Altena	Eugene Altena	Howard Andersen	Peter Arendsen
George Armington	Larry Armstrong Kathleen Armstrong	Henry Baker Margene Baker	Herlon Baker Margene Baker
Marion Baker	Dennis Bandstra	Paul Bauer	Eugene Beernink
William Beernink	ThurLOW Beimers	William Beimers	Alfred Beukelman
John Bierma	William Bierma	Gerrit Bleeker	Lawrence Bleeker
Harold Boer Gert Boer & Family	Jacob Boeyink	Rodney Bolkema	Marvin Boone Irwin & Karen DeBoer
Vernon Boone Donna Boone & Family Irwin & Karen DeBoer	William Boone Donna Boone & Family Irwin & Karen DeBoer	Edwin Boote	Donald Borman Hermine Borman
Abe Bos	Gerald Bosch Denise Vander Stelt Deb Kaemingk	Howard Brandes Jean Brandes	Frank Brandes, Jr
John Brantsen	Gerald Breneman	Arthur Brenneman	Herman Brenneman
Al Broek	Barney Broek Doug Boer	David Broek Doug Boer	John Broek, Jr.
Donald Brommer Wilmer & Diane Wynia	James Brommer Les & Joyce Brommer	Lester Brommer Les & Joyce Brommer	Francis Brooke Throneberry Family

Albertus Bruinsma	Bryon Bruinsma	David Bruinsma <i>Nancy DeBondt & Family</i>	E Wayne Bruinsma
Reynold Bruinsma	Albert Brunsting <i>Chuck and Marje Brunsting</i>	Bernard Brunsting <i>Chuck and Marje Brunsting</i>	Hans Burgers <i>Jeanette VanGrootheest</i>
Arthur Buyert	Matthew Buyert	Nick Buyert	Bernard Bylsma
Percy Bylsma	Richard Cameron	Herman Clemens	Frederick Cleveringa
John Cleveringa	Tunis Cleveringa <i>Scott & Ruth Boyer Irwin & Karen DeBoer</i>	Donald Colon	Michael Day
Gerald DeBey	Raymond DeBey	Merle DeBoer <i>Paula DeBoer</i>	John DeBoer* <i>Marlene Punt</i>
Peter DeBoer*	Gerrit DeBondt <i>Nancy DeBondt & Family</i>	Teunus DeBondt <i>Nancy DeBondt & Family</i>	Norman DeBoom
Richard DeBoom	John DeGoei	Donald DeGooyer	Cornelius DeGroot
John DeGroot	Garthurd Deiken	Harold Deiters	John Deiters
Peter Dekkers	Henry DeKraay	Bernard DenBesten	Alvin DenHerder
Gerald DenHerder	James DenHerder	John DenHerder	Roger DenHerder
Teunis DenHerder	Carroll DeNooy	Seine DePree	Daniel DeRuyter <i>Janet VanderBerg</i>
George DeRuyter <i>Janet VanderBerg</i>	George M DeRuyter <i>Janet VanderBerg</i>	John DeRyke	Harlan DeStigter
Peter DeStigter	Ronald DeStigter	Cornie DeVos	Ed DeVos
Kenneth DeVos	Gerald DeWeerd	Gordan DeWeerd	Jacob Dibbet

John Dibbet	Walter Disch	Gerrit Dokter	Henry Dokter
Gerald Dolieslager	James Doornink	William Doornink	Junior Dooyema
Gerald Droog	John Droog	Egbert Dykhuizen	Martin Dykshorn
Wayne Dykshorn <i>Jeanne Dykshorn</i>	Henrietta Eppink	Herman Eppink	Norman Evenhuis
Arnold Feekes	Oepke Feekes*	Theodore Feekes*	John Fluit
Edward Foreman <i>Bill & Elaine Leusink</i>	Arlin Franken <i>Roger & Harvella Bahrenfuss & Family Dave & Ila Harskamp Henrietta VanDenBrink</i>	Arnold Franken	Dick Franken
Everett Franken	Gerrit Franken	Henry Franken	Louis Franken*
Sam Fylstra	Peter Geertsma	Ernest Gerristsma	Clarence Goemaat <i>Bill & Elaine Leusink</i>
Wallace Groeneweg	Bruce Groff <i>Janet Groff</i>	Marvin Grotenhuis	Stanton Grotenhuis
Henry Haak	Alvin Harmelink	Gerald Harskamp	John Harskamp
Bobby Helwig <i>Sue Helwig</i>	Leland Heuainkveld	Ray Hogan	Syne Hogan
James Hollander	Sam Holtrop	Alfred Hoogland	Dick Hoogland
John Hoogland	Tony Hooyer	Elmer Hopper	James Horstman
Wilbur Huisman	Gerrit Hulstein	Gerrit S Hulstein	Gerrit W Hulstein <i>Scott & Anne Gray</i>
Ken Hulstein	Raymond Hulstein	Robert Hulstein	Marvin Ippel
Marion Jans	Edward Jansen	Sidney Jiskoot <i>Sarah Woelber</i>	R Eugene Jongewaard
Gerrit Juffer	James Juffer	Wayne Juffer	Arnold Kaemingk

Harold Kaemingk	Art Kamerman <i>The Kamerman Family</i>	Henry Kemper	John Kempers
Howard Kiel	Wilbert Kleene*	Arthur Klein	Herman Klein
John Klein	Sam Klein	Harold Kleinwolterink	Cornelius Kleyweg,Jr.
Arnold Koekkoek	John Koerselman	Bernard Koops	Dick Kraayenbrink <i>Steve & Deb Kraayenbrink</i>
Harry Kraayenbrink <i>Pam Kellen</i>	Henrich Kraayenbrink <i>Even Kraayenbrink Family</i>	John Kroon	Gerrit Kruid <i>Gary & Gloria Kruid</i>
Harry Kuhl	Harold Kuiken	Kenneth Kwikkel	Frederick Lamfers <i>Bruce & Carol Lamfers</i>
Ralph Lammers,Jr. <i>The Peterson Family</i>	Adrianus Landstraat*	Henry Langstraat*	William Langstraat*
Harold Lenters	William J Leusink <i>Bill & Elaine Leusink</i>	Howard Lubach <i>Bonnie Vandersail</i>	Jacob Mantel
Wayne Marra	Henry Marrema	Norman Mathies	Arthur McGilvra
Cornelius Medema*	Albert Meendering	John Meendering	Rudolph Meyer
Charles Miedema <i>Brad & Donna Wallenburg</i>	A Joyce Moeller <i>Suzanne Franken</i>	Jacob Moeller <i>Suzanne Franken</i>	Martin Moeller
Cornelius Moerman	Paul Moerman	William Moerman	Peter Moerman,Jr*
Clarence Mol	Cornelius Mol	Henry Moret	Eugene Moss
James Moss	Edward Moss*	Irwin Mouw	Lawrence Mouw <i>Bruce & Carol Lamfers</i>

Melvin Mouw	Peter Mouw	Phil Mouw <i>Les & Joyce Brommer</i> <i>Paul Clousing</i>	Steven Mouw
Vernon Mouw	William Mouw	Ernest Mulder	John Mulder
Theron Mulder	John Mulder, Jr.	Gerald Nettinga <i>Keith & Sharla</i> <i>Boone</i>	Bernard Nibbelink
Terry Nibbelink* <i>Dorothy Nibbelink,</i> <i>Melinda Nibbelink</i> <i>Barb & Gary Hibma</i> <i>Kevin & Debbie</i> <i>Nibbelink</i>	Lubert Niessink	Elvin Norman	Leonard Nyhof
Lyle Nyhof	Asa Oliver	John Oliver	Loren Olson
Larry Peterson <i>The Peterson Family</i>	William Peuse <i>Klaas Van Beek</i>	Dean Pfeil	William Plantage
Andrew Ploegstra	Benjamin Poll	Frank Pollema	Gerrit Postma
Kirk Pruismann	Cornelius A. Punt	Cornelius C. Punt	Henry Punt
Neil Punt	Sam Punt	Bert Regnerus <i>Greg & Chris Van</i> <i>Beek & Family</i>	George Reimersma
William Rens	Milton Rensink	Douglas Ribbens	Ted Ribbens
Timothy Ribbens	W Frank Richmond	Wilbur Riemersma	Bernard Riepma
Roger Riepma	Dennis Riesma <i>Jerry & Angie Reisma</i>	William Riphagen*	Darrell Roetman
Edwin Roetman	Edward Roghair <i>Doug & Carla</i> <i>Roghair</i>	William Roghair	Gerrit Roskam <i>Gary & Gloria Kruid</i>
Herbert Ross	Gerritt Rozeboom <i>Donna Boone &</i> <i>Family</i>	Marion Rozeboom <i>Paul & Pam Beaver</i>	Neal Rozeboom
Wilfert Rus	Howard Sandbulte*	Milton Sandbulte*	Norman Schaap

Marlow Scheffer <i>Susan Dorhout</i>	Cornelius Schelling	Vel Schicks	Marvin Schoep*
Adrian Scholten <i>Dr. Shawn Scholten, William Tilstra, Tara & Adri Mac Tilstra, Clark Scholten</i>	Henry Schouten	Peter C Schouten <i>Keith & Mary Bonnema</i>	Peter L Schouten
Robert Schouten <i>Deb VanderWeide</i>	Arthur Schuiteman	Arvin Schuiteman	William Schuiteman
Marvin Schutt	Randal Schutt	Steve Siebersma	Donald Sjaarda
G John Sjaarda	Steve Slappendel	Perry Sneller <i>Irene Sneller</i>	Wm Martin Sneller <i>Irene Sneller</i>
Burton Snieder	Warren Snieder	Stanley Sybesma	Milo TeGrotenhuis
Marion TenNapel	Adelphos TePaske	Gerald TerHaar	Gerrit TerHaar
Albert Terpstra	Gary TeStroete	Edward TeVeltrup	Stephen Topp
Egbert VanBeek	Henry VanBeek	Severt VanBerkel	Bernard VandeBerg
Maurice VandeBerg	Bert VandeBrake	Gerald VandeGarde	Jerace VandeGriend
Dick VandeHoef	Milen VandeHoef	John VandeKieft	Gerrit VanDenBerg
Theodore VandenBerg <i>Julie Franken Irwin & Karen DeBoer</i>	Marlin VandenBosch	Richard VandenBrink <i>Henrietta VanDenBrink</i>	Marion VanDerBrake
William VanDerBrink	Jason VanderHeiden	Basil VanderHelm <i>Lavina VanderHelm</i>	Charles VanderKamp
Marion VanDerPol	Donald VanderSchaaf	Andrew VanDerVliet*	Henry VanderWeide
John VanderWeide	Kenneth VanderWeide	William VanDerWeide <i>Adrie & Shirley Born</i>	William VanderWerf <i>Gezena VanderWerf</i>

Paul VanderZiel	Herman VanDonge <i>Brian & Barb Mellema</i>	Richard VanDonge <i>Brian & Barb Mellema</i>	Herman VanDonkelaar
Elmer VanEgdom	Gerrit VanEngelenhoven	Gerrit VanEngen	G John VanHolland
Delbert VanMaanen	Gerrit VanMaanen	Irwin VanMarel	Cornelius VanMiddendorp
John VanMiddendorp	LaRue VanMuyden <i>Donna VanMuyden</i>	Marvin VanMuyden <i>Donna VanMuyden</i>	Peter VanMuyden
Adrian VanRavenswaay <i>Lorraine Kruse</i>	John VanRavenswaay <i>The Peterson Family</i>	Ralph VanRavenswaay	Anthony VanRavenswaay,Jr.
Dick VanRegenmorter	Evan VanRegenmorter <i>Phyllis VanRegenmorter</i>	Richard VanRegenmorter <i>Phyllis VanRegenmorter</i>	Gordan VanRoekel
Jake VanRoekel	Lloyd VanRoekel	Warren VanRoekel	William VanRoekel
Cornelius VanSchouwen	Jacob VanSteenwyk	Norman VanSteenwyk	Cornelius VanVelzen
John VanVoorst	Richard VanVoorst	Theodore VanVoorst <i>Don & Marge VanVoorst</i>	Richard VanVoorst*
Marvin VanVuren	Duane VanWhye	Elmer VanWyk	Paul Veencamp
Gerrit Veldboom,Jr.	Harvey Velgersdyk	Arnold VerHoef	Andrew Vermeer
Arnold Vermeer	Benjamin Vermeer <i>Dr. Shawn Scholten, William Tilstra, Tara & Adri Mac Tilstra, Clark Scholten</i>	Bernard E. Vermeer	Bernard M. Vermeer
David Vermeer	Gerald Vermeer	Harold Vermeer	James Vermeer

Loyd Vermeer	Robert Vermeer	Ross Vernon <i>Donna Boone & Family</i>	Arie Verrips
Gary Verrips	John VerSteeg,Sr.	Gerrit Visser	John Visser
Larry Visser	Leonard Visser	William Vlieger	Benjamin Vonk <i>Throneberry Family</i>
Peter Vonk <i>Throneberry Family</i>	Henry Vonk,Jr. <i>Throneberry Family</i>	Arend Voorderman	Ronald Voorderman
Donald Voortman <i>Marlene Punt</i>	John Voortman <i>Marlene Punt Craig Malone</i>	John Vreugdenhil	Andrew Wagenaar
Bernard Walburg	Merrill Wallinga	Dennis Walstra <i>Dan Walstra Paul Clousing</i>	Floyd Wannegen
John Warren	Arend T. Wassink	Jess Wells	John Wesselink
John Westra <i>Carol Westra Doug & Carla Roghair</i>	Bernard Wierda	George Winter	Henry Wissink <i>Mary & Art Zeilenga</i>
Herman Wissink	Niclas Wolterstorff <i>Clara Wolterstorff</i>	Joe Wynia	John Wynia
Louis Wynia	Martin Wynia <i>Wilmer & Diane Wynia</i>	Herbert Zeutenhorst	Arthur Zevenbergen
Marion Zevenbergen	Herman Zomer	Edwin Zomermaand	Gerrit Zomermaand

**We apologize if we inadvertently missed a Veteran, missed a sponsor, or misspelled a name.
Please email siouxcenterwaa@gmail.com to be ensure your Veteran is found and listed for future years.
We have extra wreaths for this purpose and welcome you to place on the grave of your loved one.*

IN MEMORY OF...

*These wreaths will be placed on specific graves of Veterans not buried in either
Sioux Center Memory Gardens or Carmel Cemetery.*

Alfred DeJong

Mark & Rhonda Franken

Gerald Dunn

Klaas Van Beek

Eugene Egdorf

Daryl & Lorraine Egdorf

Andy Engeltjes

Bill & Judy Vlietstra

Herbert Florian

Klaas Van Beek

Gerrit Franken

Julie Franken

Stan Gaalswyk

Klaas Van Beek

George Hinrich

Greg & Chris Van Beek &
Family

Henry Hinrich

Greg & Chris Van Beek &
Family

John Humme

Daryl & Lorraine Egdorf

Roger Jongetjes

Nom & Dorothy Jongetjes

Arlyn Kleinwolterink

Kim Oolman

Shawn Roeder

Michael & Dianne Roeder

Robert Van Ballegooyen

Klaas Van Beek

Laurence VanRoekel

Pete & Gretchen
VandePoppe

Arlen VanRavenswaay

Lorraine Kruse

Gerald VanVoorst

Nom & Dorothy Jongetjes

Ken VanWeckel

Timothy J Sandbulte Family
Foundation

Paul VanWeckel

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*If you are interested in sponsoring and placing a wreath next year to be taken to
another cemetery, sponsorships must be received by November 1, 2024 to ensure
we add enough wreaths to our total coming to Sioux Center. After this date, we
cannot guarantee our count will have enough.*

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Sponsorships as of December 1, 2023

CORPORATE SPONSORS



Unit 199 – Sioux Center



Sioux Center Restaurant



VENUE SPONSOR



PeoplesBank

Where Values Matter!

Sioux Center Branch

SMALL BUSINESS SPONSOR (SPONSOR OF 10+ WREATHS)

(those not listed previously)

American State Bank

Brommer Sanitation

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY SPONSORS

(those not listed previously)

Hendrene Kalsbeck

Ken & Kathy Klein

Harold & Marcine Schiebout

Merlin Schipper

Egbert VanBeek

Brandie Vonk

Anonymous Sponsors

BUSINESS SPONSORS

(those not listed previously)

Mouw Motor Co Inc

Northside Body Shop

The Travel Advantage

LOCAL CEMETERIES BEING COVERED THIS YEAR BY LOCAL SPONSORS

Hull, Iowa

Lebanon CRC*

Maurice, Iowa

Peace Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*The Sons of the American Legion sponsored the wreaths to be placed at Lebanon CRC.

We'd like to thank the Sioux Center Boy Scouts for helping to collect sponsorships alongside their regular fall fundraising.

We'd also like to thank Kinsey Elementary for allowing us to host our ceremony.

*We apologize if we inadvertently missed a sponsor
Sponsors are current as of December 1, 2023*

2024 Wreath Sponsorship Form

Please postmark all sponsorships by Saturday, November 16, 2024 to be received in time for this year's ceremony.

Name or Company* _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

*Name or company line above will be used to list you as a sponsor on our website and in the program.

Wreath Sponsorship

Individual Wreaths Qty _____ @ \$17 each Total \$ _____

If you would like to sponsor using a secure, online credit card transaction, please visit our website at: www.sioxcenterwaa.org

Donation \$ _____

I would like my sponsorship credited to: _____ Sioux Center Scouts _____ Midwest Honor Flight
Scout's Name: _____

Remembering a Sioux Center or Carmel Veteran...

Grave specific requests can be listed below. Donations without grave specific requests or if there are more wreaths sponsored than specifics will go towards other veterans. If you are sponsoring a wreath for a different location, please list the cemetery and plan to pick up after our ceremony (send by Nov 1).

___ We/I plan to attend the ceremony on Saturday, December 14, 2024 AND place the above wreath(s).

___ We/I request to have a volunteer place the above wreath(s).

___ We/I am unable to attend but would like a picture sent of our/my wreaths.

___ We/I would like to be listed as an anonymous sponsor.

Honoring an Active-Duty Service Member...

These requests will not be placed on a specific veteran's grave—merely a way to honor those serving.

Make checks payable to: Wreaths Across America Send forms and payment to: Sioux Center WAA

Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/siouxcenterwaa

PO Box 44

Find us on Instagram: instagram.com/siouxcenterwaa

Sioux Center, IA 51250

THE STORY BEHIND WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The tradition of laying wreaths to honor our Veterans during the holiday season began in 1992, when Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath Company (Harrington, Maine) was stuck with a number of extra wreaths at the close of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood trip to the Nation's Capital, and the sacred grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, he donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed at the headstones of an older section of the cemetery.

What began as one man's gesture, has now grown into a national movement - when in 2007 Wreaths Across America was formed as a non-profit. Today, more than 4,000 locations participate on a Saturday in December in laying the wreaths out of remembrance and respect for our nation's brave servicemen and women. In truth, a person dies twice... Once when we take our final breath and later, the last time their name is spoken. With this mindset, Sioux Center Wreaths Across America began in 2015 in which 322 wreaths were sponsored and laid in Sioux Center and Carmel - each wreath laid in Sioux Center and Carmel is donated by individuals, organizations, and businesses. Since then, we've grown and covered each year.

It's more than simply decorating graves. It's a silent message to all Veterans, their families, and those currently serving that we will REMEMBER their service, we will HONOR their lives, and we will TEACH future generations the importance of citizenship and how our freedoms have been preserved over time. This Christmas we will place over 800 in Sioux Center and in communities around the area.

In our day in age where it seems like the values of freedom are becoming less and less, we challenge you all to take the time today to say the name of Veteran and thank them for the opportunity to live in the Land of the Free. Join us next year with a sponsorship or volunteer on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM for the 2024 National Wreaths Across America Day here in Sioux Center at Kinsey Elementary. Thank you for your attendance today, safe travels wherever you go, and may God continue to bless you, our Veterans, and the United States of America.

We'd love to see your photos of today's event. When you have a chance, be sure to tag us in your photos on Instagram, check in with us on Facebook, and use the hashtag #WAA2023 to connect with the thousands of other volunteers nationwide.

REMEMBRANCE TREES

The Veterans Remembrance Tree Program was established as another way to remember and honor our veterans. As Gold Star families visited the land where the balsam tips are harvested each year for the wreaths that are placed on veteran's graves, they found a sense of peace and tranquility from the land. WAA established a program to give them a living memorial to their lost loved ones.

"We created the Veteran Remembrance Tree Program because we wanted to find a way to recognize the fallen soldiers and their families in a more permanent way," explains Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths Across America. "This endless forest is a truly visual representation of our unwavering commitment to our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach and to recognize our fallen soldiers and families this year and for many years to come."



Sioux Center Wreaths Across America has placed a tag on 15 trees out in Columbia Falls, Maine to ensure that our fallen heroes that we honor every Memorial Day and National Wreaths Across America have a living legacy that will be used to ensure that no veteran is ever forgotten. These Remembrance Trees are kept in production and are tipped every three years; those balsam tips are then used to make the veteran's wreaths that are placed each December.



REMEMBER

our fallen heroes

HONOR

those who served

TEACH

our children about the sacrifices made by Veterans
and their families to preserve our freedoms



WREATHS
— *across* —
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