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Record Number of Wreaths were Placed at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery for the Holidays

8,300+ wreaths were sponsored; 2,500 more than last year.

Louisville, KY – More than 8,300 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery on Saturday, December 16, thanks to broad support from the community. This is a record number, and 2,500 more than last year.

Approximately 8,330 Maine Balsam wreaths arrived at the cemetery on December 11 and placed on December 16 following a noon ceremony at Zachary Taylor. Attendees were asked to place wreaths on graves in remembrance of the sacrifices veterans have made. Throughout the country, similar ceremonies will take place at other national cemeteries as part of the National Wreaths Across America Day." Brownsboro Hardware & Paint is one of several organizations in the community to raise funds to purchase the wreaths.

"While we are not able to cover all 11,300+ veteran's graves at Zachary Taylor, this year, we are astounded at the phenomenal community support this year," said Dr. Scott Giltner, location coordinator, Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. "When we started this project locally, fewer than one in five veterans' graves had been sponsored, and last year, we covered only half. This year, 75% will receive wreaths. We are so gratified by the kindness of others, and we will continue to work to ensure that every veteran's grave is covered some day in the future."

"When a wreath is placed on Saturday, December 16, we ask that the person says the veteran's name out loud," said Susan Kalmey, co-location coordinator, Corn Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. "That way, that veteran is never forgotten. Many participants will bring their children to teach them about the contributions that our veterans have made for the betterment of our country."

"I can't thank our customers and friends enough for stepping up to help again this year," said Doug Carroll, owner of Brownsboro Hardware & Paint. "More than 900 wreaths were purchased at our two stores alone, and we sponsored another 200. We had such strong support with people buying one, five, ten, or even 100 wreaths. We are blessed to live in such a caring community."

The 8300+ number is approximate and may increase, once all results are reported to the national Wreaths Across America campaign. All wreaths have been purchased privately, as there is no government support.

Wreaths Across America is a national organization which started in 2007. Its mission: **Remember** the fallen. **Honor** those that serve. And **Teach** the next generation about the value of freedom. The organization placed more than 2.5 million wreaths at more than 4,000 locations in 2022. For more information on the organization, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/KYZTNL.

Known for its product quality and tremendous service, Brownsboro Hardware & Paint recently celebrated its 63rd anniversary. A national hardware magazine, HBS Dealer, awarded the store its "Superstar" recognition for being the top hardware store in Kentucky over the past decade. In addition, the Better Business Bureau has awarded Brownsboro Hardware & Paint the "Torch Award for Ethics," and the Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce has recognized Brownsboro Hardware & Paint as "Best Employer."

Brownsboro Hardware & Paint has two locations - 4858 Brownsboro Road in Louisville, and 9521 US 42 in Prospect. Visit Brownsborohardware.com for additional information.

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