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## **CHRISTMAS HONORS ANNOUNCES 2025-2026 DATES**

**Fort Smith, AR – Wednesday, September 17, 2024** – Christmas Honors invites the citizens of the Fort Smith Region to help honor the servicemen and women of our community who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation at the 17th Annual Christmas Honors event.

This December, family, friends, and volunteers will transform the Fort Smith National Cemetery by placing a wreath on each of the 16,000+ headstones in their honor.

### **DATES:**

#### Wreath Workshop/Assembly

Friday, December 5, 2025

Fort Smith Convention Center Hall C from 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

- Trucks and trailers are needed to help transport the wreaths.

#### Christmas Honors Wreath Event

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Fort Smith National Cemetery

- Family time 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - Please respect this time to allow the families of our heroes to lay wreaths on their loved one's headstone(s).
- Public Ceremony 11:00 a.m. at the pavilion.
- Public Laying of the Wreaths will be at approximately 11:30 a.m. – Immediately following the ceremony, attendees will be asked to lay wreaths on all remaining headstones.

#### Wreath Pick Up and Storage

Trucks and trailers are needed to help transport the wreaths.

Pick Up Wreaths from the Cemetery - Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Fort Smith National Cemetery

Pack Up Wreaths – Thursday, January 8, 2026

Fort Smith Convention Center

### **Donation Information:**

As the mission continues each year, we need the economic assistance, time, and talents of our dedicated supporters to show the appreciation and respect to veterans and their families they deserve.

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# Christmas Honors

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- Mail to: Christmas Honors P.O. Box 10696, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72917
- You can donate online via the website. Just click on the “Donate” button on the right side and you will be walked through the process.
- Christmas Honors is a 501(c)(3) organization; therefore, all donations are tax deductible. A receipt will be mailed to you for your records.
- In-Kind donations are always needed and greatly appreciated. If interested in helping, please refer to the website for a list of items. [www.ChristmasHonors.org](http://www.ChristmasHonors.org)

\*\* In 2009, a volunteer group began the local program, *Christmas Honors*. The mission was to transform the National Cemetery in Fort Smith each December into a vision of beauty, and the families of those buried at cemetery take comfort in seeing the respect that is shown to their grandfathers, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends, and other fallen heroes who so loved our Country. The first year more than 1,000 volunteers respectfully placed a wreath on each of the 12,000 headstones. The program has since grown to serving 16,000+ veterans and their families.

For more information at [www.ChristmasHonors.org](http://www.ChristmasHonors.org) or Facebook @ChristmasHonors

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