Merrill Worcester was twelve years old when he first visited our nation’s capital and Arlington National Cemetery, which made a lasting impression. A successful business owner of Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine, the company had, in 1992, a surplus of wreaths. Arrangements were made for these to be placed in one of the older sections of Arlington National Cemetery that had been receiving less and less visitors each year. With the help of a local trucking firm to transport the wreaths, volunteers to decorate each wreath with a patriotic bow and to place the wreaths, Wreaths Across America was born.

“The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated across the internet.”

Wreaths Across America’s 2020 theme and mission is to REMEMBER our fallen U.S. Veterans, HONOR those who serve and TEACH your children the value of freedom. At noon on December 19th, “National Wreaths Across America Day” coordinated wreath laying ceremonies are held at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all fifty U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Eighty-five of these locations are right here in New Jersey. See the enclosed list of all the locations and their WAA codes.

This year this Chairman’s focus project is Wreaths Across America with a goal of one wreath purchased for every club within our state. The cost of one wreath is $15.00 and the purchase is done through the Wreaths Across America website via credit card or PayPal. When your club or individual member wishes to participate in this project, reference the code for the NJSFWC when you log onto the WWA website at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org. For every two wreaths purchased by members of the NJSFWC one additional wreath will be placed at a veteran’s gravesite.

Wouldn’t it be superb if we managed to have a wreath for every member of NJSFWC?

Headquarters Delivery Dates for Operation Christmas Stocking: Oct 6, 15 and 28 from 10am-2pm
New Jersey Cemeteries Participating in Wreaths Across America

Absecon Presbyterian Church (NJAPCA) Absecon
Adelphia Cemetery (NJACMR) Adelphia
Ardena Baptist Church (NJABCP) Freehold
Atlantic View Cemetery (NJAVCM) Manasquan
Bayview-New York Bay Cemetery (NJNYBC) Jersey City
Belleville Reformed Church Cemetery (NJBRCB) Belleville
Beverly National Cemetery (NJBNCB) Beverly
BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NJBGDC) Wrightstown
Borough of Fair Lawn Municipal Building Veterans Monument (NJFLMB) Fair Lawn
Brook Valley Cemetery (NJBVCK) Kinnelon
Brown Cemetery (NJBCBN) Butler
Cape May County Veterans Cemetery (NJCMCV) Cape May Court House
Cedar Heights Cemetery (NJCHCM) West Milford
Civil War Cemetery (NJCWC) Flemington
Clove Cemetery (NJCCWT) Sussex
Cold Spring Cemetery (NJCSPC) Cape May
Deckertown Union Cemetery (NJDTUC) Sussex
Denville Cemetery (NJDVC) Denville
Elk Point Memorial (NJEPMF) Freehold
Elmwood Cemetery Association (NJECAB) North Brunswick
Fair View Cemetery – Red Bank (NJFCRB) Middletown
Fairmount Rural Cemetery (NFRCC) Califon
Fairview Cemetery – Wantage (NJFCWN) Sussex
Farmingdale Evergreen Cemetery (NJEFCF) Farmingdale
Finns Point National Cemetery (NFPNS) Pennsville
First Presbyterian Church – Hackettstown (NHFPC) Hackettstown
First Presbyterian Church Cemetery (NFPCC) Elizabeth
First Presbyterian Church Cemetery & United Methodist Church Cemetery (NFPUM) Succasunna
First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge (NFPWC) Woodbridge
Glenwood Cemetery (NJGCV) Glenwood
Gravelly Graveyard (NJGFW) Brick
Greenwich Presbyterian Church (NJGWP) Greenwich
Greenwood Cemetery (NJGDCB) Brielle
Greenwood Cemetery (NJCWCR) Manahawken
Harleigh Cemetery – Camden County Veterans Cemetery (NJHCHC) Camden
Hendrickson Family Burial Ground (NHHFB) Holmdel
Historic Osborn Graveyard (NHGWB) Brielle
Holy Rood Cemetery – Church of the Assumption – Morristown (NJHRCM) Morristown
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (NJHSCT) Kinnelon
Long Valley Cemeteries (NWTLV) Long Valley
Manning Avenue Cemetery (NJMACB) Butler
Memorial Park Little Silver (NJMLPS) Little Silver
Methodist Episcopal Cemetery East (NJEPP) Point Pleasant Borough
Methodist Episcopal Cemetery West (NJEPC) Point Pleasant Borough
Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Service (NJMJVS) Old Bridge
Miller Cemetery (NJCNG) New Gretna
Mount Calvary Cemetery (NJMCB) Butler
Mount Evergreen Cemetery (NJMEKN) Kinnelon
Mount Holiness Memorial Park (NJMHMP) Butler
New Jersey Cemeteries Participating in Wreaths Across America (cont.)

Mount Rest Cemetery (NJMRBC) Butler
Mount Calvary (NJMCVY) Neptune City
New Calvary Cemetery (NJNCCP) Parlin
New Jersey Viet Veterans Memorial (NJVVMM) Holmdel
Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NJNNJM) Sparta
Old Baptist Cemetery & Methodist Cemetery (NJOBCM) Manahawkin
Old Free Church Cemetery (NJOFCC) West Long Branch
Old Newton Burial Ground (NJONBG) Newton
Old Tennent Cemetery (NJOTCM) Manalapan
Our Lady of Magnificent Cemetery (NJOLMC) Kinnelon
Princeton Battlefield State Park (NJPBSP) Princeton
Quaker Meeting House (NJQMHS) Shrewsbury
Rahway Cemetery (NJRWC) Rahway
Reeder Cemetery (NJRCMN) Mahwah
Riverside Cemetery (NJRCTR) Toms River
Rosemont Cemetery (NJRCRN) Rosemont
Sacred Heart Cemetery (NJSCH) Parlin
Sacred Heart Cemetery – St. Peter & Paul & Holy Ghost Hillsborough (NJSCHH) Hillsboro
Scotch Plains Baptist Church (NJSPBC) Scotch Plains
Somerset Hills Memorial Park (NJSBMP) Basking Ridge
St. Mary’s Cemetery (NJSMC) Manahawkin
St. Peter Cemetery (NJSPCB) Belleville
St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church Cemetery (NJSARC) Hampton
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleums (NJSJTR) Toms River
St. Joseph Cemetery (NJSJC) West Milford
St. Magdalen’s Catholic Cemetery (NJSMCF) Flemington
The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge Cemetery (NJPBRC) Basking Ridge
Union Cemetery – Hackettstown (NJUCHN) Hackettstown
Valleau Cemetery (NJRVC) Ridgewood
Wampum Veterans Memorial Park (NJWVMP) Eatontown
West Creek Cemetery (NJWCCG) West Creek
West Milford Presbyterian Church Cemetery (NJWMP) West Milford
White Lawn Cemetery (NJWLPP) Point Pleasant
Woodland Cemetery (NJWCLW) Lakewood