

Scouts honor fallen Veterans by laying wreaths for the holidays



Teaching citizenship in Scouting includes helping our youth understand the sacrifices made by those who have served in our armed forces. During the holiday season, Cub Scouts from Pack 239 in Metamora, OH, laid wreaths on the graves of veterans in Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery with the help of the Wreaths Across America movement. Wreaths Across America coordinates honoring veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 2,100 other locations across all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

According to Wreath's website, "In many homes, there is an empty seat [this holiday] for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country."

Past Council President, Sherri Garner Brumbaugh, also shared in remembering veterans at Maple Grove Cemetery in Findlay, OH, by organizing ceremonies and

volunteers and by providing transportation for hundreds of boxes of wreaths through donations made by her company, Garner Trucking.

"[It's] an absolutely beautiful, amazing experience every year! The volunteers that came out today truly are a blessing! Thank you to all that made today possible and our special Veterans that served to protect our freedoms!" says Brumbaugh.

Service projects like this teach more than citizenship. These activities live out the character trait of 'a Scout is Helpful' and best of all, leadership is learned through Scouting's culture of service to community.

The Black Swamp Area Council says "Thank You" to our veterans, to Past President Brumbaugh and to all Scouts who remember veterans through service to community year-round.



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