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## Wreaths Across America Awardees Recognized at Fourth Annual Service and Recognition Ceremony

## Local volunteer Angela Beason presented with the TEACH Award from the national non-profit

**ARLINGTON, Va., and BEEBE, Ark.** — May 9, 2018 — Today, Wreaths Across America announces the recipients of its annual recognition awards. The annual Wreaths Across America awards recognize those individuals and organizations that exemplify the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, by going above and beyond in efforts to honor those who have served and sacrificed for this country. Local teacher and long-time volunteer Angela Beason received this year's TEACH Award which was presented to her at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Service & Recognition Ceremony held on May 3, at The Officer's Club at Ft. Myer in Arlington, VA.

The TEACH award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution in teaching the importance of remembering and honoring those who serve or have served in our military. Angela is recognized for her work as a dedicated educator, Wreaths Across America Volunteer Location Coordinator, and for her support as a board member for the nonprofit Arkansas Run for the Fallen. The mission of Arkansas Run for the Fallen is to raise awareness for Arkansas military service members who have died while serving on active duty since September 11, 2001, and to provide support to families grieving the death of a loved one in military service.

"With our annual awards, Wreaths Across America honors those special individuals and organizations who commit personal time, action and intention in remembering our nation's fallen heroes," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. "National Wreaths Across America Day is an event, but Wreaths Across America is a year-round mission. It is the heartfelt efforts of individuals like Angela, who make it their personal mission to Remember, Honor and Teach, and share the stories of the people who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms."

Currently, Angela coordinates fundraising efforts and Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies at several Central Arkansas-area cemeteries. Her goal is to ensure that every hero that is honored at the <u>Run for the Fall Memorial</u> receives a wreath, no matter where they are buried. To sponsor a \$15 wreath for one of these heroes, please visit Angela's fundraising page <u>here</u>.

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018. It is a free event, open to all people. For more information or to find a participating cemetery near you, please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

## **About Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

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