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Dear CAP Volunteer:

As you know, on Saturday 12 December, wreaths will be placed in hundreds of locations across the United States in the observance of what has been congressionally declared as Wreaths Across America. Thousands of our volunteers have taken part in ceremonies in years past, all synchronized with the mass wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery. We look forward to yet another year of honors ceremonies that continue the mission of this substantial endeavor: to **Remember** the fallen; **Honor** those who serve; and **Teach** our children the value of freedom.

Wreaths Across America has become our most high-profile nationwide event. For this reason, it is imperative that we ensure that we represent not only our organization and the United States Air Force, but all branches of the United States Armed Forces, as this is a joint service honors event, with the utmost dignity and respect!

The recommended uniform for ceremonies is the service dress uniform or corporate equivalent. However, as many of our members may not own a service jacket or a regulation outdoor or all-weather garment, we also authorize the utility uniform as an acceptable uniform of the day. BDU's may be worn, but members must ensure that the uniform is pressed and that their boots are well polished. We welcome cadet honor guard units to wear their ceremonial uniforms. Whether in ceremonials, blues, or the battle dress uniform, we ask that you take the time to ensure that your uniform is beyond reproach. For all ceremonial participants, and especially those who will be joining us at Arlington National Cemetery, we shall accept nothing less than the highest standard of excellence for appearance and decorum. Stand tall, stand with honor, and wear your uniform with pride.

As Wreaths Across America is held at the midpoint between Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, we render support to the families whose loved ones cannot be with them this holiday season due to their active service and defense of freedom abroad.

We greatly look forward to December 12th, and we cannot wait to hear of the endless accounts of how our members honored the men and women who have committed themselves in service to this nation and how our members remembered those who have committed the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life!

Semper vigilans!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Courter".

AMY S. COURTER, Maj Gen, CAP
National Commander

