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November 7, 2022

Wreaths Across America TM 13 Elm Lane Wheeling, WV 26003

Hello,

I am pleased to inform you that my grant program, which was created in memory of my husband, is making a second donation to your cause. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$150.00 to sponsor 10 wreaths at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Washington County on December 17th.

This donation was made possible through The Michael S. Bertolino Foundation Grant Program and my non-profit, Emails to Heaven, Inc.

Warm regards,

Cheryl Bertolino Founder and President Emails to Heaven, Inc



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## REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

The George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is once again participating in the Wreaths Across America [WAA] Campaign. WAA is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization whose mission is to Remember the fallen—Honor those who serve, and—Teach our children the value of freedom. Over 25 years ago, Merrill Worcester began the tradition of placing wreaths each December on the graves in Arlington National Cemetery as a gesture of remembrance and honor for those men and women that have served our country.

As word spread, especially those pictures of snow covered graves with wreaths leaning against the headstones, additional cemeteries were included. Last year at this annual event, 2.4 million wreaths were placed at 3,136 locations across the United States and 25 cemeteries on foreign soil. Of the estimated 2 million volunteers that helped place wreaths, 1/3 were children. Last year, over 16,000 wreaths were placed at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Washington County. Of that number, our George Washington Chapter, was credited with 3,489 wreaths making us the largest group to gather sponsorships for that cemetery. With graves already decorated by families, we are pleased to announce that for the fifth consecutive year, every grave was marked. It is such a humbling and beautiful sight! But each year the cemetery grows. This year the cemetery goal is 20,000 wreaths!

WAA seeks to find patriotic Americans who are willing to sponsor wreaths. We would greatly appreciate your participation again this year — not only in a contribution, but also joining us Saturday, December 17 at 12:00 noon for the ceremony and placing of wreaths at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Sponsorship can be individually or collectively thru an organization. Remember, the way our George Washington Chapter is set up with the National Wreaths Across America Organization, for every two wreaths sponsored, a third will be provided at no additional cost. Thank you for sharing this opportunity with fellow citizens.

Please complete the enclosed wreath sponsorship form. Make your check payable to Wreaths Across America and return to Gary Timmons at the address indicated. We look forward to your participation by sponsoring wreaths and at the ceremony.

Remember, in life they honored their country and now it's a chance for us to honor them. Thank you for your commitment.

Sincerely, *Gary W. Timmons*Wreaths Across America Chairman