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Holiday Wreaths to Honor Veterans at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA – Cemetery staff and volunteers will place holiday wreaths to honor and remember our nation's Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs' Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on December 11, 2010, at 12 noon.

"These wreaths eloquently illustrate the appreciation of a grateful nation," said cemetery director James Metcalfe. "This event is a great way to honor the service and sacrifice of the Veterans who fought to preserve our freedoms."

The Civil Air Patrol organizes the wreath-laying ceremonies with assistance from local citizens and Veteran Service Organizations. All 131 VA national cemeteries receive at least seven wreaths, one for each service branch, one for the Merchant Marine, and one for Prisoners of War and those Missing In Action (POW/MIA).

This is the fifth year of *Wreaths Across America*, a nationwide program which distributes holiday wreaths as a tribute to Veterans laid to rest at VA national cemeteries and state Veterans cemeteries. It is also the 19th year that the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, will send holiday wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. Through this program, company president Morrill Worcester seeks to recognize Veterans, active duty military and their families. His goal is to remind the public to remember the Veterans, honor their service, and teach children the value of freedom.

For more information about this event, call the cemetery administration office at (717) 865-5254 or visit the NCA Web site at <http://www.cem.va.gov/> or the Wreaths Across America Web site at <http://wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

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