

Sons of The American Legion



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To: All Members of The Sons of The American Legion

Re: Wreath Laying Ceremonies, Washington Conference Sunday February 24, 2019

The Sons of The American Legion National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs will be placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on February 24, 2019 at 9:15 am. Following Arlington National Cemetery Commander Gibbs will then be laying wreathes at Iwo Jima Memorial and the Viet Nam Memorials. This notification will allow members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders friends and families to attend and show our respect for the sacrifices made by our Nation's military in the defense of liberty and freedom.

In the previous years, Detachments have placed their wreaths at various areas in Washington DC. The National Organization received from the American Legion Family and many tourists have made positive statements in regards to seeing the wreaths from Detachments placed around the Washington area. We feel that this is a very positive outcome and are recommending any Detachment wishing to lay a wreath or have a wreath laid for them in the Washington area to continue.

Representatives from each Detachment or their designee would be able to choose a location to lay their wreath, some placed wreaths at areas that the bus rented by the National Organization stopped to do ceremonies (this year Iwo Jima and Viet Nam Memorial), others at a later time placed wreaths in various locations around Washington DC. I will be ordering wreaths for National Commander Gibbs, and in order to have the wreaths appear in conformity, we would like to request Detachments order the wreaths as a group; the wreaths last year cost each Detachment \$150, and remain the same for this year.

At the Washington Conference, I will provide each Detachment a separate receipt from the florist shop for each wreath ordered checks should be made payable to Thomas Deal and mailed to my home address. Below is an order form. Please send back only the bottom portion of this letter and keep the top section for your records. **I must have the completed order form and payment by February 10, 2019 in order to ensure your Detachment has a wreath ordered. (No payment, no wreath!)**

The National Organization will again this year rent two buses to transport individuals to and from the wreath laying ceremonies. In an effort to fully take advantage of this we will be taking **requests** for seats on the buses with the wreath order. It is very important, if you reserve a seat that you be in attendance and if you cannot, please contact Thomas Deal ASAP (Cell # 443-206-0402).

We will also again this year order box lunches for on the bus “it is highly recommended that individuals take advantage of this as it is a long period to go without eating.” The cost last year was \$8.00 and will again be \$8.00 each - you will have a choice of turkey, ham or roast beef. Payment and choice will be needed along with the wreath order.

If you need further information or have questions, I can be contacted by phone during the day at 443-206-0402 or by email tom.deal@verizon.net

WREATH & LUNCH ORDER FORM - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WREATH LAYING February 24, 2019

DETACHMENT _____ CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Wreath Request (\$150) – (Name of Detachment) _____

Seats Requested for Bus - # _____

Box Lunch (\$8.00 each) Turkey # _____ Ham # _____ Roast Beef # _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Name of others attending and Cell # (Please fill out completely to allow for better communication) -

Name _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Cell # _____

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!!!

Make check payable to: Thomas Deal and mail to: Thomas Deal, 1434 Clayton St., Perryville, Md. 21903