



## Wreaths Across America 2025

Waylan Shropshire and David Pittman (representing USSVI Bremerton Base, VFW Henry Bryner Post 4992, and American Legion John D "Bud" Hawk Post 109) attended the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Ivy Green Cemetery on Saturday, December 13, 2025.



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As one of the speakers noted, “What a beautiful morning at Ivy Green as we gather for Wreaths Across America. As the sun rises and the wreaths are laid, our hearts are full of gratitude and remembrance. Today, we pause to honor the brave men and women who served our nation with courage, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion. May this peaceful morning remind us that their legacy lives on—not only in history, but in the freedoms we cherish every day. We remember. We honor. We teach.”



**Editor’s Note:** Even though we are still in the 2025 season, the donations for 2026 have already commenced. The Wreath Match for 2026 started on December 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our point of contact (POC) is Mick Hersey from **John Paul Jones Chapter Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution (WASSAR)** (WA0003P). <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/19059/Overview/?relatedId=0>

WAIGCB - Ivy Green Cemetery Bremerton <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/14981/Overview/?relatedId=0>

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**Borrowed from Mick Hersey's Facebook Page** [Thank you to all the volunteers and those that took photos while I was very busy ensuring things happened when planned, or at least made it look like we knew what my schedule was.

A big Thank you to my behind the scene crew that helped set up before the day was daylight.

**Adam Weimerskirch** and **Conner Weimerskirch** for coming over Friday and putting up our Honor row of 5 x 9 flags

For my early morning risers **Alan Schrader** and **Noah Chase** for moving over 50 boxes of wreaths in preparation to placing of the wreaths.

To **Mindy Rocha-Barella** for live streaming the event and the good photos.

To Lt. **David Malnar** and the NJROTC of Bremerton High School, thank you for the Color Guard.

To all my Wreath Presenters, thank you for honoring our Veterans with their service Wreaths.

And finally, I could not do this each year without my great Co Chair **Monica Klein** and the great American Heritage Girls of the Star of the Sea Church.

To all we did great today in the great weather]

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