

Grandview's Wreaths Across America Named a Top Fundraiser

(Grandview, WA, July 28, 2021) Grandview American Legion officials were recently surprised to learn their Wreaths Across America program has been named as a top fundraiser in Washington State.

The Wreaths Across America Headquarters Office is acknowledging Sponsor Groups and highlighting how these groups give back to local communities.

Sally Van Horn, Grandview's coordinator for the annual program each December, recently learned of the designation. "The local Legion Post has been involved with Wreaths Across America in Grandview since our effort started in 2011. We have been extraordinarily blessed to have a strong community response to this program," said Van Horn, who is a retired Navy Commander and a member of the American Legion in Grandview. "This has allowed us to support a wide array of local, regional and national programs supporting veterans, military and youth."

A portion of the sale of each wreath is returned to Sponsor Groups to support various programs and charities. With the funds received, the Post has supported up to 25 different programs each year. Locally, funds are donated to support youth programs, including schools and Scouts, the Extra Mile Center, Life Options Aware and the Grandview Community Center. Regional programs include the Yakima Valley Veterans Coalition, USO Northwest and Gold Star Mothers of Washington. National programs include a variety of Legion charities.

"We're a small Post with a big footprint. We have great Legionnaires and a wonderful community supporting us," Van Horn noted. "We cover each of the 524 veteran graves in Grandview, as well as provide wreaths for designated veteran graves in Sunnyside, Mabton, Prosser, Bickleton and Patterson. That is impressive for a small rural town," Van Horn added.