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Stanton Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol Participates in Wreaths Across America Ceremony

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Stanton, MN – On Saturday, December 15, 2018, ten members of the Stanton Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) participated in the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony conducted at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.

The Stanton Squadron was part more than 100 CAP members from nine Minnesota squadrons and Wing/Region staff that helped place almost 15,000 wreaths on graves of U.S. military veterans at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

First Lieutenant Jeffrey J. Rezac, Commander of the Stanton Squadron said “It is important for the cadets to see the magnitude of the cemetery, the large number of men and women who have served this country to secure the freedoms we enjoy.” Captain Randall S. Knox, Deputy Commander for Cadets, added “I was very pleased that these cadets decided to participate in this wreath-laying ceremony, it gives them an opportunity to honor those who served in uniform and teaches the value of freedom.”

The Stanton Squadron members assisted in the placement of approximately 50 special request wreaths – wreaths placed on veterans graves at the request of family members who are unable to place the wreaths themselves. As each wreath was placed, the cadets saluted, spoke the veteran’s name and thanked him or her for their service.

The Stanton Squadron meets weekly, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Stanton United Methodist Church, 1020 Highway 19 Blvd, Dennison, MN. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/StantonFlightCAP/> for more information.

About the Civil Air Patrol

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force’s Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP’s 57,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. CAP also plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to 24,000 young

people participating in CAP Cadet Programs. Visit <https://www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com> for more information.

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at hundreds of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>.