

Each year, millions of Americans come together to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom. This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place in local and national cemeteries in all 50 states - most recently at more than 2,000 participating locations - as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Each year, a new theme is chosen to help volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities. Today, the organization announces the theme for 2020 is “Be an American Worth Fighting For.”

Local Event On Saturday, December 19 at 12:00 noon Wreaths Across America will be at Anson Memorial Park in Wadesboro to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by visiting www.wreathscrossamerica.org and click on “Menu” on the top right corner, then click on “Search” and then enter “Leavitt” and you will see “Leavitt Funeral Home and Anson Community Hospice.” You will be able to purchase one or more wreaths and/or volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. Don't forget to click the “Invite” button to invite your friends and family to join you.

Thank you so much for supporting Leavitt Funeral Home, Anson Memorial Park and Anson Community Hospice and Wreaths Across America! For more information contact Ken Caulder at ken@leavittfh.com or 704-694-2524.

The inspiration for this year's theme came from a keynote address made by Staff Sgt. Daniel Strong during the 2018 escort to Arlington welcome stop at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School (Monty Tech) located in Fitchburg, Mass. As an infantryman in the United States Marine Corps, he lost 18 Marines during his service, three were his friends when he was a Lance Corporal, six as their Squad Leader and the remaining nine as their Platoon Sargent. Each impacted SSgt. Strong in a unique way as he witnessed first-hand what true sacrifice was and experienced the ripple effect it has on all involved.

His message that December day spoke to the daily importance of the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach, and the emotion is now teacher-engrained in his JROTC students. “Be an American worth the sacrifice. In your daily operations, and in how you deal with one another and how you live your lives,” said SSgt. Strong. “Those young men and women who are in Arlington National Cemetery and other cemeteries, they earned the right for you to be an American worth fighting for.”

This sentiment speaks volumes as more United States military are deploying to serve and fight, if needed, to protect the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens. Each of them, playing their part so that we too can play ours back home by being an active participant in our communities.

In 2019, approximately 2.2 million veteran wreaths were placed on headstones at 2,158 participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for our freedoms, with each name said out loud.

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 19. It is always a free event and open to all people. For more information on how to volunteer locally or sponsor a wreath for a hero, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

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 thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Special Board of Elections Meeting Scheduled for Race Recount

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold a meeting this Thursday, November 19 at 9 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a recount of the NC Supreme Court race between Democrat Cheri Beasley and Republican Paul Newby. This will be a machine recount of all ballots - Election Day ballots, Absentee by Mail ballots, Early Voting ballots and Provisional ballots. The meeting will be held at the Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

For more information call 704-994-3223.

Governor Encourages High Schoolers to Participate in Ready, Set, App! Competition

NC students have until Nov. 30 to register for mobile app contest

Governor Roy Cooper is encouraging high school students across North Carolina to sign up for the Ready, Set, App! Competition by November 30. Teams of three to five students each will work together through the contest to develop a functional and original Android mobile app to solve a real-world problem in their school or community.

“Ready, Set, App! is an exciting opportunity for students to develop their technical skills while working together to solve a problem they've identified in their community,” Governor Cooper said. “High schoolers have lots of creative ideas, energy and passion, and we can't wait to see what they come up with.”

Ready, Set, App! is a continued collaborative effort between Lenovo and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE), a business-led, education non-profit within the Governor's Office. The second year of the competition launched in October and concludes in April. All ninth through twelfth grade public and charter school students in North Carolina are eligible and there is no cost to participate.

With more than 27,000 Information Technology jobs currently unfilled in North Carolina, Ready, Set, App! provides an opportunity for students to explore potential careers in computer science. The contest helps students develop and use three key skills: mobile application coding, teamwork and problem-solving.

“Lenovo is dedicated to advancing STEM education and increasing access to opportunity for diverse population,” said Libby Richards, North America community engagement manager at Lenovo. “The Ready, Set, App! Competition's focus on community problem solving provides students the opportunity to create real change, and to build valuable skills in coding and programming.”

The Ready, Set, App! program began in 2019. The teams competed virtually and were provided student interns to assist with the app development process. Each member of the winning teams received prizes provided by Lenovo.

Winners of the first-ever Ready, Set, App! program were announced in June 2020 and included teams from Orange, Wake and Randolph counties. The winning teams designed apps to increase recycling, provide access to school supplies and educational opportunities and connect students with peer tutors.

To sign up for Ready, Set, App! or get more information, visit readysetapp.deupost.com.

About NCBCE Since 1983, NCBCE has provided a critical link between North Carolina business leaders and the state's education decision-makers, helping to create connections between the education curriculum and the overall work readiness of people across the state.

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NCDMV Expanding its Online Services

To provide more options for its customers, the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is expanding its online options. The changes mean that now certain full provisional license holders will be able to convert credentials to a Class C driver license. Details on which license holders qualify can be found on the DMV website www.ncdot.gov/dmv.

The changes were part of House Bill 211, which was signed into law in 2019.

Also starting Saturday is a change for full provisional licenses issued to a person under 18. The change will extend the expiration date for a full provisional license to 60 days after a person's 21st birthday.

NCDMV already offers online access for many services, including driver license renewals, ordering duplicate licenses and ID cards, driving record requests, driver license office appointments, registration renewals, vehicle property tax payments, duplicate registration cards, ordering personalized and specialty plates, payment of insurance lapse fines, and applying for voter registration.



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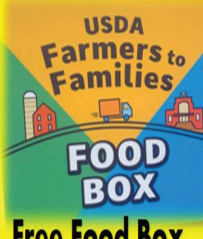


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