


## December 19, 2026 has been declared National Wreaths Across America Day!

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, formed Wreaths Across America, to continue and expand this effort and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This nonprofit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. In 2025, over 5,594 locations participated on National Wreaths Across America Day! More than three million volunteers helped place over 3.1 million sponsored veterans' wreaths, saying each person's name out loud, keeping their memory alive.

### The National Wreaths Across America Day Theme for 2026:

### "Remember Me"

**The Bay Township Area Cemeteries (BTAC) group is proud to be an official location for WAA!!**

The Bay Township Cemetery Committee teamed up with the Horton Bay Community Church in 2014 to form the BTAC group. **In our 13th year**, there are currently **55** known veterans buried in our 3 cemeteries in Bay Township and the Memorial Garden at the Horton Bay Community Church. Our goal is to place a wreath on the grave of every veteran in our cemeteries: Oaklawn Cemetery on Horton Bay Rd. N., Dyer Cemetery on Camp Daggett, North Bay Cemetery on Church Rd. and the Memorial Garden at the church. Your wreath sponsorship places a wreath on a Veteran's grave and helps to fund Veteran and educational outreach. ***Each wreath is only $17.00.*** **Eight Ceremonial Wreaths are also placed and divided among the cemeteries and scattering garden; compliments of WAA.**

**Please call Georganna Monk (Location Coordinator) at 231-883-9867 if you have any questions about sponsoring wreaths, how to obtain a sponsorship form, or to volunteer. Information about our ceremony and sponsorship forms are available to download on the following websites:**
**Bay Township website: baytownshipmi.org**
**Horton Bay Community Church website: hortonbaycmc.org**
**or at the kiosk in front of the Bay Township hall.**
**To sponsor a wreath by check, use the attached form. To sponsor online go to wreathsacrossamerica.org/MI0057.**

If we surpass our goal, the remaining wreaths will be applied to 2027. **Sponsorship deadline is Monday, December 1, 2026.** All wreaths are sent directly to the Bay Township location and none are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships. **Please plan to attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Dyer Cemetery on Saturday, December 19, 2026 at 11:45 (Sharp). You do not have to be a wreath sponsor to attend.** The Boyne City American Legion Ernest Peterson Post 228 will be assisting at this ceremony. It will be a very special time to be able to honor these men and women by placing a wreath that will mark their grave until spring. Following the short ceremony, we will place the wreaths on all of our 55 veteran's graves **beginning at Dyer Cemetery on Camp Daggett Road. We will then go to North Bay Cemetery on Church Road; next we will place a wreath on the grave of our one veteran in Oaklawn Cemetery on Horton Bay Road North, and lastly, one wreath will be placed at the Memorial Garden at the Horton Bay Community Methodist Church.**










