



## Wreaths Across America

In 1992, Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Efforts to do something special with those wreaths began in earnest. With the help of many, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery. This has continued yearly.

In 2006, in response to thousands of e-mails and letters, Worcester Wreath expanded its wreath donations nationwide. With the help of the civic organizations and many individuals, ceremonies were held simultaneously at 230 locations. From the snow banks of Alaska to the sands of Iraq our Nation's heroes were honored. From here Wreaths Across America™ was born.

*In 2019, with the help of thousands of corporate/civic sponsors and volunteers, over 2,100,000 wreaths were donated and placed at over 2100 participating locations.*

## American Legion Post 48



**The American Legion is the nation's largest organization of U.S. wartime veterans. Post 48 in Chesnee, SC was chartered in 1936 and is dedicated to the four pillars of service: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, Children and Youth. Post 48 has received numerous honors for its support of veterans, children/youth programs and community service. To honor the lives of our deceased veterans, Post 48 is committed to sponsoring a Wreaths Across America ceremony yearly.**

American Legion Post 48 Chesnee and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 48 Chesnee are seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on veterans graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony conducted locally at the Cooley Springs Baptist Church Cemetery at 12 noon on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

If you would like to donate to assist with purchasing the wreaths (\$15 each), please mail a check or money order to:

American Legion Post 48 or Unit 48  
P.O. Box 323  
Chesnee, SC 29323  
Tele: 864-461-5594

If you prefer to pay with a credit card, please visit the following web site at

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

for a secure transaction.

Cooley Springs Baptist Church Location  
Code: SCCOOL

Post 48 Fundraising Code: SC0078P

Auxiliary Unit 48 Fundraising Code:  
SC0096P

**Please note:**

The American Legion and Wreaths Across America are both 501 (c) non-profit organizations and contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. Funds received in excess of wreath requirements will be dedicated to the following year's ceremony.



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Cooley Springs Baptist Church Cemetery  
950 Martin Camp Rd., Chesnee, SC 29323  
12 Noon, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Welcome and Prayer:	Pastor Dave Deland
Posting of the Colors:	Gaffney HS JROTC
Pledge of Allegiance:	Post 48 Commander
National Anthem:	Ms. Maggie Chisholm
Welcome & Remarks:	Post 48 Commander
Welcome & Remarks:	Aux. Unit 48 President
Ceremonial Wreaths:	Post 48 Vice Commander
Instructions for Volunteers:	Post 48 Vice Commander
Reading of the Names/Wreath Laying	
Patriotic Song:	Ms. Maggie Chisholm
Military Gun Salute:	A.L. Post 200 Honor Guard
Taps:	A.L. Post 200 Honor Guard
Retiring the Colors:	Gaffney HS JROTC
Closing Thanks and Prayer:	Post 48 Cmdr/Chaplain
Note: CDC Guidelines: Masks/social distancing advised	



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**CHESNEE**

Loc	First	Last	Rank	Branch	ERA	DOB	DOD	Comments
1	Jesse Thomas	Hopper	PFC	US Army	World War II	April 24, 1915	December 20, 1969	
2	Billy Martin	Greer		US Navy	Korea	February 22, 1935	July 3, 1979	
3	B P	Jolley		US Navy	World War II	September 6, 1923	February 24, 2002	
4	Timothy Bruce	Anderson	STG3	US Navy	Vietnam	June 11, 1949	December 12, 2017	NDSM Beloved Son & Brother
5	Jimmy Gordan	Bishop		US Army		April 22, 1939	March 20, 1991	
6	Leroy	Hammett	S1	US Navy	World War II	May 1, 1927	January 23, 2008	
7	Joe	Fowler	PVT	US Army	World War II	April 6, 1922	May 2, 1954	
8	Amos Tillman	Fowler	PVT	US Army	World War I	July 6, 1893	April 11, 1971	
9	Hollis	Fowler	PVT	US Army	World War II	May 13, 1913	May 1, 1979	
10	Robert Lee	Copeland	PFC	US Army	World War II	September 4, 1913	July 2, 1991	
11	James Lee	Copeland	MN3	US Navy	Korea	October 24, 1935	February 23, 2002	
12	Claude E	McAntyre	PFC	US Army	World War II	December 25, 1912	December 22, 1951	South Carolina 842 Coast ARTY BTRY
13	Cecil Dupre	Cantrell	CPL	US Army	Korea	February 4, 1929	April 6, 1951	Killed in Action — South Carolina Machine Gun Section Co. M 3rd Battalion 7 CAV Regt (INF) 1 CAV DIV (INF) Korea Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart with Oak Leaf, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service and Republic of Korea War Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation
14	Herbert C	Bridges	TEC 5	US Army	World War II	September 24, 1920	February 9, 1973	South Carolina
15	Jackie B	Wainwright	AN	US Navy		September 16, 1940	February 12, 1989	
16	Johnie William	Fowler	PVT		World War I	July 14, 1894	December 11, 1961	South Carolina 156 Depot Brigade
17	N L	Jackson		CSA	Civil War	December 27, 1847	August 21, 1929	Confederate Soldier
18	Bud C	Ridings	PVT			June 29, 1931	December 5, 1959	South Carolina Co. B 145 INF REGT
19	Vernon Lee	Bishop	PVT	US Army	World War II	December 7, 1923	March 3, 1977	
20	Thomas Grady	Emery	CPL	US Army	World War II	July 10, 1917	February 9, 1972	South Carolina
21	Earnest E	Oliver	PVT		World War II	August 21, 1924	July 5, 1944	South Carolina 330 INF 83 INF DIV Purple Heart
22	James R	Ridings			World War I	September 11, 1889	September 29, 1918	Killed in Action on Hindenberg Line near ST Ouinten Member 30th DIV CO. M 120 INF
23	William	Emery		CSA	Civil War			Confederate States of America
24	Claudie	Bullman	PFC	US Army	World War II	March 9, 1909	July 17, 1981	
25	Henry Gilbert	Glaucon	F1	US Navy	World War II	September 26, 1922	April 7, 1945	
26	Solon B	Stacy	PVT			January 19, 1890	November 21, 1944	South Carolina 2 Pioneer INF
27	John T	Sheehan	PVT		World War II	October 11, 1919	October 23, 1944	South Carolina 351 INF REGT Killed in Action in Italy
28	Joseph J	Shehan	PVT		World War I	February 6, 1895	July 25, 1957	South Carolina 156 Depot Brigade
29	Curtis	Stacy	PVT		World War I	March 19, 1893	April 1, 1967	South Carolina BTRY A 18 Field ARTY
30	Monroe H	Hood	PVT	US Army	World War I	August 31, 1896	May 24, 1977	
31	James L	Akins	PFC	US Army	World War II	May 25, 1919	March 26, 1995	
32	Winnie Lyles	Cantrell	PVT	US Army	World War II	November 2, 1918	September 5, 1983	Fought in Phillipines
33	Max Ray	Bishop	SGT	US Army	Korea	August 19, 1925	October 5, 2014	Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart
34	Harold Wayne	Bowen	SP 4	US Army	Vietnam	October 26, 1948	January 4, 1991	
35	Willard L	Oles	SGT	US Army	World War II	March 4, 1917	February 12, 1997	
36	William Earl	Sanford		US Navy		June 13, 1928	July 26, 2008	
37	Lonnie M	Creamer	SSG	US Army	Korea & Vietnam	February 3, 1930	April 28, 2005	
38	Melvin	Gowan	TSGT	US Air Force	Vietnam	September 30, 1934	May 15, 2007	
39	Ellis Vernon	Wall Jr		US Navy		December 29, 1937	March 6, 1999	
40	James L	Mathis	S SGT	US Marine Corps	Vietnam	May 26, 1946	December 4, 2001	
41	Fred H	Coats	TEC 5	US Army	World War II	March 21, 1928	August 13, 1992	
42	Virgil	Blackwell	PVT	US Army		August 2, 1897	November 20, 1918	Co. B 60th Pioneer INF; Auto Replacement Draft Provisional Co 4; and Co B 384th INF
43	William Edward	Parris	PFC	US Army Air Corps	World War II	March 12, 1917	February 14, 1945	Killed in Action
44	William Walter	Bridges	Sp5	US Army		April 26, 1915	April 19, 1974	