

Delaware State Police to Participate in Wreaths Across America Service

Smyrna – Members of the Delaware State Police will participate in a Wreaths Across America service as the annual truck convoy makes a stop at the Smyrna Rest Area next month.

On Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 11 a.m., the annual Wreaths Across America truck convoy will stop at the Smyrna Rest Area, Pavilion I, at 5500 North DuPont Highway, Smyrna, as it makes its way to the Arlington National Cemetery.

This will be the only stop in Delaware and the public is invited to attend.

The Delaware Vietnam Veterans of America Gold Star Program, along with representatives of the Delaware law enforcement community, will host a service to pay honor and remembrance to our fallen heroes who gave their lives while serving a cause greater than themselves.

The service will include memorial themed activities, including the National Anthem, Taps, and *Amazing Grace*. The Delaware State Police Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums, and a bugler will be participating in the event. Dover High School Jr. ROTC students will provide escorts to reserved seating for Gold Star Families and dignitaries.

The fleet of 18-wheelers will be enroute to Arlington, where 400,000 veterans and family members are interred. This year's wreath laying will take place on Saturday, December 17.

The mission of National Wreaths Across America Day, *To Remember, Honor and Teach*, is carried out by wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 1,100

locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

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