



The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove and  
Founding Forward are pleased to present

## **Wreaths Across the Grove**

**December 14, 2024  
Medal of Honor Grove  
Valley Forge, PA**

The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove and Founding Forward would like to thank our sponsors for helping us make this program possible today:

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The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove and Founding Forward would also like to extend a special thanks to the Phoenixville VFW Post 1564 for sponsoring all of the "orphan" wreaths this year. This year is first time since the program's inception that all wreaths and monuments within the Medal of Honor Grove have individual sponsors.



**Medal of Honor Recipients 2024**  
**Philip Shadrach - Civil War**  
**George Wilson - Civil War**

**Medal of Honor Recipients we've lost in 2024**

Roger Donlan  
Larry Taylor  
Ralph Puckett  
Clarence Sasser  
Paul Bucha

**2024 Wreaths purchased in memory of  
the following Medal of Honor recipients:**

Jon Cavaiani - USA Vietnam  
Harvey Barnum - USMC Vietnam  
James Dunlavy - USA Civil War  
Edwin W. Hill - USN WW2  
Orville Bloch - USA WW2  
Pvt Philip Shadrach - USA Civil War  
Pvt George Wilson - USA Civil War  
Bernard Irwin - USA Civil War  
John McVeigh - USA WW2  
Michael Crescenz - USA Vietnam  
Einar Ingmann - USA Korea

The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove and Founding Forward would like to thank our corporate partners for helping us make this program possible today:

**Catering** -Valley Forge Catering Company, Inc.  
**Wreaths** - Produce Junction, Phoenixville

**The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove and Founding Forward are proud to partner and present this year's Wreaths Across the Grove event. All proceeds from this event will benefit The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove.**

The Medal of Honor Grove, part of on Founding Forward's 75-acre campus adjacent to Valley Forge National Historical Park, consists of 42 acres that honor all 3,500+ Medal of Honor recipients by the state or territory from which they enlisted in service. The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force for those who serve in the Armed Services of the United States. Each state or territory has a brick plaza centered on a 7ft. tall obelisk modeled after the Washington Monument. Every obelisk bears the state seal and the names of the recipients from that state, and ground plaques throughout each area bear the recipient's name, service branch, and date of action. In 2024, there were 3,519 recipients of this medal, only 60 of whom are living.

Also located in the Grove are the Chaplains Memorial, which honors the 9 Medal of Honor Military Chaplains, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians Obelisk, which honors Medal of Honor recipients who were not citizens.

In 2017, Schuylkill Township, the Chester County Commissioners, Founding Forward, and Natural Lands Trust placed a conservation easement on the Medal of Honor Grove, ensuring its preservation in perpetuity. The Friends added the Friends' Education Center in 2021 to house outdoor programs and events and a Gazebo in 2022 to honor military personnel killed in training accidents.

This natural woodland is the oldest living memorial honoring these brave individuals. The Grove is maintained and cared for by the Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove.



**The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 2011 to maintain, improve, and enhance the Medal of Honor Grove. To learn more about the Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove, please visit [www.friendsmohgrove.org](http://www.friendsmohgrove.org) or email [contact@friendsmohgrove.org](mailto:contact@friendsmohgrove.org).

**Founding Forward** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that fosters immersive education experiences for students, teachers, and citizens through an array of in-person programs, historic resources and collections, scholarships, awards, speaker programs, and other unique learning opportunities. To learn more about Founding Forward, please visit [www.foundingforward.org](http://www.foundingforward.org) or email [info@foundingforward.org](mailto:info@foundingforward.org).

# 2024 Supporters of Wreaths Across the Grove

**Ancient Order of Hibernians - Dennis Kelley Div. 1**  
Pennsylvania (in memory of **Michael Crescenz, MoH**)  
Ancient Order of Hibernians Obelisk (in honor of Dan Harrell)

**Kathleen McVeigh**  
Pennsylvania - (In memory of **John McVeigh, MoH recipient**)

**David Yoder**  
Ancient Order of Hibernians Obelisk

**Ancient Order of Hibernians - Off. Jack Duffy Div. 6**  
Pennsylvania (in memory of Harry Enoch & Hubert Noon)

**Mr. Mark Blank**  
Massachusetts (In memory of Petty Off. Thomas Spillane)

**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry O'Dell**  
Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire

**Amy Russell Braccia & Betty Russell**  
Chaplains Memorial (In memory of Art Russell)

**Molly Wehrenberg**  
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**Patrick Mohan**  
New York (in honor of John Goodfellow)

**Stephanie Oscarson**  
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**Daughters of the American Revolution - Valley Forge Chapter**  
Gold Star Families Memorial.

**Barbara Edelman**  
Pennsylvania (In memory of **Bernard Irwin, MoH recipient**)

## 2024 Supporters of Wreaths Across the Grove (cont'd)

### **Elaine & John Matt**

Delaware (In honor & memory of the Matt Family members who served in the  
USN and USMC)

### **David Bloch**

North Dakota - (In honor of Orville E. Bloch, MoH)

### **Friends of the 7th Eng. Battalion USMC**

USMC Circle of Trees (in memory of 13 Eng Battalion members killed in a training  
accident in Viet Nam)

### **Amara Briggs**

Oklahoma

### **Amy Hawkes**

North Dakota (in memory of **Orville Bloch MoH**)

### **Anthony Odorisio**

Pennsylvania (in memory of Albert Masciangelo)

### **Barbara Harkness**

Washington at Prayer monument, Founding Fathers monument, Chapel,  
Washington on Horseback monument

### **Beth Harvath**

Maryland (in memory of Malvern Epright)

### **Beth Leech**

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### **Christopher Gleeson**

Ohio (in memory of **Pvt, Philip Shadrach MoH and Pvt. George Wilson MoH**)

### **Christopher McCawley**

Delaware (in honor of John McCawley)

### **Clark O'Donoghue**

Pennsylvania

# 2024 Supporters of Wreaths Across the Grove (cont'd)

## **Craig Mills**

Pennsylvania (in memory of L/Cpl James Lang, USMC)

## **David Savage**

Pennsylvania (in honor of Lynnwood Fitzgerald)

## **Debra Peters**

California

## **Dennis Murphy**

Alaska

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## **George Brown**

Pennsylvania (in honor of James Monroe Seitzinger, Civil War)

## **Honorable Dembe**

California (in memory of **Jon Cavaiani MoH**)  
Connecticut (in honor of **Harvey Barnum MoH**)

## **Irish Thunder Pipes & Drums**

Ancient Order of Hibernians Obelisk

## **James McEwing**

New Jersey (in honor of Edwin W. Hill (MoH) USN WW2  
in memory of Helen McEwing, Charles McEwing USN WW2  
Richard McEwing USA, Vietnam, Larry (Hoops) Brown USA, Vietnam)

## **Janice Biros**

New York (in honor of Stephen Biros, Michael Biros, Frank Biros,  
Edward Koast, Theodore Koast)

## **Jennifer Miller**

Washington at Prayer monument, Washington on Horseback monument,  
Founding Fathers monument & the Chapel  
(all in memory of Donald L. Pullen)

# 2024 Supporters of Wreaths Across the Grove (cont'd)

**Jill Sottanella**

Delaware (in honor of CW3 John G. Lorusso)

**Joshua Levin**

POW/MIA Memorial

**Julia Bohnenberger**

Washington at Prayer monument,

**Kimberley McGarvey**

Gold Star Families Memorial (in honor of Howard McGarvey USN WW2  
and Robert Charles McGarvey Army Air Corps WW2 KIA)

**Knights of God Motorcycle Club**

Alaska, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania

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Pennsylvania (in honor of Carpenter's Mate Henry Williams USN)

**Lucinda McCallum**

Texas

**Mary Hagy**

North Dakota

**Mary Ingman**

Wisconsin (in memory of **Einar Ingmann MoH**)

**Mary McGinn**

Pennsylvania (in memory of John W. McGowan, jr)

**Michael Thompson**

Kentucky

**Morgan Heller**

Founding Fathers monument (in memory of SSgt Morgan Silliman Heller WW1) and  
the Chapel (in memory of Capt. James Silliman Civil War)



## 2024 Supporters of Wreaths Across the Grove (cont'd)

Neopolitan Deli Berwyn, PA  
Pennsylvania

Patricia Thorell  
Utah

Peter & Bernadette Hand  
Ancient Order of Hibernians Obelisk  
(in memory of Hand and Cullen families)

Peter Humphreys  
Maryland

Philip DeHennis  
Nebraska (in honor of those who have sacrificed)

Rachel Talecki  
Louisiana

Shanna Gowen  
Pennsylvania and the Gazebo

Stephan Target  
Utah

Stephen Sader  
Pennsylvania (in memory of Sgt. Martin Reardon Italy WW2 KIA)

Steven Smith  
North Carolina (in memory of James Smith)

Thomas O'Brien  
Pennsylvania and the Gazebo

Tim & Karen Michel  
Education Center Military flags  
(in memory of Spec4 John "Dots" Danner USA)

Valley Forge Chapter - Founding Forward  
Nebraska & Chaplains Memorial

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## **Walter Stewart**

New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, District of Columbia  
(all in honor of George W. Stewart)

## **Wayne & Teresa Bradley**

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## **Wesley Craig**

Pennsylvania (in honor of Maj. Wesley Craig, sr)

## **William Moran**

Louisiana

## **John "Rutt" & Rachel Laskey**

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(all in memory of Sgt. Ernest Joseph Pavlidis)

## **Phoenixville VFW Post 1564**

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia,  
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Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina,  
South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia,  
Puerto Rico, Lincoln Statue, Medal of Honor Grove Gatehouse

## **Kristen Buczynski**

Tennessee (in honor of Josh Buczynski, Friends of the Medal of Honor member) Grove Board

## **Joe & Valerie Crescenz**

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Chaplains Memorial, Gold Star Families Memorial (in memory of Michael Crescenz, USA - MoH recipient)

## **Diane O'Toole**

Massachusetts (in honor of Peter Kowenhoven, USN)

## **Chester County Ancient Order of Hibernians**

Ancient Order of Hibernians Memorial

## **Joseph Formosa**

Pennsylvania