



## **Wreaths Across America – San Diego**

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery

Every December, the San Diego community comes together for Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Fort Rosecrans to honor our veterans, remember our fallen heroes and teach children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families.

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization with the mission “Remember, Honor, Teach.” With the help of sponsors, donors and volunteers, Wreaths Across America continues its annual tribute of laying wreaths at veteran cemeteries across the United States.

“To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen....to be forgotten is the worst.” Pierre Claeysens (1909-2003).

San Diego’s annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony has a lasting impact on those who participate and those who are honored by it. In 2011 the widow of a service member who now lives out-of-state, shared that her 11-year-old son was comforted to learn that someone would place a wreath on his dad’s gravesite at Fort Rosecrans. “Since we can’t visit Daddy on Christmas, will Daddy be alone?” The mom said, “Daddy will never be alone because he was loved by so many. A wreath will be placed on his gravesite.” Her son said, “I really like that and maybe when I’m older and if I can’t make it home to Daddy, then I’ll go leave a wreath at a veteran’s gravesite.”

Wreaths Across America is dedicated to spreading the message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

You can help us complete our goal of placing a remembrance wreath on each of the 110,000 gravesites at Fort Rosecrans by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering at the wreath laying ceremony, starting a fundraising group and telling others about Wreaths Across America’s mission.

Our military and veterans’ families appreciate your efforts. To learn more about this special event, please visit San Diego Wreaths Across America’s website at [www.waasandiego.com](http://www.waasandiego.com).