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Hey Steve,

I have 2 announcements this morning.

1. LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance is available today visit:

www.MeckNC.gov/ENERGY

or call 704.336.3000

2. JCSU is hosting a Veterans Event on 2/9, all are invited. Press release below:



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Wreaths Across America's Mobile Education Exhibit will visit Johnson C Smith
University in Charlotte NC to Honor Veterans and Supporters

CHARLOTTE, NC - (Home of Camp Green), 2023 — Wreaths Across America (WAA) is the organization most recognized for placing over 2.7 million veterans' wreaths at over 3700 locations nationally and abroad on National Wreaths Across America Day. However, the work to recognize our nation's veterans, military families, and active duty servicemembers is a yearlong effort. WAA is proud to announce that as part of its yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom, its Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE) will make a stop at Johnson C Smith University in Charlotte NC - (Home of Camp Green) on 02/09/2024 to share this mission with the community.

#### The stop will take place at:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Johnson C Smith University

100 Beatties Ford Rd., North Carolina - Charlotte NC North Carolina on 02/09/2024 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM

CHARLOTTE, NC - (Home of Camp Green) 2023 — Johnson C Smith University and Westside History Club are proud to announce a local stop for the WAA Mobile Education Exhibit national tour. The MEE will be free and open to the public locally at Johnson C Smith University 100 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte NC - (on 02/09/2024 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM.)

"The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember the fallen, Honor those who have served and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom," said Karen Worcester, Executive Director. "The Mobile Education Exhibit provides the unique opportunity for communities to come together and share the stories of those who served and sacrificed. Through our partnership with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, the Exhibit also serves as an official 'Welcome Home' location for our nation's Vietnam Veterans."

The MEE achieves this goal by bringing the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as serving as an official 'welcome home' station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans.

When the MEE pulls into the area, all veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community members are invited and encouraged to visit, take a tour, and speak with WAA representatives and volunteers. They can also share more about the national nonprofit, and the work its volunteers do to support our heroes and their communities year-round. Members of the media, dignitaries, veterans, and other interested groups are urged to come, ask questions, share stories, and experience this one-of-a-kind exhibit.

You can sponsor a veteran's wreath anytime to support the local WAA program at Cedar Grove Cemetery for \$17 at <a href="mailto:savecedargrove.org">savecedargrove.org</a>. Each sponsorship goes toward a live, balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 16, 2023, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

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### **About Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. For more information or to sponsor a wreath, please

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## NOTES TO MEDIA:

- INTERVIEWS: See local press contacts listed above by date or contact the national office for interviews with MEE Manager Trish Gardner.
- Please credit all imagery to WAA Staff.
- View the Wreaths Across America Media Resource Page here.
- Additional press photos and video can be made available via Dropbox or available upon email request at <a href="mailto:ssullivan@wreathsacrossamerica.org">ssullivan@wreathsacrossamerica.org</a>.

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