



## **Media Information**

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### **About Branson Veterans Task Force:**

Our board is composed of community- minded volunteers who work together to provide meaningful connections for Veterans in Branson. From special events to advocacy and even the upkeep of flags in town, BVTF makes it possible to “Welcome Home” thousands of Veterans each year in Branson.

### **Meet the Board:**

#### **Tom Forester**

President

#### **Bob Smither**

Treasurer

#### **Charles Jerman**

Secretary

#### **Becky Jewsbury**

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### **Event Specific Information**

#### **Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony 2021**

#### **About:**

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. We Shall Not Forget.

On Saturday, December 18th at 11AM, the Branson Veterans Task Force will be helping Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Right now, across the country at more than 2,700 memorial sites like this one we are gathered as One Nation to Remember, Honor, and Teach. We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of people from many walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom without fear. We're proud to host such a special event in Branson and we're doing our part to Live Up to Their Legacy!



**Ceremony At- A- Glance Schedule:**  
2nd Annual Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 18 th , 2021

- 8:15 AM CFI will meet with police escort: Highway 65 south – exit on Branson High Road/Highway F to meet police escort – Back on Highway 65 South - exit on 248 and travel down Branson Landing Blvd, across Taneycomo and then to the cemetery. We are asking for community support at the Branson Landing Area in front of Belk – Hilton etc.
- 8:30 AM CFI – Police and Fire Escort will go to cemetery
- 8:45 AM BVTF and Volunteers will unload and stage wreaths
- 10:30 AM Guests will start arriving
- 11:00 AM Jody Madaras will start ceremony
  - Moment of Silence – Jody Madaras
  - Prayer – Mike Pittman
  - Presentation of Colors – Branson Veterans of America Chapter 913
  - Pledge of Allegiance – Dominic Gianotti – Boy Scout
  - National Anthem – Krista Meadows
  - Opening Remarks – Jody Madaras
  - Guest Speaker – Mayor Larry Milton
  - Wreath Presentation – Jody Madaras
  - Rifle Volley – Branson Veterans of America Chapter 913
  - Closing Remarks – Jody Madaras
  - Retire the Colors – Branson Veterans of America Chapter 913
  - Instructions on laying wreaths – Jody Madaras