



**MAINE STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
VETERANS PROGRAM**

*A veteran is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."*

Brother Knights;

As you know Wreaths Across America is an organization dedicated to it's core mission of Remember, Honor & Teach. Once again the Maine State Council is proud to support the mission of placing a Veterans Wreath on the graves of the fallen at Arlington National Cemetery. Thank you to the Councils and Assemblies who have already stepped up with fundraisers and I would encourage you to consider organizing a fundraiser yourself. Please use the attached form when sending in donations.

I am very pleased to inform you that this year's escort, known as the **World's Longest Veterans Parade** will make a stop at Supreme Headquarters for a Veterans Wreath Ceremony at the WWII Memorial in the atrium of the Supreme Museum on **Tuesday December 8, 2015**. We will once again place a wreath at the Catholic Chaplains Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery on **Saturday December 12, 2015**.

On **Saturday September 26, 2015** we will be holding a Motorcycle Run to benefit Travis Mills and his retreat. The run will begin at his Veteran's Retreat with the First Lady of Maine riding on the lead Harley and it will continue to Wreaths Across America's Balsam Valley Amphitheater in Columbia Falls where they will be saluted in by the Saluting Marine from Rolling Thunder, SSG Tim Chambers. If you have or know of any bands that would like to attend and perform in support of Travis please let me know.

Please do not forget Operation Wheelchair as your scheduled support there is extremely important. If you are not scheduled and could lend a hand I ask that you contact the Operation Wheelchair Coordinator, PSD Bob King Sr.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Veterans

Vivat Jesus,

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