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WHAT STARTED OUT AS ONE MAN'S VISION TO HONOR FALLEN HEROES HAS BLOSSOMED INTO A NATIONAL TRIBUTE. A MAN FROM MAINE PERSONALLY DELIVERED MORE THAN 5-THOUSAND WREATHS TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. THIS YEAR HE HAD HELP, THANKS TO AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS.

SOUND: BELLS RINGING

ARMY CHAPLAIN: WELCOME TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

MORILL WORCESTER, FLORIST  
WE COME BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO GIVE BACK TO THE VETERANS.

CHAPLAIN: AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE SACRED DUTY OF HONORING THESE FALLEN HEROES TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOMS PURCHASED BY THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. WE'RE HERE TO HONOR ALL THE FALLEN VETERANS TODAY.

WORCESTER: MY NAME IS MORILL WORCESTER, AND THIS IS MY WIFE KAREN WE'VE BEEN LAYING WREATHS HERE IN ARLINGTON SINCE 1992 THIS OUR 15<sup>TH</sup> YEAR. I'M FROM HERRINGTON, MAINE. OUR BUSINESS IS MAKING CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND OTHER CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

UNKNOWN VOLUNTEER: THEY STARTED THIS WITH 50 PEOPLE AND TODAY WE HAD 500 TO 600 PEOPLE COME OUT.

UNKNOWN VOLUNTEER: AS YOU PLACE THAT WREATH, TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AT THAT NAME. A LOT OF THESE STONES DON'T HAVE PEOPLE ANYMORE TO COME BY AND PAY RESPECT.

STEVEN JONES, VOLUNTEER: I try and thank that person for their service to their country and try to send them thoughts of appreciation.

BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER: I'M VERY MOVED CAUSE THEY FOUGHT AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY.

JUSTIN CLARK, BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER: WHEN WE CAME OUT HERE. WE GOT TO SEE ALL THE VETERANS THAT HAVE FALLEN. I DIDN'T REALLY THINK IT WOULD BE THIS MUCH. BUT IT'S ACTUALLY A LOT. I KIND OF LIKE TO RESPECT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN AND FOUGHT FOR US, SO WE CAN LIVE HERE TODAY IN PEACE.

CHRISTINE DORR, VOLUNTEER: BOTH SETS OF MY GRANDPARENTS ARE BURIED OUT HERE, SO IT'S VERY EMOTIONAL AND I JUST WANT TO HONOR EVERYONE.

TONY FAISON, VOLUNTEER: TO BRING MY SON HERE IS THE ULTIMATE. I KEPT HIM OUT OF SCHOOL TODAY. HE NEEDED THIS IT WASN'T OUT OF A TEXT BOOK. IT'S REAL LIFE.

FRANK NIADER, VOLUNTEER: I WAS INVITED BY THE WORCESTER PEOPLE TO LAY A WREATH ON THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER. I HAD A BROTHER KILLED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

BUGLER PLAYS "TAPS"

NIADER: I DON'T WANT TO LET MY BROTHER'S NAME BE FORGOTTEN AND NOBODY SHOULD LET ANYBODY THAT'S KILLED OVER HERE, THEIR NAME FORGOTTEN OR FORGOT WHAT THEY DID.

UNKNOWN, VOLUNTEER: ULTIMATELY IT'S ABOUT SAYING "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE IN HERE.

CHAPLAIN: IN LIFE THEY HONOR THEIR COUNTRY. IN DEATH THEIR COUNTRY HONORS THEM.

BRADEN: AT THE EXACT TIME A WREATH WAS LAID AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER, A SIMILAR CEREMONY WAS TAKING PLACE AT OTHER STATE AND NATIONAL VETERANS CEMETERIES AROUND THE NATION.

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