



MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR TIM BURCHETT

400 Main Street, Suite 615, Knoxville, TN 37902

Mayor, Perceptics Foundation to make major Wreaths Across America announcement

When: Monday, November 2
10 a.m.

Where: Perceptics
11130 Kingston Pike

Background:

KNOXVILLE – Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will be joined by representatives from the Perceptics Foundation to make a major announcement concerning Mayor Burchett’s annual Wreaths Across America effort. They will be joined by Bernie Koprince, the volunteer Wreaths Across America location coordinator for the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway. Koprince is a Gold Star Mother and also a member of Rolling Thunder® TN3. The announcement will take place 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 2 at Perceptics, 11130 Kingston Pike.

Wreaths Across America is a national organization that works with local organizations to place to live wreaths on veterans’ graves during the holidays.

A \$15 sponsorship will pay for a wreath made of live greenery to be placed on a veteran’s grave at either the Old East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike, the New East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway or the Knoxville National Cemetery on Tyson Street near Old Gray Cemetery.

There are more than 15,000 veterans buried at the three veteran cemetery locations in Knox County.

Anyone wanting to sponsor a wreath can do so by visiting <http://www.knoxcounty.org> and clicking on the Wreaths Across America banner. The organization is also offering a “three-for-two” sponsorship special, which means it will donate a wreath for every two that are sponsored.

The deadline for online donations is Nov. 30, and the deadline for donations made by check is Nov. 23. Checks should be made payable to “Wreaths Across America” and mailed to 400 Main Street, Suite 615, Knoxville, TN 37902. The wreaths will be placed on the graves on Dec. 12.

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