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Wreaths Across America touches Levy County again



Levy County Commission Chairman John Meeks lays a wreath at the grave of an American veteran in Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson on Saturday (Dec. 12). Meeks is among the initiators of the Sons of AmVets of Bronson to be part of this national program, which is shown here to recognize veterans in Levy County.

Story and Photos

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BRONSON -- The Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 and the AmVets family meet at Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson for the 6th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony On Saturday (Dec. 12).

These ceremonies started back in 1992. Each year since then, more and more wreaths are being laid on the graves of veterans. It is touching to see what started out as an outreach effort to the gravesites who received less attention that is now a heartfelt honoring and remembrance of American veterans.



Part of the crowd at the event on Saturday (Dec. 12) is seen at the flagpole of the cemetery.

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VFW Post 5625 Honor Guard performs its duties to show respect for fallen veterans.



Frank Tennant lays a wreath at the gravesite.

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Jennifer Goodman, a member of AmVets Auxiliary 88 and AmVets 88 Riders, places a wreath.

As the wreaths are laid, each volunteer takes a moment to reflect on the life of the veteran who gave to his or her country while they served in the military.

Veterans deserve to be remembered, and that is why the AmVets family works hard to raise money that goes to various causes like this.

The ceremony included words from Sons of AmVets 88 Commander Bill Conquest, Levy County Commission Chairman John Meeks (who is a Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 member and among the initiators of this project in Levy County) and AmVets Post 88 Commander Dean Richards.

The AmVets note A big “Thank you” to the VFW Post 5625 (Chiefland) Honor Guard for conducting the 21 gun salute and playing taps.

The Sons of AmVets 88 would like to thank the members of the community who came out to participate in the wreath laying to help honor some of America’s fallen heroes.