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Wreaths Across America continues in Levy County



Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 celebrates Wreaths Across America at Rosemary Hill Cemetery with AmVets Post 88, the AmVets Post 88 Ladies Auxiliary and the AmVets Riders 88, as well as being joined by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Levy County. Special thanks is noted by Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 to VFW Post 5625 Chiefland Honor Guard for its help during the ceremony Saturday (Dec. 15).

Photo Provided By Bill Conquest and John Meeks

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LEVY COUNTY -- The Sons of AmVets Squadron 88 and the rest of the AmVets 88 family (AmVets Post 88, the AmVets Post 88 Ladies Auxiliary and the AmVets Riders 88) met at Rosemary Hill Cemetery in Bronson for the Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday (Dec. 15).

The Sons of AmVets also placed wreaths on the graves on veterans in the Jim Milton Cemetery.

There were 150 wreaths placed at Rosemary Hill Cemetery and 26 at Jim Milton Cemetery.

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While the ceremony was at Rosemary Hill Cemetery Bronson Mayor Bruce Greenlee and Squadron 88 First Vice Meeks placed the wreaths at Jim Milton Cemetery.

This was at least the third year that Jim Milton Cemetery was added to the honors bestowed annually in Bronson.

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The mission of Wreaths Across America, according to its website, is to remember, honor and teach. The group wants to reach out in part by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

These ceremonies started back in 1992 across the United States. Each year since then, more and more wreaths have been placed on the graves of veterans.

As the wreaths are laid, participants take a moment to reflect on the life that the veteran gave to his or her country. They deserve to be remembered, and that is why the AmVets family works hard to raise money that goes to various causes like this.

A big thank you goes out to the VFW 5625 Chiefland Honor Guard for conducting the 21-gun salute and playing taps.

Bronson Mayor Bruce Greenlee was present to represent the Town of Bronson.

The Sons of AmVets thank the members of the community who came out to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony, including the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Levy County. With the Scouts and everyone else participating again this year, the mission to remember, honor and teach was accomplished.