

Wreaths for Christmas

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First Lieutenant Shonna Rice, Civil Air Patrol Commander of the Gallup Composite Squadron, recently announced that the Raptors, as her unit is nicknamed, will be selling permanent cemetery wreaths for families and friends to honor the veterans they know.

Wreaths Across America and Civil Air Patrol have been working together since 2007 to honor veterans around the nation. Along with many other organizations helping out, there are now over 1000 cemeteries around the world working together to honor veterans. Every chance we get to acknowledge our veterans is for the better, and I feel this is a great way to bring the community together as a whole.

This project is also a fundraiser for our local CAP unit. For every wreath sponsored to honor and remember a veteran a small amount of funds is earned to be used towards cadet programs. Civil Air Patrol offers area youth a great opportunity to grow in character, leadership skills, aerospace education, physical fitness, team work, emergency services training, and community service. These cadet programs help today's youth become better leaders of tomorrow, and possible future veterans of our nation.

For more information, contact Shonna at (h) 505-905-6162 or (c) 505-979-2650. For more info on the Civil Air Patrol, visit gocivilairpatrol.com, nmcap.us, or capgallupraptors.com.

Also on the open market this holiday season are wreaths suitable for hanging inside or outside of your house. Veterans Helping Veterans are in charge of this project, and more info can be obtained by calling David Cuellar at 879-3333.