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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Town of Wallingford is proud to host a public event stop in this year's annual Wreaths Across America "Escort to Arlington". The event will take place on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Wallingford Town Hall.

For those unfamiliar with Wreaths Across America, we encourage you to learn more about their mission by visiting <a href="www.wreathsacrossamerica.org">www.wreathsacrossamerica.org</a> and listening to live escort coverage on Wreaths Across America Radio.

The "escort" will be a convoy of approximately 15 tractor trailers carrying wreaths which are destined for Arlington National Cemetery, along with approximately 50 support vehicles that will arrive in Wallingford at approximately 1:00 pm on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The convoy will exit I-91 southbound at exit 15 (Route 68) and travel west on Route 68 to Route 5. The convoy will travel south on Route 5 to Center Street, east on Center Street, then south on South Main Street to the ceremony stop at Town Hall.

After the ceremony, the convoy will travel south on South Main Street to South Elm Street, turning left onto Route 5 southbound, to the Wharton Brook Connector, where they will travel back on I-91.

Please expect traffic delays along the escort route.

Members of the public are encouraged to line the convoy route to honor American Gold Star Mothers, The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the VFW Auxiliary, AMVETS, and other Veteran Service Organizations traveling with the wreaths. The convoy will also include Members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Patriot Riders, and law enforcement from across New England.

Pursuant to a State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation Highway Use Permit and Chapter 216 of the Wallingford Town Code, the following road closures and parking prohibitions will be in effect for all vehicular traffic on Tuesday, December 9, 2025:

**South Main Street**, between the intersection of Center Street and Prince Street will be closed to all motor vehicle traffic starting at 11:30 am. Parking on South Main Street will be prohibited starting at 11:00 am.

**Center Street (eastbound only)**, between the intersection of Main Street and Whittlesey Avenue will be closed to all motor vehicle traffic once the convoy reaches Center Street.

**Prince Street (eastbound only)**, between the intersection of Main Street and the upper Town Hall driveway will be closed to all motor vehicle traffic at approximately 12:30 pm.

## **MEDIA:**

Members of the media are invited to cover the ceremony at Town Hall and are welcome along the escort route; Route 68, Route 5, and Center Street.