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**City of Belleview to join American Legion Post 284 to Honor Veterans with Wreath Placing Ceremony at Belleview Cemetery on December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Belleview, FL** – The City of Belleview, in collaboration with American Legion Post 284 of Belleview, will hold a wreath-placing ceremony to honor veterans resting at Belleview Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Close to 300 wreaths will be carefully placed by Legion members and City staff, serving as a powerful tribute to the memory and sacrifices of these local heroes.

The event, sponsored by local businesses Mojo's and ACE Hardware, underscores a community united in gratitude for our veterans. B&B Graphics has generously provided collection buckets to raise funds for the wreaths, ensuring every honored veteran receives this gesture of respect into the future.

Families, friends, and community members are warmly invited to attend. Anyone interested in honoring a loved one may contact Brian Ploetz, 2nd Vice Commander of Post 284, at [read-tired@charter.net](mailto:read-tired@charter.net) for more information.

Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager for the City of Belleview, expressed the city's commitment to this ceremony: "Working side-by-side with the American Legion for this ceremony is truly an honor. Each wreath represents the deep appreciation we feel for the men and women who served and sacrificed so much for our freedom. We are proud to help uphold their legacy and to come together as a community to pay our respects."

Mayor Christine Dobkowski also emphasized the significance of the event, saying, "Our veterans are the backbone of our nation's history and values. This wreath-placing ceremony is an opportunity for all of us to come together in unity, gratitude, and remembrance. It's vital that we honor these heroes and ensure their stories of courage and dedication live on in our community."

Brian Ploetz, 2nd Vice Commander of Post 284, expressed his gratitude for the community's support: "This ceremony holds deep meaning for all of us at the Legion and for our community. Placing a wreath on each grave is a simple but profound way to say, 'We remember. We are grateful.' We encourage families, friends, and the Belleview community to join us in reflecting on the service of these brave individuals who gave so much."

The City of Belleview and American Legion Post 284 invite everyone to join this day of remembrance and respect.