Castle Oaks Covenant Church Uniform Services Support Ministry Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: In accordance with our Covenant Affirmations, the mission for the Uniform Services Support Ministry is to join with the Castle Oaks community to recognize and proactively support active and veteran members of the uniform military armed forces and first responders within Castle Oaks Church and the larger Castle Rock community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Wreaths Across America: Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

This year's ceremony will be on **December 18**th at Castle Rock's Cedar Hill Cemetery. The observance will start at 10:00. Please plan to be there early as there is limited parking along with many volunteers. Cedar Hill has over 450 veterans interred in the cemetery. The observance at Cedar Hill Cemetery will be held at the Veterans Memorial gardens at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 880 E. Wolfensberger Road, Castle Rock.



Military Appreciation at the National Western Stock Show: Our hats are off to past and present servicemen and women of our armed forces who have sacrificed so much as we recognize Veterans Day. To those who have unselfishly served our country with pride and grace - we salute you.

The recognition and celebration continue on January 18th, 2022, when we will again acknowledge the brave soldiers at the NWSS Military Appreciation Rodeo. Join us for a night packed with pro rodeo action, the fun antics of rodeo funnyman Justin Rumford, the Westernaires presented by Sunward Steel, and fan-favorite Frontier Airlines Mutton Bustin'.

Click on the link below to purchase tickets for the January 18th rodeo and show:

National Western Stock Show, Rodeo, Horse Show | Online Ticket Office | Pro Rodeo (evenue.net)

Grab your red, white, and blue - and join us for a special military appreciation!

In addition to events above, the following dates are recognized through the rest of 2021:

• Pearl Harbor Day: December 7, 2021

• National Guard Birthday: December 13, 2021

National Vietnam Veterans Day: March 29, 2022



PASS THE WORD: If you are currently serving or have served in the military or as a first responder, we want to be a support to you and your family! Please let us know you are here, and if you know of others, tell them about USSM. You can share this newsletter or an information card (available in the Welcome Center at Castle Oaks), or you can share our website. You can find more info, complete a survey, and share your information with us there:

<u>Uniform Services Support — Castle Oaks Covenant Church</u> <u>https://www.castleoaks.org/ussm</u>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: There will be volunteer opportunities for both adults and children. Pick up a Castle Oaks Church Uniform Services Support Ministry information or visit the USSM web page.

We continually seek ideas and suggestions from our USSM members and friends, so if you have an idea that fits within our mission, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you!

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