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K-Limited Carrier, MCS Trucking Among Wreaths Across America Participants

Assists in Placing Wreaths on
Arlington National Cemetery Graves

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 6, 2015 – Toledo, Ohio-based trucking companies K-Limited Carrier Ltd., and MCS Trucking Services swapped their cargo for holiday wreaths to participate in the 2014 edition of Wreaths Across America (WAA) last month. WAA, working with the Truckload of Respect program of the Truckload Carriers Association, relies on more than 1,000 fundraising groups in every U.S. state to place wreaths on veterans' graves in more than 900 cemeteries, military memorials and other locations, including Arlington National Cemetery.

WAA was first held in 1992, when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company, Harrington, Maine, made arrangements to have his surplus of wreaths placed on the graves in an older section of Arlington National Cemetery (which received fewer visitors as the years passed). Word of the program spread, and by 2005, thousands of requests began to pour in from across the country – to help with the Arlington project and to begin similar projects in other cemeteries. The wreath laying is held annually on the second or third Saturday of December, with a pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery. In what has become the world's largest veteran's parade, the convoy stops at schools, monuments, veterans' homes and communities along the way.

On Dec. 13, 2014, WAA placed wreaths on the more than 234,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the cemetery's 150th anniversary. The group also worked with its international network of trucking companies and wreath suppliers to decorate up to 800 cemeteries and other locations across the U.S. and in 13 countries around the world.

K-Limited participated in the wreath delivery with a trailer from Lakeshore Utility Trailer, and a tractor and fuel from General Truck Sales, both located in the Greater Toledo, Ohio, area. For K-Limited driver Ron Hawkins, the 2014 WAA was his second. "For my first year, in 2010, I participated in the honor convoy a week before the event. Beginning in Maine, we stopped each day at events along the coast. It was a very special experience," he said.

For the 2014 WAA, Hawkins was one of up to 40,000 volunteers shipping and laying wreaths. "When I arrived at Arlington National Cemetery, it took only

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two to three hours to unload all the trucks,” he said. “Then we (drivers) were able to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony.”

Hawkins, a U.S. Army veteran, was eager to participate in WAA. “Especially because of my service history, I was thrilled to have participated in this program, and especially to spend time at Arlington National Cemetery. I’m very proud to be able to honor our veterans like this.”

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