

## Walmart and Women In Trucking participate in Wreaths Across America

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Plover, WI: More than 100,000 wreaths were placed on military graves across the nation last month to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Walmart driver and member of Women In Trucking, Cher Straw, was one of those chosen to deliver the wreaths to one of the nearly 400 locations in the U.S.

Straw, who served in the Navy, and currently drives for Walmart's Private Fleet participated in the ceremony in Houston, Texas. She delivered the 20 inch live balsam wreaths decorated with red ribbons to the Houston National Cemetery on Saturday, December 12.

"Walmart was honored to partner with Wreaths Across America and other local organizations to place memorial wreaths on the graves of U.S. military personnel and spouses buried in our national cemeteries," said Natalie Gandy, Regional Transportation Manager, who attended the ceremony on behalf of Walmart's Private Fleet.



Photo Cher Straw courtesy Walmart

The event was organized by Wreaths Across America, ([wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org)) which is a nonprofit organization based in Harrington, Maine and is an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project. The ceremonies were held in all fifty states and in several locations in Iraq as well as in 24 national cemeteries around the world. Many of the deliveries were coordinated through efforts of the trucking community, who volunteered their time and equipment for the event.

The program started in 1992 by Morrill Worcester, President of the Worcester (Maine) Wreath Company, when he donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

As Natalie Gandy observed the ceremony, she remarked, "We are especially proud that Cher Straw, herself a Navy veteran, was able to assist in transporting wreaths to the Houston National Cemetery. She represents Walmart and the significant role that women play today in the trucking industry," Gandy added.

Straw is one of Walmart's ([www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)) Private Fleet drivers and is also a member of Women In Trucking Association ([www.womenintrucking.org](http://www.womenintrucking.org)), an organization established to encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry, promote their accomplishments and minimize obstacles faced by women working in the trucking industry.

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