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**Wreaths Across America**

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CAL FIRE Tehama-Glenn Unit - Valley View Fire Center  
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Dear Battalion Chiefs Whitlock and Wells,

On behalf of the Orland Cemetery District and the Friends of the Orland Cemetery District, we wish to formally express our sincere appreciation for your authorization of CAL FIRE Crew #1 to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremony held on December 13, 2025, at the Orland Cemetery District's IOOF Cemetery in Orland, California.

Under the leadership of Fire Captain James Silva, Crew #1 conducted themselves with exemplary professionalism throughout the ceremony. Fire Captain Silva and his crew members are to be commended for their conduct and dedication, as they represented the Tehama-Glenn Unit (TGU) and the Valley View Fire Center to the highest standards. The crew members were consistently courteous, respectful, and attentive, and they provided invaluable assistance with the placement of wreaths upon our Veterans' gravesites. Their actions reflected the highest standards of CAL FIRE and demonstrated a deep respect for those who have served our nation.

In collaboration with the Orland Volunteer Fire Department, CAL FIRE Crew #1 exemplified the utmost professionalism and commitment to public service. This joint effort was observed by County Supervisors, City leaders, and members of our community, all of whom witnessed firsthand the positive impact of two dedicated public safety organizations working together in a spirit of unity and respect.

We fully recognize and appreciate that the primary responsibility of CAL FIRE crews is fire suppression and emergency response. For that reason, we are especially grateful for your support in allowing participation in this solemn and meaningful event. It is our sincere hope that CAL FIRE may be able to join us at this ceremony on an annual basis, should circumstances permit.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your leadership and support. Photographs taken during the event will be included with this letter for your records.

Respectfully,

*Staci Buttermore**Dottie Tefelski*

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