2014 Wreath-laying Event, Saturday, December 13th starting at 9:00 AM rain or shine – arrive early!



We became involved in the wreath project for the Yountville Veterans Home, after one of our members attended the 2008 wreath laying ceremony. There were only 13 wreaths placed that year. Our goal every year is to adorn even more of the cemetery's 5700+ headstones with its own wreath, with the hope of someday covering them all. We need your help again this holiday season. Please join us, our community, and local businesses in showing your respect and remembrance for our veterans and their families by donating to this special cause.

The Veterans Home of California -Yountville, was opened in 1884 on 910 acres. Now situated on 550+ acres, their cemetery has many unique distinctions. Among them are:

- Run for nearly 30 years by one of the most decorated soldiers of WWI Col. Nelson Holderman
- The "Unknown Soldier" is a Veteran of the Civil War
- Has the Largest group of Spanish American War Veterans in the Nation
- Has never been racially segregated (as many cemeteries were dating back this far)
- The current location is the 3rd site for the cemetery
- Was originally owned and operated by a non-profit corporation, selling the home to the State in 1896

Checks may be made payable to:

Rough Riders M/C (Please put "Yountville Wreaths" in the memo section) **And mailed to (postmark by 11/14/2014):**

Rough Riders M/C 420 N Jackson, Suite C Dixon, CA 95620

OR payments may be made online:

Paypal @ wreathsforyountville@aol.com

Or

Fundraise.com

If link above does not work you can copy or paste address below into your browser. https://www.fundraise.com/rough-riders-motorcycle-club-incorporated/wreaths-for-yountville

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Thank you for your support of this great and powerful community project. Help us spread the word by printing this letter and sharing it with friends, family and co-workers, and by forwarding this email to **EVERYONE** in your address book.

Sincerely,
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