

Hytera America Donates Radios to Wreaths Across America

Push to Talk over Cellular Donation Provides Communications for Caravan to Arlington National Cemetery



Irvine, Dec 17, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - On Tuesday, December 15th, Wreaths Across America started the annual caravan to deliver wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 19th. The caravan started in Maine and will travel across six East Coast states, lead by Grand Marshal Cindy Tatum, the National President of American Gold Star Mothers Inc. (AGSM). Escort participants include American Gold Star Families, Blue Star Families, veterans, volunteers, and supporters from across the country.

The logistic support for the annual caravan is coordinated by Chief Janine Roberts of the Westbrook Police Department. The caravan is escorted by Commander Trooper Robert Burke of the Maine State Police Honor Guard, who will manage convoy operations along the route, along with eight officers from five different police departments.

Hytera provided 35 PNC370 Push-to-Talk over Cellular (PoC) radios to Wreaths Across America that enable communications between caravan drivers, police escort vehicles, volunteers, and staff. The radios are connected to the Hytera HALO cloud-based server and the T-Mobile LTE network using SIM cards donated by Choice IoT through their VP of Sales Jim Vicatos. Both the nationwide T-Mobile and Hytera HALO PoC services were donated to Wreaths Across America.

“The radio system donated by Hytera and Choice IoT are integral to our convoy participants relaying pertinent information during the caravan,” said Chief Roberts. “They also enable our safety briefings that ensure safe COVID-19 practices and social distancing.”

Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, limits were placed on the size of the caravan and the number of stops along the route. Most of the trailers of wreaths have arrived separately at Arlington National Cemetery, and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment will safely lay and recover approximately 267,000 wreaths to honor our nation's heroes and their family members. The cemetery will be closed to the general public from December 13th to the 18th, but family pass holders are welcome to visit and place their private wreaths and flowers. On Saturday, December 19 a small group of Wreaths Across America team members will place wreaths in a designated section of the cemetery.

This is the second year Hytera has provided PoC radios to Wreaths Across America. The ability to quickly deploy the radio system over a wide has been essential to coordinating the caravan across multiple states.

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