



The Friends of Valley Forge Park

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PECO Gives Back

A generous \$15,000 contribution from PECO will help continue two signature programs that fell into jeopardy as a result of funding cut-backs – *Wreaths Across America* and *Once Upon A Nation*.



Thanks to PECO's sponsorship, the Friends of Valley Forge Park will be participating in *Wreaths Across America*, a national ceremony held annually on the second Saturday in December to commemorate fallen soldiers, for its second consecutive year. "It is especially relevant that such an event be held at Valley Forge, where so many lost their lives for the original cause of freedom and independence," says Don Naimoli, Chairman of the Board of the Friends of Valley Forge Park. "We are exceedingly grateful to our friends at PECO who share our commitment to honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout our country's history."

"It is because of the tremendous sacrifice of our veterans that we are able to enjoy the freedoms we have today," said PECO representative Suzanne Ryan, also noting that over 5% of PECO's workforce are veterans of the US Armed forces.

PECO's sponsorship also ensures that interpretive storytelling benches at the Visitor Center, Train Station and Varnum's Quarters will continue in 2012 through *Once Upon a Nation*. The program, presented by Historic Philadelphia, Inc., brings history to life by providing daily storytelling, narrated tours, and evening dinner tours in the Park from May through September.

