



The White House Historical Association Celebrates Fifth Annual Presidents' Day Wreath Laying Tradition Abroad

U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Cultural Organizations Around the World Join in Wreath Laying Ceremonies Honoring Past American Presidents and Their Cultural Impacts

February 19, 2026 (Washington, D.C.) – The White House Historical Association partnered with U.S. embassies, consulates, and cultural organizations to host Presidents' Day Wreath Laying ceremonies around the world. Wreaths were placed at presidential statues and memorials abroad, honoring the history of American presidents globally and underscoring the meaningful international diplomacy and leadership that each memorial represents.

[\[See images of 2026 wreath placements around the world\]](#)

“These ceremonies are a testament to the cultural and personal ties that presidents have established with other nations,” said Stewart McLaurin, president of the White House Historical Association. “It is an honor to recognize this shared history through annual events with a growing network of participating countries, especially as the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.”

The tradition began in 2022 when the Association worked with the U.S. Consulate in Edinburgh, the Scottish Government, and the City of Edinburgh to place a wreath at the statue of President Abraham Lincoln, which commemorates Scots who fought for the Union during the Civil War. The wreath placement tradition has now expanded to include over 20 countries around the world.

These Presidents' Day ceremonies are a reminder of the strong connections American presidents have fostered through history on the world stage.

[Learn more about the Association's annual Wreath Laying tradition.](#)

About The White House Historical Association

Founded in 1961 by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, the White House Historical Association is the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization entrusted with preserving and sharing the history of the White House. Supported entirely by private philanthropy and the sale of educational books and products, the Association reaches millions of students, teachers, and lifelong learners through research and

scholarship initiatives, public programming, and the authoritative titles published by its independent press. Throughout each presidency, the Association works with the Offices of the First Lady and the White House Curator to acquire and preserve historic objects for the White House Fine and Decorative Arts Collection. The Association also operates The People's House: A White House Experience, a free, immersive, educational museum in Washington, D.C., which welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit WhiteHouseHistory.org.

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