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REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SMITH TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL VETERANS CAMPING EVENT TO BRING PTSD AWARENESS

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) announced today that Representative David Smith, District 18 and Vice Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee is set to host the first annual veterans camping event April 1st-3rd, 2022. The event is scheduled to raise awareness on PTSD for veterans and is offered at no cost to the veterans who wish to attend.

The camping event is being sponsored by Pete's Place of Krebs, Pruetts Food Stores of Oklahoma, Kevin Beaty of KWSEOK Keller Williams Realty of McAlester, and Sam Wampler's Freedom Ford of McAlester.

Speakers scheduled to attend the event are United States Senator James Lankford, Speaker Charles McCall of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Executive Director Joel Kintsel of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as other distinguished guests.

The 45th Infantry Museum will also be offering the display of two armored humvees, a 5-ton, as well as an impressive weapons display.

RSVPs to the event must be received no later than March 29th, 2022 and can be delivered to 918-429-5334 or 918-429-8943.

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About ODVA

The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs provides resources and services to military veterans residing in the state of Oklahoma including assistance with state and federal veterans' benefits, disability claims, burial and survivor benefits, healthcare, employment, education, suicide prevention, entrepreneurship and veteran-owned businesses, women veteran services and veterans in agriculture. ODVA also operates seven long-term care facilities throughout Oklahoma. To learn more, visit www.oklahoma.gov/veterans