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VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY MESSAGE TO OKLAHOMA VETERANS

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Leaders of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and the Oklahoma Veterans Commission extend their heartfelt gratitude to all Oklahoma Vietnam Veterans on this Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day.

“Today, March 29, we honor our Vietnam Veterans. While it saddens us that these veterans were not welcomed home with the accolades and support they had earned, it is our honor to repay the debt of gratitude owed for their selfless service and sacrifice. It is so important that all Oklahomans take the opportunity to express their appreciation to our Vietnam veterans. They are heroes whose love of country inspired their faithful service when called upon.” -Joel Kintsel, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

“It is our honor to celebrate and remember our servicemen and women who defended freedom, democracy, and the American way of life a world away. We reverently remember the nearly 1,000 Oklahomans whom we loved and lost or were seriously injured during the Vietnam era. We also celebrate the military service and the lives well lived of those men and women we now call veterans who thankfully, returned home to us.” -Executive Deputy Director, Sarah Lane

Through your service yesterday, today, and tomorrow, you’ve built an America that is strong, safe and free. Vietnam Veterans, we thank you for your service!

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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