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ODVA LEADERSHIP THANKS SULPHUR VETERANS CENTER STAFF AND MURRAY COUNTY FIRE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) would like to express its deep gratitude to the staff of the Sulphur Veterans Center as well as the Murray County Emergency Services personnel and the Sulphur Fire Department in response to their combined efforts to protect the veterans living at the Sulphur Veterans Center from the approaching wildfires on Sunday evening.

According to the Oklahoma Wildfire and Smoke Map website, as many as twelve wildfires burned at various times to the south and southeast of Veterans Lake in Sulphur, Oklahoma beginning Saturday evening and continuing until noon on Monday. Rain brought relief to the region on Monday morning and ended all ongoing wildfires by that afternoon.

ODVA Executive Director Joel Kintsel stated, “We are very thankful for the hard work of the Sulphur staff who were ready and organized for an evacuation of the Sulphur Veterans Center if needed. Likewise, we are so grateful for the emergency services personnel in Sulphur and Murray County that not only fought the fires in the area but also worked closely with us to make sure our veterans were safe.”

“Things were touch and go on Sunday evening, but we came through it because of the amazing team we have here at the Sulphur Veterans Center,” said Pam Arms, Administrator, Sulphur Veterans Center. “I am super proud of the relationship the Sulphur Veterans Center has with the City of Sulphur and Murray County who worked so hard to keep us safe and kept us informed of the status of the danger nearby.”

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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