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Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Supports Senator Lankford's Veterans History Project at the Oklahoma American Legion Veterans Annual Conference

Oklahoma City, OK – July 16, 2024 – The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) is honored to announce its support of Senator James Lankford's office in the Veterans History Project, in partnership with the Library of Congress, at the upcoming Oklahoma American Legion Veterans Annual Conference. This significant event will take place on July 18th, 19th, and 20th from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Embassy Suites, located at 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

The Veterans History Project (VHP) collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. The project is an initiative of the Library of Congress and relies on volunteers and partnerships across the nation to gather these invaluable stories.

"We are deeply committed to honoring and preserving the legacies of our veterans," said Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Director Shawn Kirkland. "Collaborating with Senator Lankford's office and the Library of Congress in the Veterans History Project aligns with our mission to ensure that the voices and experiences of Oklahoma's veterans are remembered and cherished for generations to come."

During the conference, veterans will have the opportunity to share their stories, which will be recorded and submitted to the Library of Congress. These interviews will be preserved as part of a national archive that serves as an enduring testament to the sacrifices and contributions of our military service members.

The Oklahoma American Legion Veterans Annual Conference is a distinguished gathering that brings together veterans, their families, and supporters from across the state. The ODVA will be present throughout the event, providing information and assistance on the various programs and services available to veterans in Oklahoma.

For more information about the Veterans History Project or the ODVA's participation in the Oklahoma American Legion Veterans Annual Conference, please contact the ODVA at (405) 522-4026, cell (405) 613-6804 or email daron.hoggatt@odva.ok.gov.