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Oklahoma Cross of Valor to be Presented to R.D. Lawrence at the Oklahoma State Capitol

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), in partnership with the Office of the Governor, is proud to announce a special ceremony honoring R.D. Lawrence with the Oklahoma Cross of Valor — one of the state's highest awards for valor and service.
The presentation will take place on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in the Hall of Heroes at the Oklahoma State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The Oklahoma Cross of Valor is awarded to individuals who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, or other periods of war, campaign, or battle in which the United States participated. Eligible recipients must have been officially listed as a captive by the enemy and honorably discharged from military service.

This solemn ceremony will bring together members of the Oklahoma Legislature, state officials, veterans, military families, and community members to honor Mr. Lawrence's service. The program will include remarks from state leaders and the formal presentation of the medal.

Event Details:
Occasion: Presentation of the Oklahoma Cross of Valor to R.D. Lawrence
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Location: Hall of Heroes, Oklahoma State Capitol
Address: 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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About the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs:
The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that all Oklahoma veterans and their families receive the highest quality services and support. Through a variety of programs, ODVA provides benefits assistance, and other essential services and programs to enhance the well-being of veterans across the state.

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