



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**Oklahoma Establishes Oklahoma Veterans Foundation to Enhance Support for Veterans**

OKLAHOMA CITY — Governor Stitt signed into law the creation of the State of Oklahoma Veterans Foundation—a transformative step for Oklahomans and, most importantly, for our Veterans.

This landmark legislation establishes an official state-overseen non-profit organization, enabling it to accept and manage donations from residents, other non-profits, and supporters. These resources can now be directed to assist Oklahoma Veterans in impactful ways beyond the scope of Federal or State funding.

Authored by Senator Kelly Hines (R) and Representative Nicole Miller (R), SB 530 empowers the Foundation to receive private donations and contributions, enhancing the state’s ability to provide services and programs for veterans. The bill includes an emergency clause, allowing it to take immediate effect upon signing.

“This legislation marks a significant step forward in our commitment to Oklahoma’s veterans,” said Senator Hines. “By establishing the Foundation, we can leverage private support to supplement state resources, ensuring our veterans receive the care and recognition they deserve.”

Representative Nicole Miller added, “Oklahoma’s veterans have earned more than our gratitude—they deserve sustained, meaningful support. This foundation gives us a powerful new tool to bring additional resources to those who’ve served, and I’m proud to stand behind this initiative.”

The bill received unanimous support in the Senate, passing 47–0 on March 10, 2025, and was approved by the House Veterans and Military Affairs Committee on April 10, 2025.

The Foundation will operate as a private, not-for-profit organization, incorporated under Oklahoma law, and will work in coordination with the OVC and the ODVA to identify and address the needs of the state’s veteran population.

On behalf of Oklahoma’s Veterans, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Governor Stitt for his steadfast support, as well as to Senator Hines and Representative Miller for sponsoring this significant legislation.



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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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