

“Field of Heroes” Memorial Day Empty Boot Display

May 27th 2022
through
May 30th 2022

Located

Veterans Park
1028 E 6th St.
Tulsa OK 74210

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**2021
MEMORIAL DAY
FIELD OF HEROES**

*Remembering those that have given their All
while serving our Nation*

All over the country, since the beginning of the War on Terror, Veteran organizations and military installations have been honoring our Fallen Heroes with the very moving display of 'empty boots' laid across wide open spaces reminding visitors of the sacrifices made by the Heroes represented by each pair of 'empty boots.'

Displays will vary, boot colors will change, names and pictures will be different; but, they will all serve the same purpose - to ensure that we all

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Survivor Outreach Services – Oklahoma and Tulsa VFW Post 577 are proud to bring back to Tulsa the *Field of Heroes*. Each boot you see here is representative of an Oklahoma Fallen Hero; someone's spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, sister, brother, uncle, aunt, cousin, battle buddy. They stood bravely and gave everything they had. **WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND HONOR THEIR SACRIFICES.**

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In conjunction with Oklahoma Outreach Services (Gold Star Families), Tulsa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 577, AARP of Oklahoma, Spirit AeroSystems Veterans Committee, United Aerospace Workers Local 952, Eagle Ops, BSA Troop 2222, numerous additional organizations and individual citizens who dedicate hundreds of volunteer hours and funds to present the “Field of Heroes” in Veterans Park Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Display consisted of 410 empty boots representing those Oklahoma Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen or Coastguardsmen who have perished in combat operations since 9/11. Fallen Service members from previous conflicts are added by request from their survivors or fellow service member. Each empty boot is represented with a US Flag, Name, Photo, Branch and date the service member made their ultimate sacrifice.

The display began in 2019 and exponentially grown every year following. This year the display will be open to the public from Saturday May 27th 2022 06:00AM and last until the evening of Monday May 30th 2022 04:00PM.



There were numerous moments during the event that include a Tulsa Police Officer stepping out of his patrol car in the driving rain on Sunday morning at 03:00AM to play Amazing Grace on his bagpipes in remembrance of a fallen friend represented by a pair of boots within the display.

In 2019 during the Memorial Day flooding, Fort Gibson National Cemetery was unreachable due to flooding conditions. Our “Field of Heroes” Memorial became the only location so many families could conduct a graveside remembrance.

Every year Gold Star Mothers are found sitting for hours adjacent to the boots representative of their child and for some Gold Star Children this display has been the first representation of their parents sacrifice as well as our Tulsa communities remembrance of that sacrifice. Each Gold Star family is given a crocheted Poppy to attach to the boot in remembrance of their fallen Hero. By the end of the display hundreds of those poppies have been attached to the boots, representing number of families that have attended.



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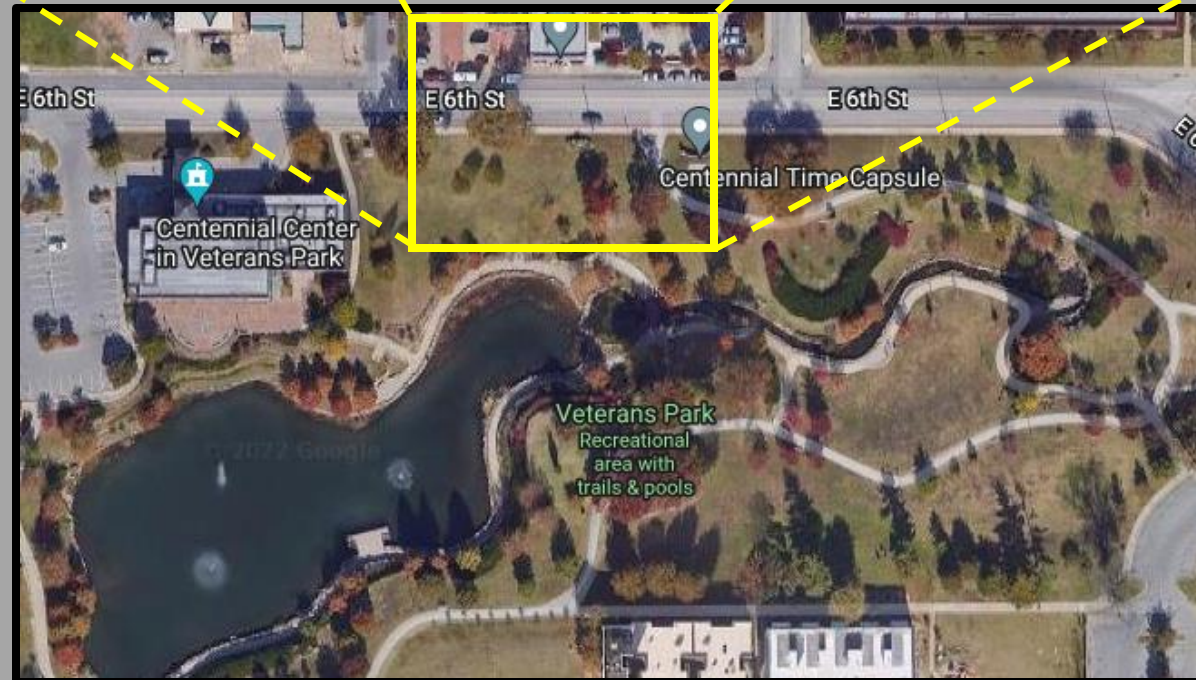
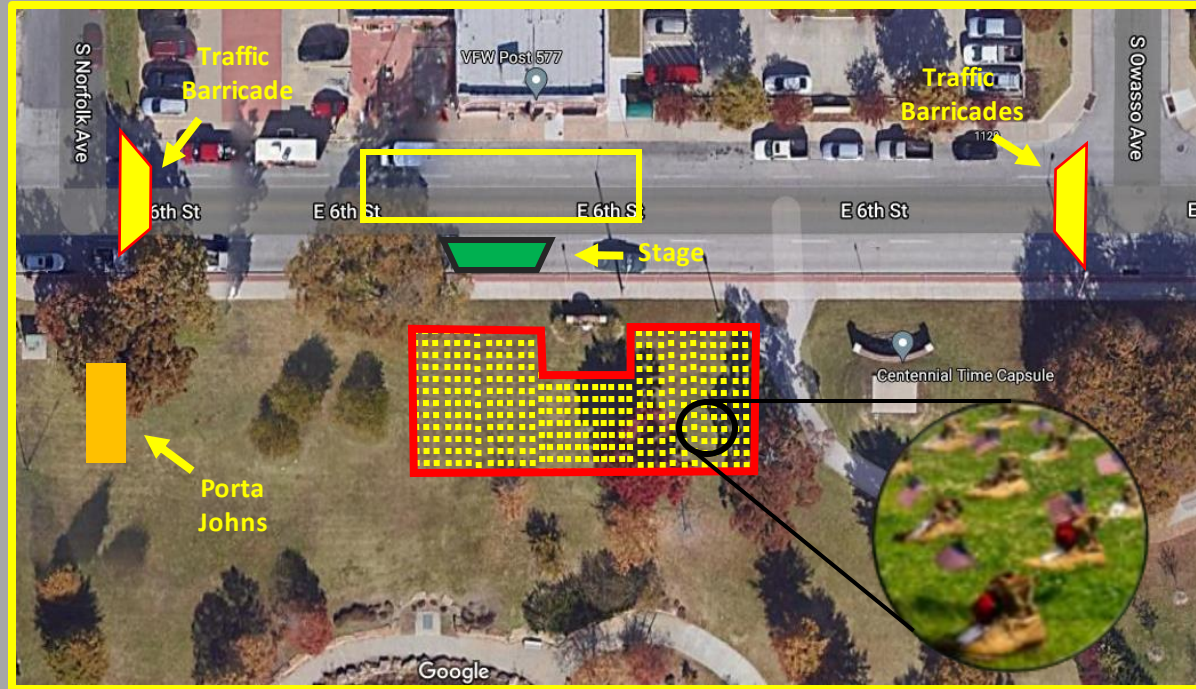
Timeline:

May 27th 2022 06:00PM through
May 30th 2022 04:00 PM

May 27th 06:00 PM Site setup:
Installation of lights, Porta Johns,
Signs, Hand Sanitizer and Boots.

May 28th 06:00AM Open to
Visitors continuing operations
until May 30th 4:00PM

May 28th 12:00 PM Barricades
emplaced at intersections S.
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Owasso Ave / E. 6th St.



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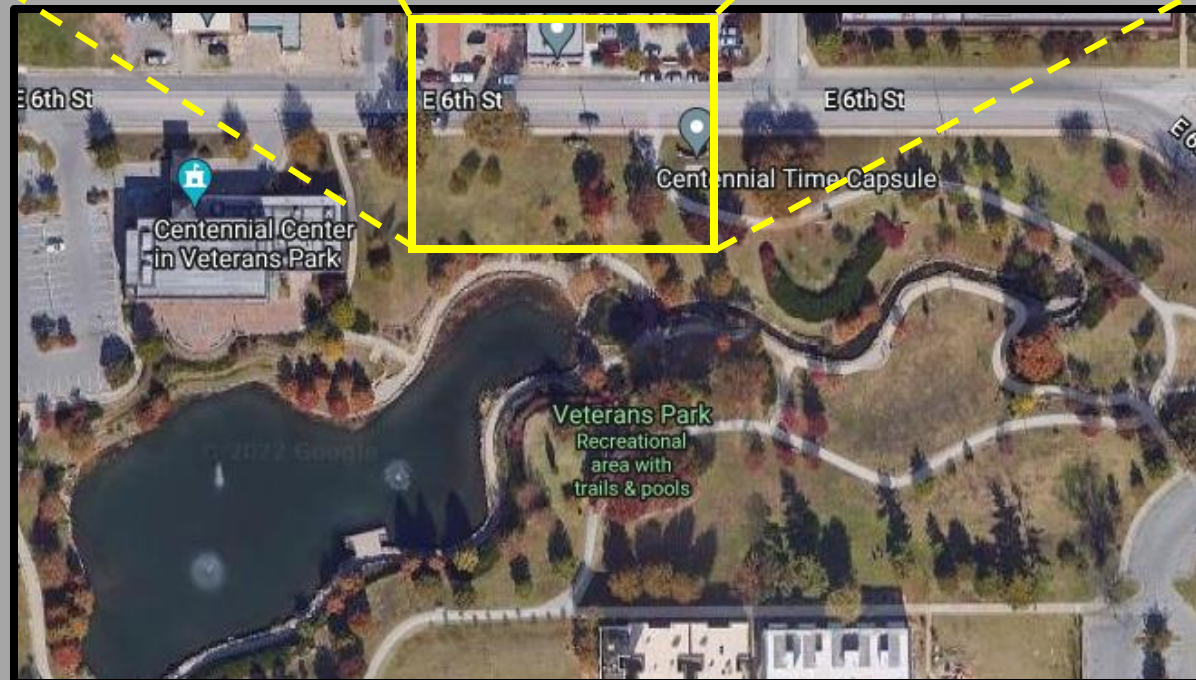
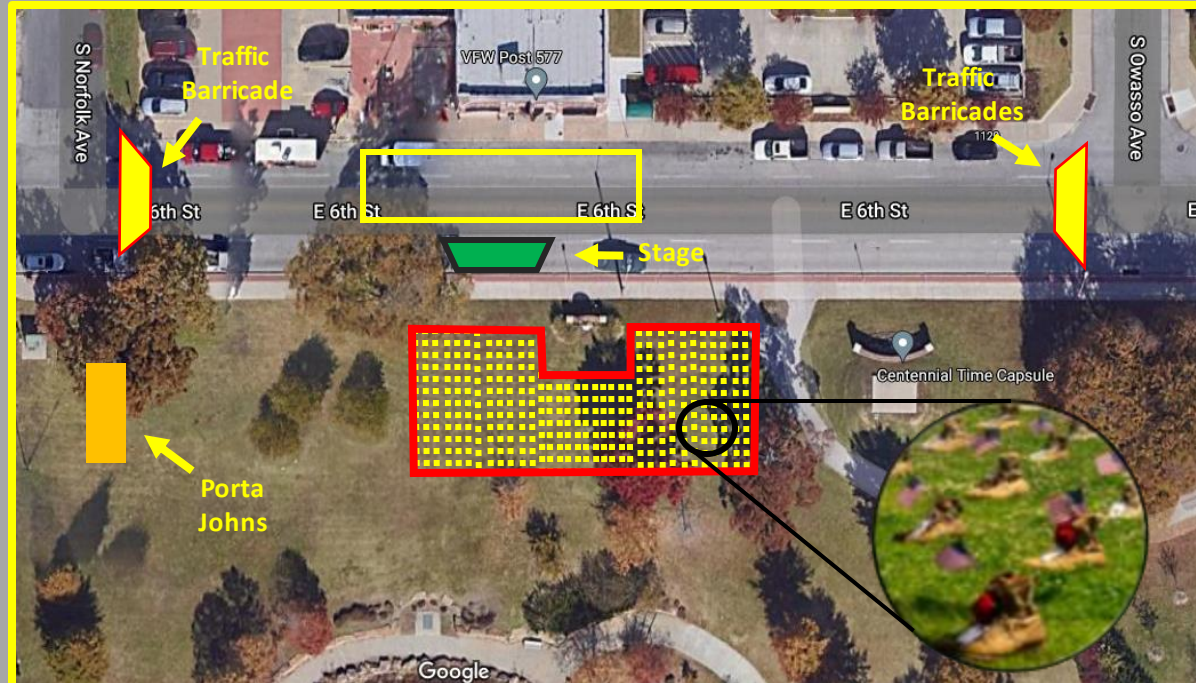
May 28th 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Stage emplaced on 6th Street in
front of Tulsa VFW.

May 28th 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Opening Ceremony with guest
speakers, media, and public.

May 28th 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Stage
removed from 6th Street in front of
Tulsa VFW.

May 28th 4:00 PM Barricades
removed from intersections S.
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Owasso Ave / E. 6th St.

May 30th 4:00PM Breakdown of
Boots, Display, Porta Johns,
Lighting and Signage.



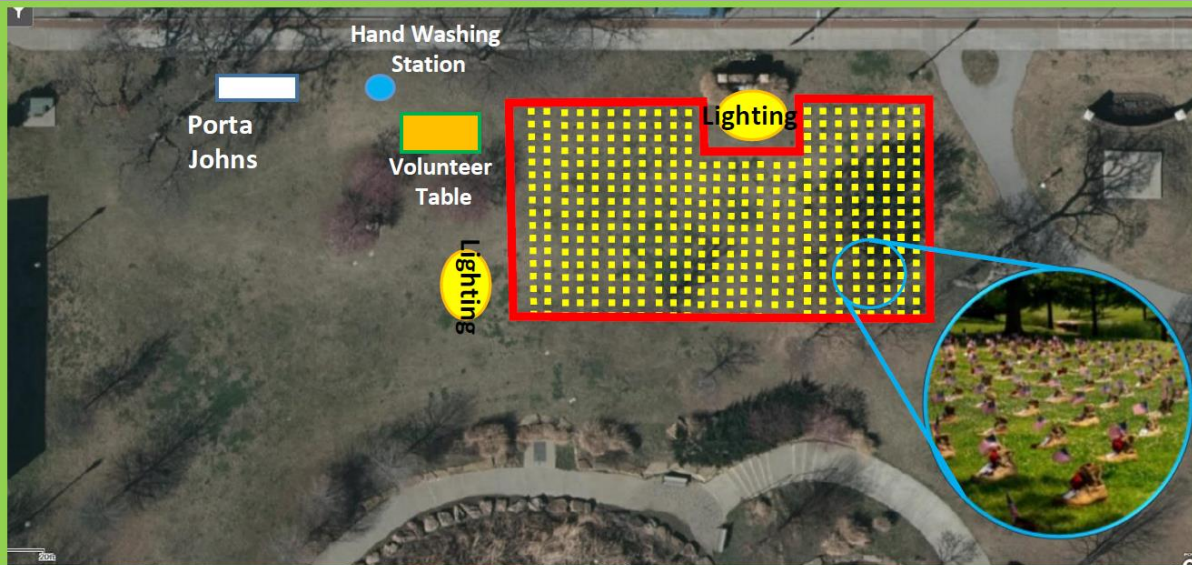
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Area Staging Plan

Porta Johns / Hand Sanitizer stations will be emplaced near 6th Street May 27th NLT 6:00PM and removed May 30th NLT 06:00PM.

Volunteer / Reception Table located at the North West Corner of the display will have a first aid kit, water and volunteer chairs placed six feet apart.

Two Fuel Generator Lighting units will be emplaced for night time viewing.



**Porta Johns / Handwashing /
Sanitizer Stations:**

Porta Johns will be cleaned and sanitized hourly.

Hand washing stations will be cleaned and sanitized hourly.

Strategic placement of approved hand sanitizers for volunteers and visitors in communal spaces and touch points.

Volunteers will wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being utilized during routine cleaning and disinfecting.

Food / Vendors / Drinks / Waste:

Volunteers can bring food and closed containers for non-alcoholic beverages.

Due to possible heat exposure continual water consumption to stay hydrated is highly encouraged.

Bottled Water will be on site for use as needed.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the Memorial.

Trash receptacles will be provided on site.



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Oklahoma Outreach Services and Tulsa VFW Post 577 hope that this Memorial Display will offer a place for our Gold Star Families, Veterans, and Citizens of Tulsa a place to honor the sacrifice of our fallen during the Memorial Day Weekend.

We are so grateful for the Volunteers and Donors who continue to make this a respectful and impactful event.

