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# FLAG DAY

## *Celebration*

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**DATE:**  
June 13, 2026



**TIME:**  
11:00 am

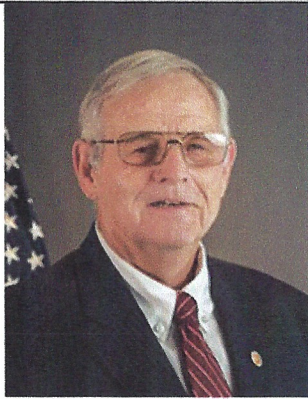


**PLACE:**  
Oklahoma Military  
History Center  
112 N Main St  
Broken Arrow, OK

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Honoring our flag.  
Remembering our history.  
Inspiring our future.





### **Broken Arrow Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks**

Mr. Parks is a 1965 graduate of Broken Arrow High School and a 1967 graduate of Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. He received a Masters Degree in Occupational and Adult Education from Oklahoma State University in 1999.

Mr. Parks entered the U.S. Army on November 19, 1969. During training, he was selected for assignment to the Honor Company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry "Old Guard" Regiment. His duty assignment was as a United States Army Casket Bearer for funerals in Arlington National Cemetery. He participated in more than 300 funerals. He was first elected to the Broken Arrow City Council In 1979. Over the years, he has held numerous high offices on and off the City Council.

Mr. Parks has been instrumental in the creation of five major projects honoring veterans: Oklahoma Military History Center, Veterans Center, Veterans Park, Mission 22 memorials and a bronze statue recognizing soldiers of the Korean War. The latter two projects are in Veterans Park.



## **Flag Day Program**

Welcome and opening remarks – BG Tom Mancino, U.S. Army (Ret.)  
President of the OKMHC

Invocation – OKMHC Chaplain, Rev. Earl Haskins

Introduction of special guests – BG Mancino

Raising of the American and singing of the National Anthem – Ms. Maggie Bond accompanied on guitar by Dennis Hoch

Pledge of Allegiance – Dr. Clarence Oliver

Raising of the service flags by selected flag raisers

Army  
Navy  
Marine Corps  
Air Force  
Medal of Honor  
Army National Guard  
Air National Guard  
45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division/Brigade

Introduction of featured speaker

Featured Speaker – Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks

Patriotic Songs – "You're the Grand Old Flag" and "America the Beautiful"  
Ms. Maggie Bond accompied by Dennis Hoch

Closing Remarks – BG Mancino

Benediction – Chaplain Haskins

## Oklahoma Military History Center

The OKMHC relocated to Broken Arrow in 2013 with COL Bob Powell's relatively small collection of militaria and artifacts and opened to the public on November 9. Over the past twelve years, that small collection has grown exponentially due to the interest and generosity of hundreds of veterans or their family members who have entrusted the Museum with the care of their family treasures.

The vast majority of the OKMHC's artifacts have a connection to Oklahomans, either the veteran or donor, and many of those to local people past and present. The OKMHC is unique among the military museums in Oklahoma in that it displays artifacts from all military branches and all the nation's wars from the War of Independence to the present. Several of the artifacts are rare and can be seen only at the OKMHC.

As important as artifacts are, people, not artifacts, make history. Artifacts are the tools soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen used or the printed, photographic and artistic expressions of their accomplishments. We bring history to life with a great many of the artifacts by telling the personal stories of the veterans who owned or used them, whether uniform, weapon, piece of equipment, photograph, war trophy, memorabilia or something else. Over the past twelve years, we have discovered the amazing stories of numerous Oklahomans who were just ordinary people such as most people any of us know. They were men and women, white, Black, Latino, American Indian from cities, towns, villages, farms and ranches across the state. They served their country in peace and in war. When the situation called for it, many performed unimaginable feats of heroism often at the cost of their lives. Every veteran is worth remembering and having his or her story told.

The OKMHC is not a war museum, it is a military history museum. We neither promote nor glorify war. Rather, we honor and extol the service and sacrifices of our veterans, past and present. The OKMHC's mission is "*promotion of patriotism through the preservation of military history*".

Admission to the OKMHC is free today until closing at 2:00 PM. We invite you to take a tour after the conclusion of the Flag Day Commemoration.



## Oklahoma Military History Center

### Flag Day Commemoration

**Saturday, June 13, 2026 – 11:00 AM**

**OKMHC Memorial Flag Plaza  
112 N. Main ST, Broken Arrow**

