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Oklahoma's Salute to Vietnam Veterans will take place on Saturday, November 6th at Reaves Park located at 2501 S. Jenkins in Norman. A static display of military equipment and food vendor will be available beginning at noon. The formal recognition ceremony rescheduled from the 4th of July begins at 5:30 pm and will include an F-16 flyover, remarks from Governor Brad Henry and Major General (Retired) Toney Stricklin. Music will be provided by a local community choir and the "Governors Own" 145th Army Band. There will be a video tribute to Oklahoma's Vietnam Veterans and a 21 gun salute fired by 105mm howitzers. The event will conclude with the State's largest Fall Fireworks show.

Donations for "Stuff the Truck", a community initiative to provide deployed soldiers with care packages called Freedom Boxes may be brought to the park from noon to 5:00 pm. Items requested for these boxes include individual servings or small travel size packages of food/drink items such as coffee, tea, and beef jerky; personal items including baby wipes, Kleenex packages, disposable razors, magazines and Frisbees; and other items such as batteries, hand/foot warmers and baggies. Monetary donations of \$11.00 per box are also requested to cover the cost to ship these packages. Other drop-off locations for donations are the Armory at OU Campus, all Republic Bank Lobby's, The Spirit Shop, Dr. Jim Griffith, DDS, Castleberry and Associates, Copelin's Office Supply and all Norman Fire Stations. For a full list of items or for more information about the day's events visit www.normanfun.com or call 366-5472.