

VETS Planning First Flag Planting Event

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The Veterans Education Taskforce (VETS) at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford invites area residents to the group's first-ever Veteran's Day flag planting fundraising event.

VETS members will be planting flags on both the Weatherford and Sayre campuses of SWOSU on Friday, November 10.

Cody Hanks said VETS is doing this to pay tribute to military members who died in service to the United States and to recognize those who continue to serve today. Donations provided by community members and local businesses will help VETS further their mission and continue to provide support to veteran's students at SWOSU.

"We are asking area residents to participate in this event by buying one flag with a minimum donation of a \$1," Hanks said.

Local businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring a section of flags have the various options: \$100 for 150 flags, \$200 for 300 flags, \$300 for 500 flags and \$500 for 1,000 flags. The VETS goal is to reach 15,000 flags.

Please contact VETS if interested by calling 405-928-8387 (VETS) or sending an email to vetswosu@gmail.com.

VETS members will be visiting Weatherford Main Street and downtown Sayre on October 28.

"With the support of our communities, we anticipate that our fundraiser will be a complete success," said VETS faculty advisor Dr. Todd Wigger.

For more information on the organization, please visit www.vetswosu.com or contact Wigger at todd.wigger@swosu.edu or 580.774.3052.

Founded in January 2017, and based in Weatherford, the Veterans Education Taskforce at SWOSU is a college student organization that provides support to veterans, active duty or reserve military members; military dependent students; and alumni. The organization has three main purposes: to assist their transition to the college environment and civilian life; to provide them assistance in the process of obtaining earned veterans benefits; and to provide financial, medical, and mental health resources to members struggling to adapt to civilian life.