

SWOSU Students Planning Veteran's Day Event

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University will host a Veteran's Day celebration on Monday, November 13, on the Weatherford campus.

Three groups that will be honored at the event, hosted by the Collegiate Activities Board, are SWOSU student veterans, SWOSU employee veterans and area veterans.

The groups will be honored at a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the renovated Memorial Student Center Ballroom on the SWOSU campus. All SWOSU employees and students who are veterans will be guests for the luncheon and a program featuring a spirited address by retired Air Force General Susan Pamerleau. She is currently Senior Vice President for USAA in San Antonio and a popular keynote speaker.

All veterans are asked to stop by the SWOSU Dean of Students office in Room 214 of the Stafford Center on the SWOSU campus to sign up for the luncheon and pick up a ticket. Non veterans are also invited to purchase tickets for \$10 in the same location. Tickets are limited, so organizers encourage everyone to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

"We owe our veterans a great deal for the lives we now enjoy and we students are going to say thanks," said Okarche sophomore Hallie Ludwig who is chairing the CAB committee that is organizing the event.

The committee is pleased that General Pamerleau has agreed to talk at the event.

"For this event she is a natural," said Cindy Dougherty, dean of students at SWOSU. "She does extensive work with colleges, universities and the military academies. Her energy is contagious and her service to this country stellar. We are blessed to have her join us for this very special day."

Following the event at 1:30 p.m., the students will have a dedication and reception for the renovated Memorial Student Center. The building has undergone a \$4.5 million renovation during the past couple of years. The SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement is also planning a formal dedication of the Memorial Student Center on December 1.

Additional information about the Veterans event is available by calling 580.774.3767.