

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilors  
**From:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**Date:** March 24, 2017  
**Re:** Notes to Council

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### **1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

- Fire Department Monthly Report – February 2017
- General Services Monthly Report – February 2017
- Parks and Recreation Monthly Report – February 2017

### **2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION**

- Press Release – Police Chief to Retire
- Press Release – Firefighters Hired Fulfills Vision Renewal Promise
- Press Release – Bever Home Fundraising Update
- Press Release – Farmers Market Adds Tuesday Hours
- News Article – New BA Conference Center Expected to Bring Boost to Economy
- Military Center Newsletter – March 2017

### **3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES**

- N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

# 1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION



**INTEROFFICE MEMO**

***Broken Arrow Fire Department***

**To:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**From:** Office of the Fire Chief  
**Date:** March 16, 2017  
**Re:** February 2017 Monthly Report

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Please see the attached reports detailing:

EMS Responses  
Fire Responses  
Fire Prevention Inspections  
Fire Investigations  
Fire & EMS Overview  
Monthly Incident Summary Report



Broken Arrow Fire Department Monthly Report  
February 2017

	<u>This Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Last Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
EMS Responses	776	678	14%
Fire Responses	173	186	-7%
Fire Prevention Inspections	53	31	71%
Fire Investigations	05	05	0%
Total Training Hours	3,327	1,788	86%



Broken Arrow Fire Department Monthly Report  
February 2017

	Station	Assist Other Stations	Assist EMS	
District 1	26	17	102	This Month
	280	91	681	Total Fiscal Year
District 2	14	14	54	This Month
	134	86	462	Total Fiscal Year
District 3	13	07	38	This Month
	149	59	297	Total Fiscal Year
District 4	34	02	41	This Month
	218	36	427	Total Fiscal Year
District 5	32	10	94	This Month
	260	74	675	Total Fiscal Year
District 6	42	04	89	This Month
	315	67	700	Total Fiscal Year
District 7	33	05	130	This Month
	287	47	949	Total Fiscal Year
Total	194	59	548	This Month
	1643	460	4191	Total Fiscal Year
	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>Total Number Runs per Day</b>



Broken Arrow Fire Department Monthly Report  
February 2017

Fire Suppression Average Response Times

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	This Month	Same Month Last F/Y	Total This F/Y	Total Last F/Y
Station #1 Eng 1	3:51	4:30	4:00	4:31
Station #2 Eng 2	4:52	5:11	4:59	4:59
Station #3 Eng 3	8:00	5:51	6:01	4:59
Station #4 Eng 4	6:42	7:57	6:29	7:12
Station #5 Eng 5	4:27	4:56	4:32	4:37
Station #6 Eng 6	5:35	5:04	5:29	5:07
Station #7 Eng 7	4:12	3:49	4:53	4:24
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>5:23</b>	<b>5:48</b>	<b>5:13</b>	<b>5:07</b>

**BAFD Bench Mark Average Time - 1st in Engine 5:00, 2nd in Engine 7:00**

**Station #7 was put into service January 19, 2016 with each shift housing a crew of four (4) and an Engine.**

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

EMS Unit Run Destinations

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Saint Francis - Tulsa	153	Hillcrest MC South	75
Saint Francis South	97	Hillcrest MC Tulsa	13
Saint John MC - Tulsa	114	OSU Medical Center	06
Saint John MC -BA	56		



EMS Runs by Type

	This Month	Same Month Last F/Y	Total This F/Y	Total Last F/Y
Numbers of Runs	776	678	6165	5554
Treated/Transported	605	454	4503	3836
Treated/Released	34	475	409	3996
Cancelled	59	29	460	176
Refused Treatment	68	--	705	--
DOA	10	--	79	--
EMS Suppression	79	83	625	974

**Some changes to the descriptions of items 2 & 3 starting this July 2016 have been made**

**\*\* Last F/Y figure 2 covers all transports but not all treated, figure 3 included the treated**

EMS Average Response Times

	This Month	Same Month Last F/Y	Total This F/Y	Total Last F/Y
Station #1 Sq-1	3:38	3:38	3:52	3:37
Station #2 Sq-2	3:45	3:47	3:30	4:12
Station #3 Sq-3	4:40	4:19	4:28	4:23
Station #4 Sq-4	5:35	5:44	5:45	5:36
Station #5 Sq-5	4:16	3:37	4:08	3:55
Station #6 Sq-6	4:32	4:22	4:28	4:30
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>4:24</b>	<b>4:14</b>	<b>4:22</b>	<b>4:25</b>

**BAFD Bench Mark Average Time 5:00**

**General information:**

Total number of calls . . . . :	Fire - 173	EMS - 716	Exposures - 0	Unknown - 0	All - 889
Average calls per day . . . . :	Fire - 6.17	EMS - 25.57	All - 31.75		
Total number of arson calls . . :	1				
Estimated dollar loss . . . . :	Fire - 245,014	Other - 0	All - 245,014	Arson - 0	
Estimated value . . . . . :	Fire - 4,379,118	Other - 0	All - 4,379,118	Arson - 0	
Percentage saved . . . . . :	Fire - 94.40%	Other - .00%	All - 94.40%	Arson - .00%	
Total injuries . . . . . :	Fire service - 0	Civilian fire - 0	EMS - 0	Arson - 0	
Total fatalities . . . . . :	Fire service - 0	Civilian fire - 0		Arson - 0	
Total apparatus responses . . . :	Emergency - 1,710	Non-emergency - 219	All - 1,929		
Average responses per day . . . :	Emergency - 61.07	Non-emergency - 7.82	All - 68.89		
Average apparatus per call . . . :	Fire - 2.50	EMS - 2.08	All - 2.16		
Average turnout time . . . . . :	Emergency - 0:00:50	Non-emergency - 0:00:53	All - 0:00:51		
Average response time . . . . . :	Emergency - 0:05:11	Non-emergency - 0:05:27	All - 0:05:13		
Average contain time . . . . . :	Emergency - 0:34:27	Non-emergency - 0:00:00	All - 0:34:27		
Average total time . . . . . :	Emergency - 1:08:08	Non-emergency - 0:25:42	All - 1:03:19		
Total man hours . . . . . :	Fire - 365	EMS - 2,512	All - 2,877		
Average personnel per call . . . :	Fire - 5.34	EMS - 4.98	All - 5.05		
Total aid given calls . . . . . :	5				
Total aid received calls . . . . :	1				

Total calls by incident group:	Count	Average response time	Aid given	Exposures
100-173 Fire	29	0:05:49	2	0
200-251 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	1	0:08:39	1	0
300-381 Rescue and emergency medical service incidents	716	0:05:06	2	0
400-482 Hazardous conditions (no fire)	15	0:05:36	0	0
500-571 Service call	49	0:05:28	1	0
600-672 Good intent call	45	0:03:14	0	0
700-751 and 7009 False alarm and false call	34	0:05:59	0	0

Total calls by incident type:	Count	Aid given	Aid received	Exposures
100 Fire, other	2	0	0	0
111 Building fire	4	0	0	0
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	3	0	0	0
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3	1	0	0
131 Passenger vehicle fire	3	0	0	0
140 Natural vegetation fire, other	1	0	0	0
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	2	1	0	0
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	0	0	0
143 Grass fire	7	0	0	0
150 Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0	0	0
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0	0	0
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0	0	0
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	3	0	0	0
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7	2	0	0
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	656	0	1	0
3211 EMS call, Possible Non Emergency Transfer	2	0	0	0
322 Vehicle accident with injuries	24	0	0	0
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0	0	0
324 Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	14	0	0	0
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511 )	4	0	0	0
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	0	0	0
356 High-angle rescue	1	0	0	0



Total calls by incident type:		Count	Aid given	Aid received	Exposures
357	Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1	0	0	0
381	Rescue or EMS standby	1	0	0	0
411	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0	0	0
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	0	0	0
413	Oil or other combustibile liquid spill	1	0	0	0
422	Chemical spill or leak	1	0	0	0
424	Carbon monoxide incident	1	0	0	0
440	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2	0	0	0
442	Overheated motor	1	0	0	0
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	0	0	0
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0	0	0
481	Attempt to burn	1	0	0	0
510	Person in distress, other	4	1	0	0
511	Lock-out	2	0	0	0
522	Water or steam leak	1	0	0	0
531	Smoke or odor removal	3	0	0	0
550	Public service assistance, other	2	0	0	0
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	4	0	0	0
552	Police matter	1	0	0	0
553	Public service	2	0	0	0
554	Assist invalid	23	0	0	0
561	Unauthorized burning	7	0	0	0
600	Good intent call, other	2	0	0	0
611	Dispatched & canceled en route	15	0	0	0
6111	Dispatched & canceled en route-EMS	7	0	0	0
622	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	10	0	0	0
631	Authorized controlled burning	2	0	0	0
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4	0	0	0
653	Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1	0	0	0
671	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	4	0	0	0
700	False alarm or false call, other	9	0	0	0
730	System malfunction, other	2	0	0	0
731	Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0	0	0
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	0	0	0
735	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0	0	0
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	0	0	0
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	6	0	0	0
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	0	0	0
745	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	8	0	0	0

Totals calls by property use:		Count	Arson	Aid given
NNN	None	4	0	
UUU	Undetermined	6	0	
000	Property use, other	6	0	
110	Fixed-use recreation places, other	1	0	
115	Roller rink: indoor or outdoor	1	0	
124	Playground	2	0	
131	Church, mosque, synagogue, temple, chapel	6	0	
150	Public or government, other	1	0	
151	Library	1	0	
161	Restaurant or cafeteria	1	0	

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Totals calls by property use:		Count	Arson	Aid given
162	Bar or nightclub	2	0	
183	Movie theater	1	0	
186	Film/movie production studio	1	0	
211	Preschool	1	0	
213	Elementary school, including kindergarten	4	0	
215	High school/junior high school/middle school	4	0	
241	Adult education center, college classroom	1	0	
254	Day care, in commercial property	1	0	
311	24-hour care Nursing homes, 4 or more persons	91	0	
321	Mental retardation/development disability facility	3	0	
331	Hospital - medical or psychiatric	14	0	
340	Clinics, doctors offices, hemodialysis cntr, other	51	0	
341	Clinic, clinic-type infirmary	1	0	
361	Jail, prison (not juvenile)	8	0	
365	Police station	1	0	
400	Residential, other	5	0	
419	1 or 2 family dwelling	479	0	
429	Multifamily dwelling	49	0	
439	Boarding/rooming house, residential hotels	2	0	
449	Hotel/motel, commercial	4	0	
459	Residential board and care	4	0	
460	Dormitory-type residence, other	1	0	
500	Mercantile, business, other	2	0	
511	Convenience store	3	0	
519	Food and beverage sales, grocery store	17	0	
529	Textile, wearing apparel sales	1	0	
539	Household goods, sales, repairs	2	0	
557	Personal service, including barber & beauty shops	1	0	
559	Recreational, hobby, home repair sales, pet store	2	0	
569	Professional supplies, services	1	0	
571	Service station, gas station	2	0	
579	Motor vehicle or boat sales, services, repair	1	0	
580	General retail, other	2	0	
581	Department or discount store	2	0	
592	Bank	2	0	
599	Business office	1	0	
600	Ind., utility, defense, agriculture, mining, other	2	0	
631	Defense, military installation	1	0	
700	Manufacturing, processing	2	0	
891	Warehouse	1	0	
900	Outside or special property, other	3	1	
921	Bridge, trestle	1	0	
931	Open land or field	11	0	
936	Vacant lot	2	0	
938	Graded and cared-for plots of land	4	0	
960	Street, other	28	0	
961	Highway or divided highway	10	0	
962	Residential street, road or residential driveway	10	0	
963	Street or road in commercial area	8	0	
965	Vehicle parking area	9	0	
981	Construction site	1	0	

<b>Total calls by district:</b>		<b>Count</b>	<b>Arson</b>
001	District One	155	0
002	District Two	91	1
003	District Three	62	0
004	District Four	99	0
005	District Five	147	0
006	DISTRICT SIX	160	0
007	District Seven	160	0
010	Outside City Area	15	0

<b>Total calls by station:</b>		<b>Count</b>	<b>Aid given</b>
001	Station #1	170	0
002	Station #2	135	0
003	Station #3	90	2
004	Station #4	114	0
005	Station #5	168	0
006	Station #6	161	3
007	Fire Prevention	20	0
777	Station #7	31	0

<b>Total calls by shift:</b>		<b>Count</b>
001	A Platoon	327
002	B Platoon	275
003	C Platoon	287

<b>Total calls by action taken:</b>		<b>Count</b>
00	Action taken, other	15
10	Fire control or extinguishment, other	1
11	Extinguishment by fire service personnel	18
22	Rescue, remove from harm	5
30	Emergency medical services, other	41
31	Provide first aid & check for injuries	30
32	Provide basic life support (BLS)	70
33	Provide advanced life support (ALS)	553
43	Hazardous materials spill control and confinement	2
45	Remove hazard	2
51	Ventilate	1
54	Determine if materials are non-hazardous	1
55	Establish safe area	3
62	Restore sprinkler or fire protection system	1
64	Shut down system	1
70	Assistance, other	5
71	Assist physically disabled	20
73	Provide manpower	9
75	Provide equipment	1
81	Incident command	37
82	Notify other agencies.	2
85	Enforce codes	1
86	Investigate	43
87	Investigate fire out on arrival	4
92	Standby	1
93	Cancelled en route	22

**Apparatus totals:**

Apparatus	Emergency responses	Average per day	Non-emergency responses	Average per day	Total responses	Average per day	Average turnout	Average response
BT1	29	1.03	4	.14	33	1.17	0:00:51	0:04:53
BT2	14	.50	2	.07	16	.57	0:00:19	0:03:47
BT3	7	.25	3	.10	10	.35	0:01:08	0:06:07
BT4	32	1.14	0	.00	32	1.14	0:00:43	0:07:11
BT5	14	.50	2	.07	16	.57	0:01:02	0:05:27
BT6	22	.78	7	.25	29	1.03	0:00:36	0:05:32
BT7	13	.46	2	.07	15	.53	0:00:42	0:06:20
EMSA	2	.07	0	.00	2	.07	0:02:25	0:09:45
EMSA2	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:04	0:00:00
E1	127	4.53	23	.82	150	5.35	0:01:03	0:04:46
E3	49	1.75	7	.25	56	2.00	0:01:24	0:05:55
E4	71	2.53	4	.14	75	2.67	0:01:14	0:07:18
E5	116	4.14	13	.46	129	4.60	0:00:54	0:05:13
E7	149	5.32	22	.78	171	6.10	0:00:59	0:04:48
FD110	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:02	0:00:05
FD111	3	.10	0	.00	3	.10	0:00:02	0:01:45
FD211	15	.53	1	.03	16	.57	0:00:47	0:08:34
FD212	66	2.35	7	.25	73	2.60	0:00:31	0:06:52
FD312	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:00	0:00:00
FD313	8	.28	4	.14	12	.42	0:01:01	0:15:24
FD314	7	.25	0	.00	7	.25	0:00:17	0:12:15
LAD2	71	2.53	10	.35	81	2.89	0:00:53	0:05:29
LAD6	124	4.42	20	.71	144	5.14	0:00:52	0:06:14
PAFFO	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:31	0:33:38
RES1	7	.25	4	.14	11	.39	0:01:47	0:07:08
SQD1	156	5.57	17	.60	173	6.17	0:01:09	0:05:18
SQD2	142	5.07	19	.67	161	5.75	0:00:52	0:06:11
SQD3	83	2.96	15	.53	98	3.50	0:01:30	0:07:17
SQD4	92	3.28	7	.25	99	3.53	0:01:05	0:07:28
SQD5	150	5.35	11	.39	161	5.75	0:01:05	0:05:45
SQD6	136	4.85	15	.53	151	5.39	0:00:54	0:06:40
TFD	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:05	0:00:00

**Fire incidents with dollar loss:**

Incident ID	Date	Description	Dollar loss	Dollar value
2017-0000948-000	2/01/17	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 39000 E 71ST ST, WAGONER COUNTY, OK, 74014	2	100,000
2017-0001029-000	2/03/17	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue 19877 E 114TH ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74014	5,000	200,000
2017-0001078-000	2/05/17	Grass fire 3904 S SYCAMORE AVE, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74011	2	300,000
2017-0001103-000	2/06/17	Building fire 25984 LARIAT CIR, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74014	11,000	40,000
2017-0001196-000	2/09/17	Building fire 1700 W DETROIT ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	400	400
2017-0001207-000	2/09/17	Passenger vehicle fire 950 N ASPEN AVE, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	4,501	5,002
2017-0001211-000	2/09/17	Outside rubbish fire, other 4804 W LOUISVILLE PL, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	3	3
2017-0001266-000	2/10/17	Fire, other	2	8

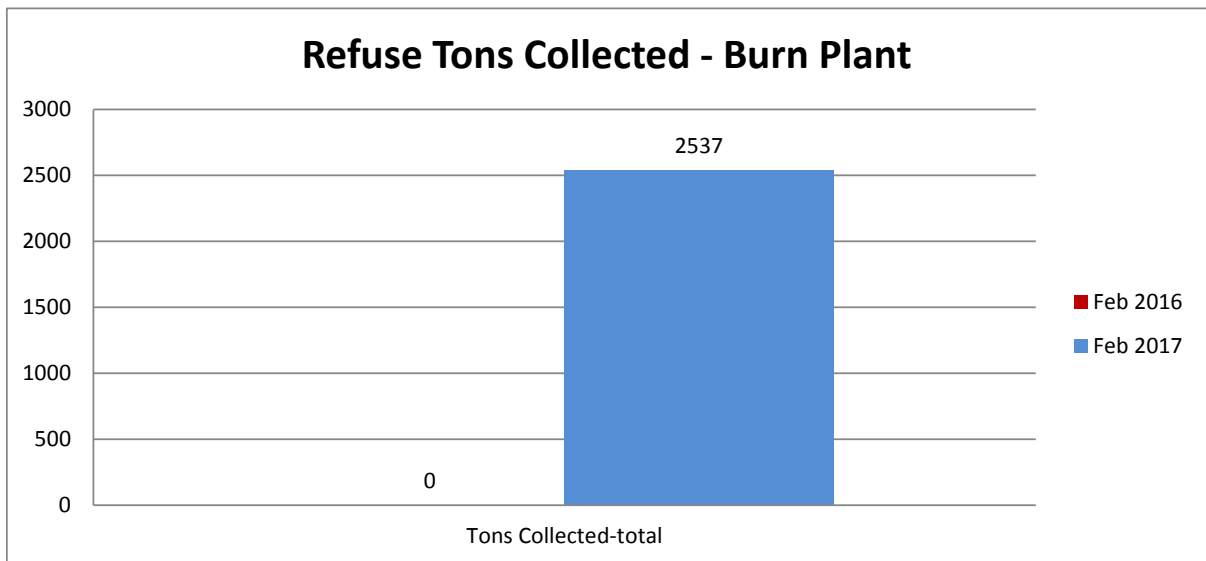
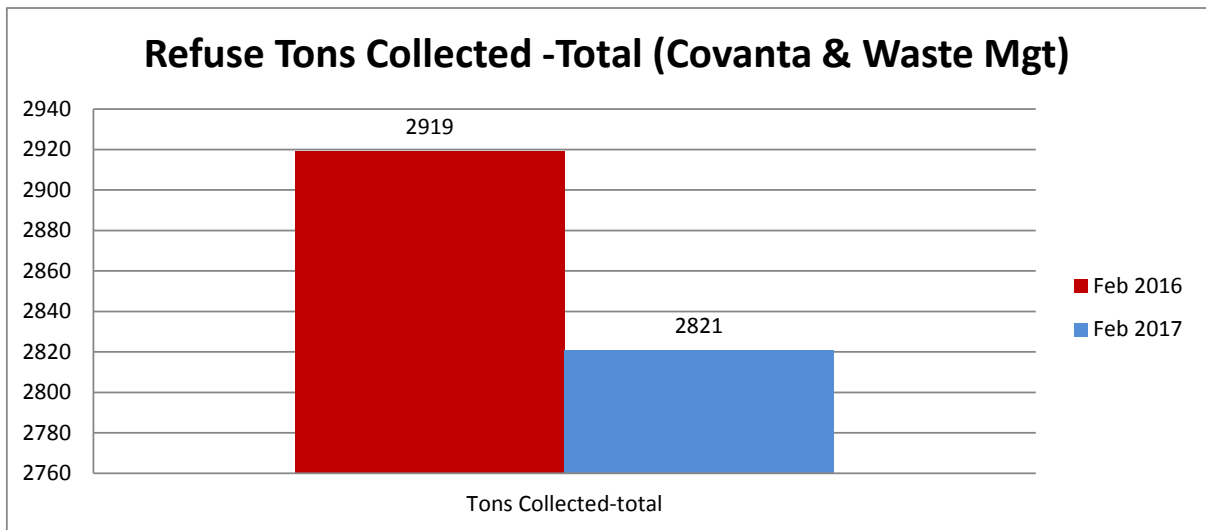
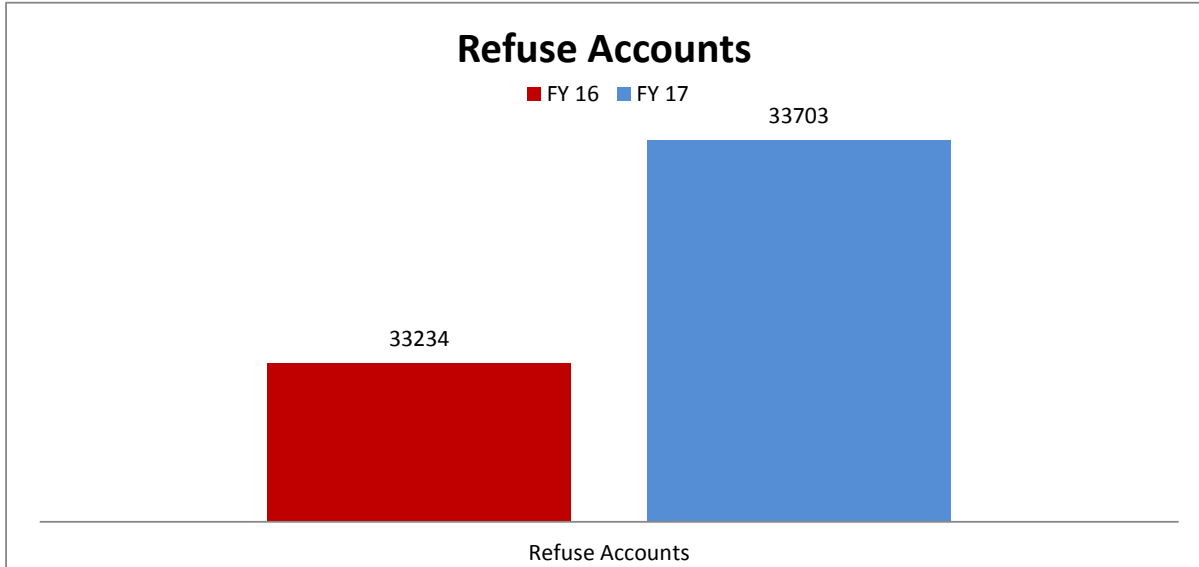
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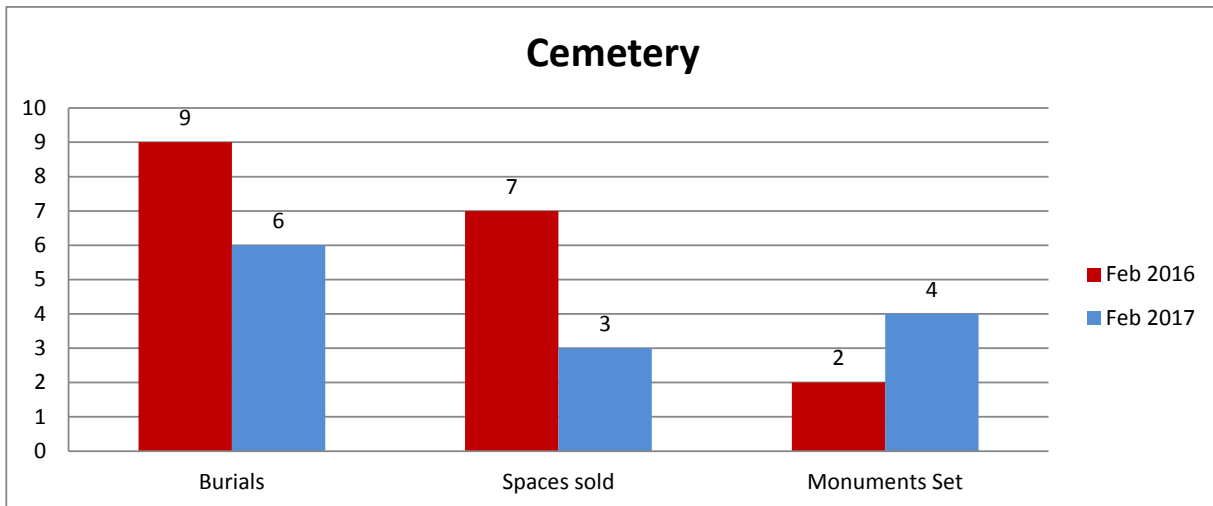
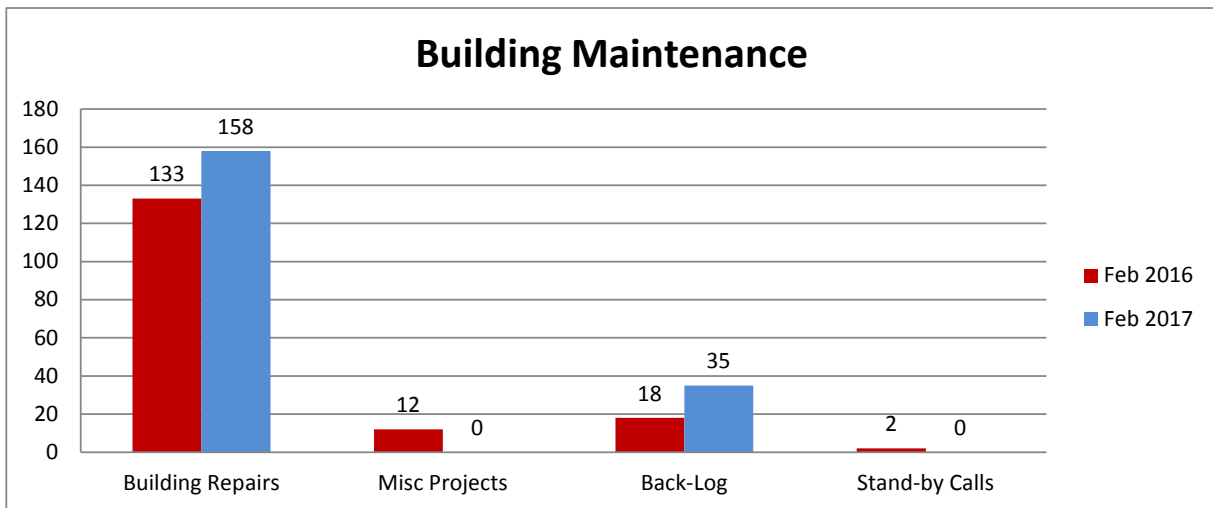
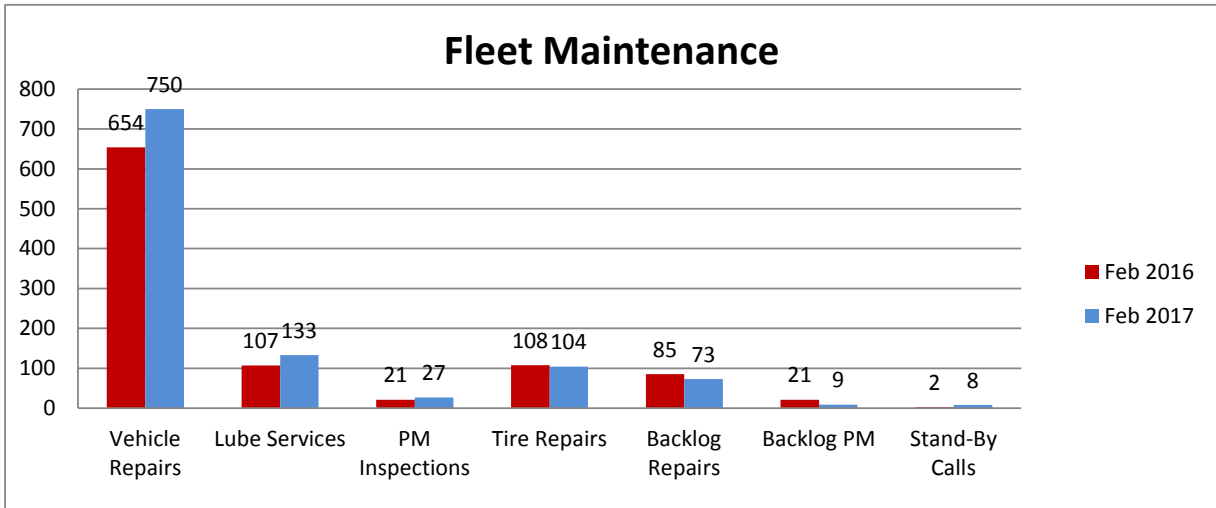
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Fire incidents with dollar loss:			Dollar loss	Dollar value
3001 W ELGIN PL, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
2017-0001284-000	2/11/17	Passenger vehicle fire	15,500	15,500
INTR OMAHA & N ASPEN AVE				
2017-0001303-000	2/11/17	Cooking fire, confined to container	51	250,000
1133 N BUTTERNUT AVE, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
2017-0001394-000	2/14/17	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2	250,000
6409 E GALVESTON ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74014				
2017-0001400-000	2/14/17	Cooking fire, confined to container	35	60,000
1015 CARLYLE DR, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
2017-0001463-000	2/16/17	Building fire	130,000	250,000
1509 W OAKRIDGE CT, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
2017-0001481-000	2/17/17	Natural vegetation fire, other	2	14,500
22700 E 78TH ST, WAGONER COUNTY, OK, 74014				
2017-0001600-000	2/21/17	Grass fire	2	1,500,000
9309 S 241ST EAST AVE, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74014				
2017-0001604-000	2/21/17	Cooking fire, confined to container	2	700,000
3120 W KENOSHA ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
2017-0001657-000	2/22/17	Building fire	75,000	350,000
2712 S WILLOW AVE, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
2017-0001674-000	2/23/17	Grass fire	2	2
4111 S FERN PL, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74011				
2017-0001678-000	2/23/17	Grass fire	2	200
INTR HIGHWAY 51 & S 225TH AVE				
2017-0001712-000	2/24/17	Grass fire	2	100,001
INTR CREEK TURNPIKE & E KENOSHA ST				
2017-0001721-000	2/25/17	Passenger vehicle fire	3,500	3,500
INTR ASPEN & W HIGHWAY 51				
2017-0001732-000	2/25/17	Grass fire	2	240,000
7045 S 369TH AVE, WAGONER COUNTY, OK, 74014				
2017-0001791-000	2/27/17	Forest, woods or wildland fire	2	2
INTR OAKLAND & N REDBUD AVE				
<b>Totals:</b>			23 incidents	245,014
				4,379,118

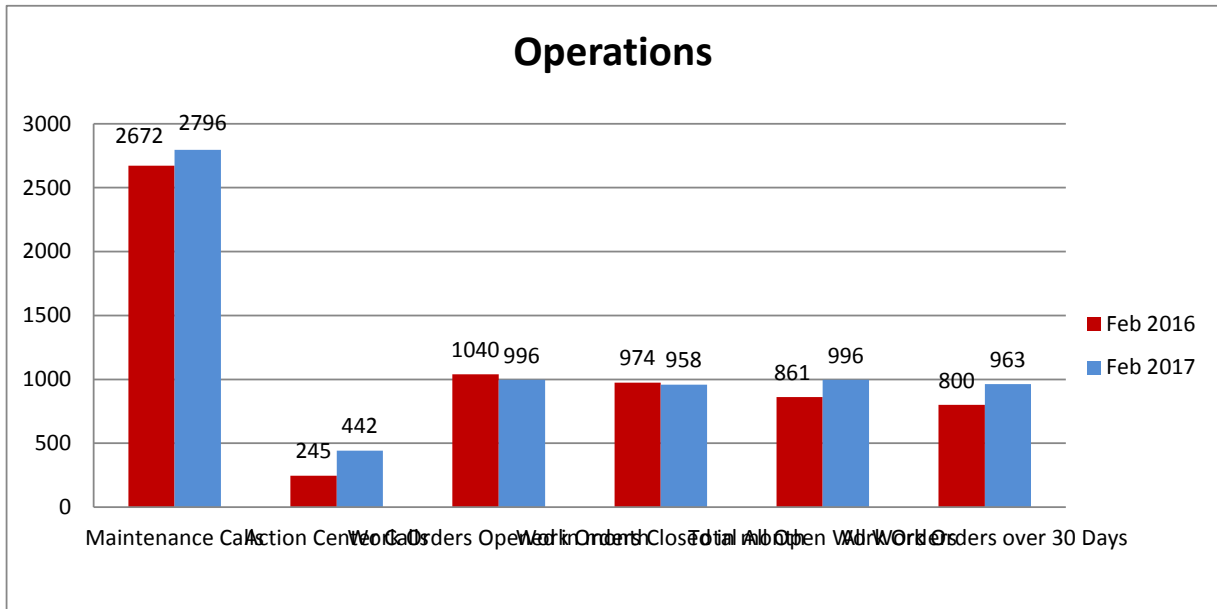
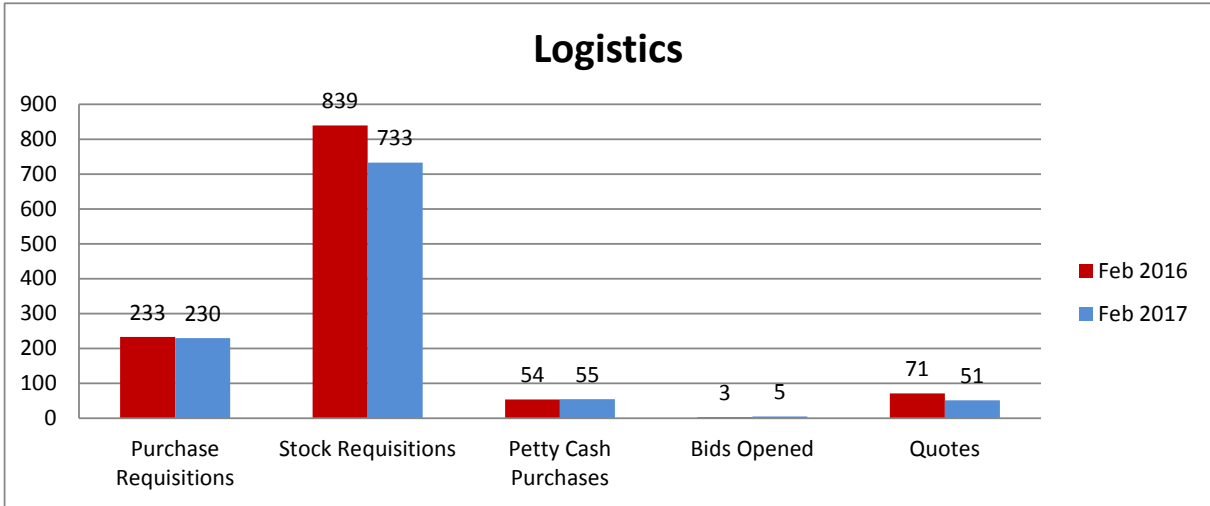
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## Parks and Recreation Department

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#### DIRECTOR - PARKS AND RECREATION

- Attended City Manager's weekly staff meeting.
- Attended meeting with consultant and engineering staff regarding Events Park security lighting and Indian Springs Sports Complex (ISSC) soccer field lighting; 2014 GO Bond projects.
- Held weekly staff meetings with direct reports within the department.
- Attended the Rose District Phase IV construction progress meeting.
- Continued to meet with the Rose District ice rink operator.
- Attended quarterly economic development project review meeting.
- Shadowed by 3 Youth City Council members this month.
- Met with Human Resources Director to discuss various planning items.
- Attended City Council meetings.
- Attended meeting with Administration and Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful members to discuss the Community Rose Garden project.
- Met with consultant, engineering staff, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members for the purpose of planning for a new VFW building.
- Met with City Attorney to discuss park projects.
- Met with consultant and engineering staff to start planning for new playground and picnic pavilions at the Events Park; 2014 GO Bond Issue projects.
- Met with Administration to discuss a St. Patrick's Day event.
- Attended meeting with Administration to discuss the feasibility of a future Memorial Park.
- Met with City staff for the purpose of discussing electrical distribution boxes for the Events Park.

- Met with consultant, engineering staff, and park staff at the Liberty Parkway Trailhead at Elm Place, for site selection of the new trailhead restroom; 2014 GO Bond project.
- Attended the Memorial Park press conference in the Indian Springs neighborhood.

## **BATTLE CREEK GOLF CLUB (BCGC)**



### **GENERAL**

- February provided warmer temperatures than average, which bolstered total revenues by exceeding budget by \$23,407. There were only 5 days of inclement weather with less than 25 total rounds for the day.
- The 2017-2018 Proposed Budget and Capital List has been completed and submitted to the City for approval.

### **GOLF OPERATIONS**

- Focused on member renewals for 2017, as well as pre-booking annual golf tournaments. As of March 11<sup>th</sup>, forty-nine outside Golf Tournaments have been booked. Along with, a "Get Golf Ready Program", Thursday Night Men's League, Friday Night Couples League, and Tournament Series Competitive events that will boost rounds and participation.
- BCGC is hosting a "Spring Demo Day" on April 8th from 9am-2pm which will include club fitting from Titleist, Callaway, and Mizuno. Music, food and drink specials will be offered. The goal is to drive revenue while sparking interest and participation at BCGC.

### **COURSE MAINTENANCE**

- Temperatures were in the high 80's and lows in the 20's. BCGC received 1.75 inches of rainfall during the month.
- The maintenance team accomplished many tasks this month to improve or continue to provide excellent playing conditions of the golf course. These tasks included:
  - Finished spraying the entire course with pre-emergent herbicides.
  - Continued preventative maintenance of equipment for the next growing season.
  - Multiple irrigation repairs.
  - Trimmed trees around the golf course.
  - Finished trimming all ornamental grass at the clubhouse.
  - Fertilized green surrounds.
  - Top-dressed goose damage on fairways 5 and 6.
  - Chipped brush pile at the maintenance facility.
- Next month, begin to fertilize the golf course to stimulate growth, ready equipment and resources for greens aerification, mulch flower beds at the clubhouse, continue preventative maintenance of all equipment as needed, begin to dye ponds where needed to help reduce algae blooms etc.

### **MONTHLY SUMMARY**

- February rounds were 842 more total rounds to budget and 262 less than last year.

<b>February Rounds</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Actual</b>
PUBLIC ROUNDS	150	270	251
TOURNAMENT	0	0	0
MEMBER	550	1,184	1,048
BATTLE CARD	125	204	183
TWILIGHT	80	189	156
MISC.	40	110	62
MEMBER GUEST	100	192	187
<b>TOTAL ROUNDS</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>1,887</b>

## MONTHLY GROSS REVENUE

- February total revenue was \$78,094 for the month, which was \$23,408 more than budgeted revenues.

	<b>February Budget</b>	<b>February Prior Year</b>	<b>February Actual</b>
DUES & FEES	25,000	31,942	27,520
GREEN FEES	12,256	24,868	22,025
CART FEES	3,997	7,048	6,925
MERCHANDISE	4,703	8,202	7,658
OTHER GOLF COURSE SERVICES	3,550	5,121	4,489
FOOD & BEVERAGES	5,180	9,222	9,115
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>54,686</b>	<b>86,403</b>	<b>78,094</b>

## BANQUET FACILITY USAGE REPORT

<b>February</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>\$</b>
3	Banquet Event	300.00
6	Homeowners Association Meeting	100.00
7	Homeowners Association Meeting	0.00
9	Homeowners Association Meeting	0.00
13	Homeowners Association Meeting	0.00
16	Banquet Event	300.00
17	Banquet Event	200.00
19	Wedding Reception	660.00
20	Banquet Event	350.00
21	Banquet Event	430.00
23	Banquet Event	475.00
	<b>Total Banquet Revenue</b>	<b>2,815.00</b>

## GRILL & BANQUET

- Interior banquet walls and ceilings were repainted to freshen up the facility.
- New Grill Menu is finalized and being printed.
- Training three new grill employees on food prep and operations for the upcoming season.

## SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION

### COMMUNITY EVENT MANAGER

- Attended weekly staff meetings.
- Prepared road closures for various events.
- Received and processed several Special Event's applications for 2017.
- Prepared, planned, and attended Special Events Committee meetings.
- Finished Estimated Actual, 2017-2018 Budget and 2018-2019 Projected Budget.
- Continued working on reorganization of files for the Rose District Farmers Market.
- Met with City staff to discuss the 2017 Home and Garden Show and completed preparations.
- Attended safety trainings held by Risk Management at Central Park Community Center.
- Met with ArtsOk Broken Arrow to discuss reorganization of the Chalk It Up event. Met with the new Chalk It Up Committee to discuss plans for 2017.
- Interviewed candidates for the Farmers Market Coordinator position.
- Attended training on agenda preparation.
- Met with Special Events Committee and event organizer to discuss the St. Patrick's Day Street Party event.
- Met with Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful members to review plans for the Rose Festival scheduled for May 2017.
- Attended meeting with City staff to discuss electrical service improvements at the Events Park.

- Met with City staff to discuss point of sale software and processing through finance for the Rose District Farmers Market and other Parks and Recreation facilities.
- Attended the Special City Council meeting regarding the Long Range Water Plan.
- Finished processing vendor applications for the Rose District Farmers Market. Approximately 35 vendors will be on site to open the season.
- Began planning the Rose District Farmers Market vendors meeting to be held at Central Park Community Center.

## **RECREATION DIVISION**

### **RECREATION MANAGER**

- Attended meeting regarding the Daddy Daughter Dance at Nienhuis Park Community Center.
- Attended Special Events Committee meeting.
- Met with Ray Harral Nature Center Supervisor regarding future educational displays and staff schedule.
- Attended the Southwest Parks and Recreation Training Institute Conference in Wagoner, Oklahoma.
- Met with Nienhuis Park Community Center Supervisor to discuss flooring issue at facility and final plans for the Daddy Daughter Dance.
- Met with Rogue Disc Golf to discuss possible partnership of the Nienhuis Disc Golf course.
- Attended Focus Group at City Hall regarding Performance Evaluations.
- Met with Knorr Systems regarding swimming pool supplies and equipment.
- Discussed Play Ball, a platform to connect current baseball and softball players involved in the game with a focus on youth participation, with Parks and Recreation Director.
- Held monthly Recreation Division staff meeting at Central Park Community Center.
- Met with Broken Arrow Volleyball Club to discuss future contract and usage dates.
- Attended two Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) classes, "Intro to OSHA" and "OSHA Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)" presented by Risk Management at Central Park Community Center.
- Met with Finance Department and Information Technology Department regarding Point of Sale software and needs for seasonal swimming pools and concessions.

## CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- Logged visitors for February were 2,267 which is a decrease of 274 compared to January.
- Updated Daily Use Agreement for Griffin Promise Autism Clinic to use Central Park Community Center for a summer camp for children with special needs.
- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aide began free tax service to the public.
- Attended two Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) classes, "Intro to OSHA" and "OSHA Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)" presented by Risk Management at Central Park Community Center.
- Parks and Recreation spring newsletter Informer, was updated and submitted for publication on the City website.
- Continued working on details for June and July Summer Camps; consent form to participate in scheduled activities, guidelines for participants, etc.
- Contacted Performance Floors in regards to finding bolts under the new bleachers in Gym 1. Missing bolts were replaced by Performance Floors.

## NIENHUIS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- Logged visitors for February were 1,790 which is a decrease of 227 from January.
- Attended online seminar Gaining Goals.
- Held Daddy Daughter Dance Committee meetings. Daddy Daughter Dance was a success with 800 tickets being sold. Will add 200 more ticket sales for 2018.
- Attended Supervisor meetings.
- Attended "Introduction to OHSA", Occupational Safety and Health Administration training presented by Risk Management at Central Park Community Center.

## RAY HARRAL NATURE CENTER

- The estimated total number of visitors were 2,102 which is an increase of 699 compared to January.
- Fifty people attended 2 scheduled birthday parties. Ray Harral Nature Center has become quite popular for holding an event.
- Cub Scout troop and a Boy Scout troop with approximately 36 participants requested and received a guided tour of the park.
- Held the first event in a series of Community Classrooms, a free educational program open to the public. Pollination included presentation from the Tulsa Master Gardeners with 8 participants.

- Updated educational displays; cloud identification, recycling, and continued work on a “hands-on” fur display.
- Attended the South West Parks and Recreation Training Institute Conference in Wagoner, Oklahoma.
- Attended two Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) classes, “Intro to OSHA” and “OSHA Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)” presented by Risk Management at Central Park Community Center.

## **PARKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

### **PARKS MAINTENANCE MANAGER**

- Attended Director’s weekly staff meeting.
- Conducted staff meetings with Parks Maintenance Division staff.
- Manager and staff members attended Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10/30 Construction Training conducted by Risk Management.
- Monitored ongoing park projects:
  - Streetscapes Phase IV: Primary road work completed on work areas south of Dallas Street. Ongoing work on lighting/sound amenities and irrigation. Two planting of trees have been delivered and planted. One planting has been healed in by the contractor until the block north of College Street is ready for planting. Rose quotes have been received and Park’s recommendation has been sent to Engineering Department.
  - Nienhuis Football Sports Turf: Grading and stabilization of fields has been completed. Concrete banding is being formed and ready to pour. Sideline main drainage lines are currently being installed with gravel.
  - Indian Springs Sports Complex (ISSC) Renovation Project: Plans under design with construction planned to begin in fall 2017.
  - Interactive Water Feature (IWF): Startup work scheduled to begin on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Liberty Parkway Trail repair: Retaining wall is about 60% complete. Concrete trail to be installed last.
  - Indian Springs Soccer Field lighting: 95% plans complete.
  - Events Park lighting: 95% plans complete.
  - Cooper Creek Playground Refurbishment: Refurbishment of playground 80% completed. Waiting on delivery of 3 components that will be replaced, plus new tables and benches that will be installed around the playground.
  - Country Aire Playground Replacement: Architect/Engineering (A/E) scope meeting has been held, and design work is underway.
  - Leisure Park’s new Splash Pad and Replacement Playground: A/E scope meeting has been held, and design work is underway.
  - Rose West Dog Park and Liberty Trail Restrooms: A/E scope meeting has been held, and design work underway.
  - Veterans Park Community Building: Met with City staff, design firm personnel and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) personnel at the Camino Villa Park Building to review that building’s design and how it compares to what will be needed at Veterans Park.

- Events Park Restroom, Playground, and Pavilions: A/E scope meeting has been held, and design work underway.
- Vendor for new Arrowhead Park playground has scheduled its' delivery for April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended training workshops at the Southwest Parks and Recreation Training Institute Conference in Wagoner, OK.
- Contract has been awarded for shade structures to be installed on Arrowhead Park softball fields 9-12. Preconstruction meeting has been held and contractor putting together submittal drawings.
- Contract was awarded for replacement 1-ton cab and chassis with dump body. Vehicle is on order.
- Outside fence contractor completed installation of 500' of 10' tall fencing inside Arrowhead Park softball complex.
- Met with operator of the Rose District ice rink to discuss final removal of the structure, and receive City items used by the operator to manage utilities and amenities at the site.
- Attended progress meeting for Streetscapes Phase IV project.
- Submitted specifications to Purchasing for the bidding of ground maintenance to eight park sites.

## GROUNDS MAINTENACE SECTION

- Removed litter from parks and cleaned outdoor restrooms.
- Performed janitorial duties at Camino Villa Park Building weekly.
- Installed about 10,000 sq. ft. of Bermuda sod around the Arrowhead softball infields. Softball personnel graded the soil to their desired elevation, and park crews installed the sod and re-installed irrigation heads.
- Marked off 4 lacrosse fields on the Nienhuis flag football site for tournament use while other fields are shutdown during the synthetic field installations.
- Applied weed control to athletic fields at ISSC, Nienhuis Park, and Arrowhead Park.
- Installed sections of new chain link fencing within the Arrowhead complex.
- Removed or replaced several railroad tie retaining walls along the Ray Harral Nature Park trails.
- Applied weed control to grounds around park facilities and primary parks.
- Added dirt where the Morrow Park shelter was removed and graded out site in preparation for new shelters.



- Removed all sand dumped at the Rose District Farmers Market pavilion for the ice rink installation. Hauled sand to Streets/Stormwater stockpile, and finished cleaning the pavilion floor with sweepers.
- Hauled brush that has been stockpiled at the park maintenance facility yard to Tulsa's green waste site.
- Performed software update to ISSC baseball complex irrigation controller and valve decoders.
- Aerified athletic fields at ISSC.
- Marked off, painted boundary and foul lines on baseball and soccer fields at ISSC.
- Re-tightened bleacher covers at ISSC baseball complex after high winds. Checked hardware on all bleacher and dugout benches inside the complex. Reattached sections of dugout roofing which was blown loose by winds.
- Park's ISSC supervisor and horticulturist assisted with a Monarch Butterfly waystation seminar that was held at Broken Arrow High School. Both worked a City table that provided information related to the Broken Arrow Monarch Movement (BAMM).
- Performed inspection of the Liberty Parkway trail. Removed debris from trail and picked up litter.
- Removed sod at Al Graham softball complex prior to the club hiring an outside contractor to install sections of concrete curbing to help with deflecting rainwater from the infields.
- Spot mowed areas with weed growth that will not receive weed control.

## FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SECTION

- Performed monthly playground inspections. Began installation of new playground components on the Copper Creek play system. Replaced several recycled plastic uprights on the Nienhuis Park large play system.
- Installed new playground rules signs at Ray Herral Nature Park. Refurbished a wooden trail map sign and installed it by Ray Herral Nature Center.
- Repaired vandalized fencing at Oakcreek Park.
- Removed picnic tables from Morrow Park shelter, and worked with Stormwater to remove this shelter that will be replaced with two new metal shelters.
- Conducted bi-annual park inspections. Inspections will be used to produce needed work orders or for budget preparations.
- Removed existing play system at Arrowhead Park in preparation for a new unit that will be installed in April. Scrapped out all metal components from the removed playground equipment.

- De-winterized the bathrooms at ISSC baseball fields 9-10, and the Arrowhead softball restroom/concession building.
- Removed torn bleacher shade covers at baseball complex, and replaced them after they had been repaired.

## HORTICULTURE/FORESTRY SECTION

- Conducted routine daily maintenance in the Rose District; removed litter, blew debris from sidewalk, weeded beds, checked irrigation, mulching planting beds, etc.
- Horticulturist monitored the contractor providing maintenance to rose plants in the Rose District and Centennial Park.
- Crews mulched beds at Ray Herral Nature Park.
- Trimmed trees installed during Streetscapes Phase III project.
- Removed deadwood from ISSC trees.
- Removed landscape rocks from 91<sup>st</sup> street gateway, and moved them to the Monarch Butterfly waystation garden at Broadway Street.
- Located milkweed plants and perennial plants that will be installed in monarch gardens. Plants have been purchased and will be held at nursery until air temperature is safe for planting.
- Grinding stumps throughout park system.
- Pruned back roses in the Nienhuis Rose Garden and the gateway planters on Broadway Street and 91<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Horticulturist monitored the installation of new tree plantings for the Streetscapes Phase IV project.
- Trimmed pear trees along park road inside Central Park.
- Swept final layer of sand from the Rose District Farmers Market Pavilion and Rose District Plaza after ice rink bulk sand was removed.
- Checked irrigation systems and made repairs as needed in preparation for upcoming spring season use.

End of Report

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## **Broken Arrow Police Chief to Retire**

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/24/17)** – After serving over 26 years in law enforcement, Police Chief David Boggs will retire from the Broken Arrow Police Department (BAPD) at the end of August 2017. A nationwide search for his replacement will begin in the coming weeks.

Chief Boggs began working in Broken Arrow in August 2011. He was recruited from Lexington, Kentucky, where he had served as Deputy Chief. Boggs is looking forward to pursuing other opportunities that will take him into the teaching and consulting fields.

“The 26 years I have spent in the law enforcement profession have been profoundly fulfilling, and BAPD and this great city have been the capstone of my professional career. It’s time now to retire from active law enforcement and spend more time with my family and personal pursuits,” said Boggs. “My wife and I plan to stay in Broken Arrow and continue to raise our family and enjoy all the wonderful things BA has to offer! While my last day on the force will be in August, I intend to stay active in the community we love calling home.”

Boggs leaves behind a force of 146 sworn officers. Through his leadership, BAPD has gained a reputation as one of the most professional police agencies in the United States. BAPD is also nationally recognized for its community policing programs, which other departments around the country use as a model for their programs. With over 250 citizens serving as volunteers for the police department, public support and respect for the City’s officers is exceptionally high. That support is credited for successful renewal of the Vision 2025 sales tax to hire new police officers, firefighters and fund street maintenance. BAPD will grow to 161 sworn officers when the Vision renewal campaign promise is fully implemented.

“The Broken Arrow City Council and I couldn’t be more pleased with the job the Broken Arrow Police Department and Chief Boggs have done in keeping our community safe,” said Mayor Craig Thurmond. “We are consistently recognized as one of the safest places to live in the U.S., and I credit Chief Boggs’ leadership for making that designation possible. We wish him all the best in his next endeavors.”

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“Chief Boggs is a true servant leader, and I have enjoyed working with him! I salute him and his family for an outstanding career in law enforcement and for his leadership of the Broken Arrow Police Department for nearly six years,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. “Retirement from this facet of public safety is only going to provide David with incredible opportunities, which I know he’ll wholeheartedly embrace and have tremendous success.”

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## **20 New Firefighters Hired in Less than Two Years**

*Vision 2025 Renewal campaign promise fulfilled*

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/20/17)** – The Broken Arrow Fire Department (BAFD) has fulfilled a Vision 2025 Renewal campaign promise to hire 20 new firefighters by 2020. Broken Arrow voters in November 2015 agreed to renew the Tulsa County Vision 2025 sales tax and repurpose it to pay for additional police officers, firefighters and local street improvements.

“We’re proud to have been able to fulfill our promise to our citizens almost three years ahead of schedule,” said Fire Chief Jeremy Moore. “These new firefighters will help improve the services BAFD provides and ensure our community continues to enjoy a high quality of life.”

A federal grant allowed the department to hire nine (9) firefighters in November 2015. FEMA awarded the department a second grant, which allowed BAFD to hire an additional 11 firefighters in February 2017. While the grant covers salaries for a two-year period, the voter approved renewal of the Vision 2025 sales tax ensures BAFD will be able to retain the new firefighters after the grants expire. BAFD’s authorized strength is now at 173.

“What we heard from Broken Arrow residents, when they voted to renew the Vision 2025 tax, is that public safety matters,” said Mayor Craig Thurmond. “I’m thrilled to see new firefighters added to our ranks ahead of schedule, so that we can continue providing timely life-saving services to our rapidly growing community.”

The Broken Arrow Fire Department provides fire suppression services, emergency medical service and transport, hazardous materials mitigation at the operations level, and rescue technician level services within the City of Broken Arrow’s 105 square mile fence line.

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## **Local Businessman Offers to Match Bever Home Donations**

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/21/17)** – Mike Case, founder of Case and Associates Properties, Inc., has pledged to match dollar for dollar, every donation made to the Bever Family – First Responders Memorial Garden Fund, up to \$20,000. Broken Arrow City Councilor Mike Lester has been fundraising since late February to buy the former Bever family home and turn it over to the City of Broken Arrow. The City would then create a memorial garden in its place.

“This is a most welcome announcement in light of recent circumstances,” said City Councilor Mike Lester. “Case and Associates has been involved with numerous new apartment projects in Broken Arrow, and it’s great to see the company so generously giving back to the community.”

Located at 709 Magnolia Court in Broken Arrow, the house is now the site of a fire investigation. On March 18, a fire broke out at the home, destroying most of the structure. This incident comes just weeks after Lester set up a 501(c)(3) account, through the Tulsa Community Foundation, to begin collecting private donations to buy the former Bever family home. In July 2015, police arrested two brothers, Robert and Michael Bever, after finding the bodies of their parents and three siblings inside the home. Two of the siblings survived and have been placed with a caregiver. The surviving siblings support the decision to turn the property into a memorial garden.

Pending a successful fundraising campaign, the City of Broken Arrow has agreed to accept the property from the Foundation. Once the house is removed, the site will be turned into a park and merged with the existing Indian Springs mini-park bordering the property.

Fannie Mae currently owns the home and has agreed to sell the property to the Foundation for \$50,000. The recent fire has not changed the sale price, as the home was self-insured.

Donations to the Bever Family – First Responders Memorial Garden Fund can be made online at <https://tulsacf.org/?fund=242>, or by check to Tulsa Community Foundation, 7030 S. Yale Ave, Suite, 600, Tulsa, OK 74136.

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**2017 Rose District Farmers Market Adds Tuesday Hours**  
*Market kicks off new season on Saturday, April 1*

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/23/2016)** – The Rose District Farmers Market begins its 2017 season on April 1 back at the Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main Street. In addition to its regular Saturday hours from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Market will also be open on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early crops such as asparagus, kale, lettuce, broccoli and spinach will be available on opening day, along with chicken, beef, Amish baked goods, honey, and local cheeses. Artisans will be selling a large variety of garden, landscape, habitat and kitchen crafts, cutting boards, kitchen magnets, fur products, barn art and more. Shoppers can buy with confidence knowing this is a regulated OK made and grown market.

**WHAT:** Rose District Farmers Market  
**WHEN:** Starts April 1  
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Rose District Plaza  
418 S. Main Street in Broken Arrow

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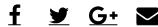
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## New BA Conference Center Expected To Bring Boost To Economy

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BROKEN ARROW, Oklahoma - In Broken Arrow, a new hotel and conference center is opening near the Bass Pro Shop this fall.

It's Broken Arrow's first conference center and the City estimates it could bring up to 10,000 out of state visitors each year.

The idea for the huge project dates back to 2004 - right around the time Bass Pro was breaking ground. Kevin McCarty with Stoney Creek Hotels said they knew then it was going to be a hot area.

"Just knew there was so much more than just what was here today. We knew there was going to be so much more growth potential, and now, fast forward to 2017, and if you look around it's pretty amazing what the community has done," he said.

Since then, McCarty said the support from the community has been overwhelming - something he said will pay off for everyone.

"Bringing the conference center to Broken Arrow is what's going to lead to a little more economic growth in the community. Actually, a lot more," McCarty said.

On top of the 75 permanent positions opening up with the building this fall, the conference center is also sparking even more businesses to pop up nearby.

Mayor Craig Thurmond said, "It's hard to say how much this is going to do, but it's going to make a huge impact. It's one of the bigger things we've done in our community."

Thurmond said the Stoney Creek hotel and conference center will bring a unique experience to not only out of state visitors, but members of the BA community.

"It's something that really has been a long time coming," he said. "There's not going to be anything like it in our metro area, so we're excited about that."

On top of all the out-of-state business the building will bring, it will also create about 75 new jobs in the Broken Arrow area.

You can apply for a job with [Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center here](#).



# Freedom's Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
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**"Promoting Patriotism through the Preservation of Military History"**

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## Oklahoma Vietnam Veterans Day



On March 2, the MHC hosted a birthday party for ninety-two-year-old Korean War Veteran and POW, Cletys Nordin of Tulsa. Mr. Nordin was held as a prisoner of war by the Chinese for 966 days.

Besides Cletys Nordin, there are two other surviving Korean War POWs living in the Tulsa area, all of whom were in the same Chinese POW camp – Edwin Jones, III and Evelyn P. Perkins.

### The MHC Salutes Vietnam Veterans

The Military History Center hosted its third annual Oklahoma Vietnam Veterans Day observance at Broken Arrow's First Methodist Church, in the evening of March 16.

Captain John Adair of Tulsa, a Vietnam War Navy veteran, was the featured speaker. The program also included a video projection of The Wall as MHC docent, Ken Collins, sang "More than a Name on a Wall", accompanied by docent, Dennis Hoch, on guitar. Rolling Thunder Oklahoma presented their Vietnam MIA remembrance program as Ms. Kay Guynes read the names of Oklahoma's thirty-two Vietnam War MIAs.

### Important Date – May 5

#### *The History Classic Golf Tournament*

Attention golfers! The Military History Center and The Museum Broken Arrow will host their annual benefit golf tournament on May 5 at Battle Creek Golf Club. Proceeds of the golf tournament will equally benefit the Military History Center and The Museum Broken Arrow. Mark your calendars, and start practicing. Details will be in the April newsletter.

For information about participating as a player, sponsor or donor, contact BG Tom Mancino at 918-794-2712 or 918-277-2486.



Captain John Adair, USNR (retired)



Members of Rolling Thunder recognizing Oklahoma's Vietnam War MIAs



Dennis Hoch and Ken Collins



Korean War veterans – (standing) Don Hughes and Clarence Oliver – (sitting) George Banasky and Cletys Nordin. Don Hughes and George Banasky are career Air Force veterans, who also served in Vietnam.

## Correction

A sharp-eyed and very knowledgeable reader of the February newsletter caught a serious factual error we made in the Robert Samuel Johnson story. The story should have said that Grabeski, Johnson and MacDonald were the leading air aces of the European Theater.

The top three U.S. air aces of World War II served in the Pacific Theater. Major Richard Bong, USAAF, was credited with forty aerial victories. He received the Medal of Honor for actions over Borneo and Leyte for the period October 10-November 15, 1944.

Major Thomas McGuire, Jr., USAAF, achieved thirty-eight aerial victories before being shot down and killed over Negros Island in the Philippines, on January 7, 1945. He received the Medal of Honor for actions over Luzon, December 25-26, 1944.

Captain David McCampbell, USN, achieved thirty-four aerial kills, including five in one day, on two separate occasions. He received the Medal of Honor for actions during the Battle of the Philippine Sea, "The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot", on June 19, 1944.



## Civil War Living History Program

Several local Civil War re-enactors presented a Civil War living history program at the MHC on Saturday, March 11. The program was planned to be conducted on the Memorial Flag Plaza, but weather intervened, and it was moved inside.

Re-enactors included men attired in Union and Confederate uniforms with reproduction Civil War weapons and ladies dressed in period clothing with some engaged in typical chores of the era, such as knitting and sewing. Musicians in period dress entertained with period music.



Curtis Payne (center) and two unnamed members of his group, Loco Focos, performing at the Civil War living history program



### Support the Military History Center

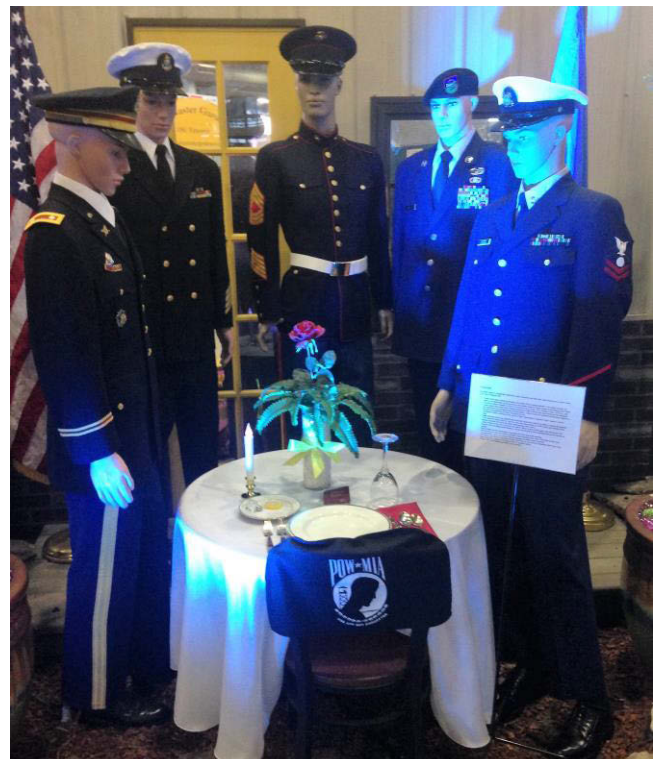
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## Tulsa Home and Garden Show

At the 2017 Tulsa Home and Garden Show, March 9-12, the Home Builders Association Tulsa Master Gardeners' theme was a tribute to the armed services and emergency responders. The MHC provided militaria for the exhibit: a Mexican War era reproduction mountain howitzer and an MIA Missing Man Table exhibit.



## In Memoriam



Lt. General Hal Moore at West Point – 2010

Howard Gregory “Hal” Moore, Jr. was born at Bardstown, Kentucky on February 13, 1922. From a young age, he wanted to attend the United States Military Academy. After appointments were expanded because of World War II, he finally entered the Academy on July 15, 1942, at age twenty. His was an accelerated class that graduated in 1945. He was sent for further training and then posted to Japan with the occupation army. During the Korean War, he saw combat as a Captain commanding a heavy mortar company of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

Hal Moore is best known for his command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry “First Team” Division during the Battle of Ia Drang Valley in the Vietnam War. His battalion defended Landing Zone X-Ray in a fierce, three-day battle against numerically superior North Vietnamese regular army forces. He later co-authored a book entitled *We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young*, with UPI journalist, Joseph L. Galloway, detailing his experiences in the battle. A popular movie was later made, based on the book.

Including his time as a cadet at West Point, Moore served for thirty-five years, advancing to the rank of Lt. General. He retired on August 1, 1977, and settled in Alabama. He died at his home in Auburn, Alabama, on February 10, 2017, three days short of his ninety-fifth birthday.

General Moore is a legend in the Army. He and others were early proponents of the concept of air mobile warfare – ferrying troops by helicopter to isolated combat locations and continually re-supplying them by the same means. The success of the Ia Drang operation proved their thesis. The men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry who served under General Moore – then a Lt. Colonel – at Landing Zone X-Ray revere him for his unflappable demeanor, steadfast leadership and courage during the battle.

## Bristow Names Street for Willard Parrish



The City of Bristow, hometown of Vietnam War veteran, Willard Parrish, has named a street for him. The street was dedicated in his name on February 17. Left to right in the photograph are Bristow City Councilor Rick Person, State Representative Cody Hilbert, Willard Parrish, State Senator James Leewright and Bristow Mayor Leonard Washington. Parrish was a member of 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley. He was awarded a Silver Star for his heroic actions during the battle. He is also a member of the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, inducted in 2016.



Insignia of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

The regiment’s nickname and marching song, “Garry Owen”, was adopted after the regiment was formed at Fort Riley, Kansas on July 28, 1866. Garry Owen is an old Irish drinking song that first became popular in the British Army.

### Museum Hours and Admission Fee

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On September 20, 1965, SGT Larry S. Pierce was serving in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Airborne), 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. On that day, near Ben Cat in the central highlands of South Vietnam, Pierce smothered the blast of an anti-personnel mine with his body, sacrificing his life to protect his fellow soldiers. For his heroic sacrifice, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on February 24, 1966, and promoted to staff sergeant. President Lyndon Johnson presented the Medal to SGT Pierce's family in a White House ceremony.

Larry Stanley Pierce was born at Wewoka, Oklahoma, on July 6, 1941. His family moved to California, where he was raised in the city of Taft. Pierce joined the Army from Fresno, California in 1961. He is buried at Wasco Memorial Park in Wasco, California.

SSGT Larry S. Pierce is honored as a hero by both Oklahoma and California.



SGT Larry Pierce in Vietnam – 1965



General William M. Momyer, Commander of Seventh Air Force presenting the Silver Star to SSGT William Piazza

On January 31, 1968, SSGT William "Pete" Piazza, on his second tour in Vietnam, was serving as an Air Force policeman in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Security Police Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Force Base. On that day, the North Vietnamese and their Viet Cong allies launched simultaneous, furious attacks all across Vietnam in what was called the Tet Offensive. At Bien Hoa AFB: "With the brunt of the penetration attack being concentrated on a bunker on the east end of the base, Sgt. Piazza drove through an unmerciful hail of rocket, mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire to resupply the defenders who were rapidly expending their ammunition. When the Officer in Charge was killed, Sergeant Piazza assumed command, exposed himself to the barrage of incoming fire when deploying his personnel, and nevertheless, exhibited unrelenting stamina that rallied his men for eight hours in countering the hostile assault. The position was held; the westward progress of the hostile forces across the installation was thwarted; and untold numbers of lives and literally hundreds of millions of dollars of aircraft and other material had been saved". (SSGT Piazza's Silver Star Citation)

Pete Piazza retired from the Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1988 after twenty-eight years of service, including three tours in Vietnam. After retirement, he settled in Del City, Oklahoma, where he still lives. On May 12, 2014, Tinker Air Force Base renamed its Midwest Blvd. Gate the Piazza Gate.



SMSGT Piazza looking at the camera during the Tinker AFB gate renaming ceremony.

## Women in the Military

Women have served almost continuously in the United States military beginning with the Revolutionary War. In the beginning, they served mostly as nurses, water bearers, cooks, laundresses and saboteurs. Little changed during the nineteenth century as women served mostly in hospitals or in related fields. In 1866, Dr. Mary Walker received the Medal of Honor for her services during the Civil War. She is the only woman to have received the nation's highest military honor. In 1901 the Army Nurse Corps was established. The Navy followed suit in 1908.

During America's participation in World War I (1917-1918), 21,480 Army nurses served in military hospitals in the United States and overseas. Eighteen African-American Army nurses served stateside caring for German prisoners of war and African-American soldiers. The Army recruited and trained 233 bilingual telephone operators to work at switchboards near the front in France and sent fifty skilled stenographers to France to work with the Quartermaster Corps. The Navy enlisted 11,880 women as Yeomen (F) to serve stateside in shore billets to release sailors for sea duty. More than 1,476 Navy nurses served in military hospitals stateside and overseas. The Marine Corps enlisted 305 Marine Reservists (F) to "free men to fight" by filling positions such as clerks and telephone operators on the home front. Two women served with the Coast Guard. More than 400 women military nurses died in the line of duty during World War I. The vast majority of these women died from a highly contagious form of influenza known as Spanish Flu, which swept through crowded military camps and hospitals and ports of embarkation.

A provision of the Army Reorganization Act of 1920 granted military nurses the status of officers with "relative rank" from second lieutenant to major, but not with full rights and privileges.

World War II (1941-1945) brought significant change to women's participation in the military. More than 60,000 Army nurses served stateside and overseas during World War II. The Army established the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1942, which was converted to the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1943. More than 150,000 women served as WACs during the war; thousands were sent to the European and Pacific theaters. The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) was organized and flew as civil service pilots. WASPs flew stateside missions as aircraft ferriers, test pilots and anti-aircraft artillery trainers. More than 14,000 Navy nurses served stateside, overseas on hospital ships and as flight nurses during the war. The Navy recruited women into its Navy Women's Reserve, called Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), starting in 1942. Before the war ended, more than 80,000 WAVES filled shore billets in a large variety of jobs in communications, intelligence, supply, medicine and administration. The Marine Corps created the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943. Marine women served stateside as clerks, cooks, mechanics, drivers and in a variety of other positions. The Coast Guard established their Women's Reserve known as the SPARs (after the Coast Guard motto, *Semper Paratus* – Always Ready) in 1942. SPARs were assigned stateside and serve as storekeepers, clerks, pho-

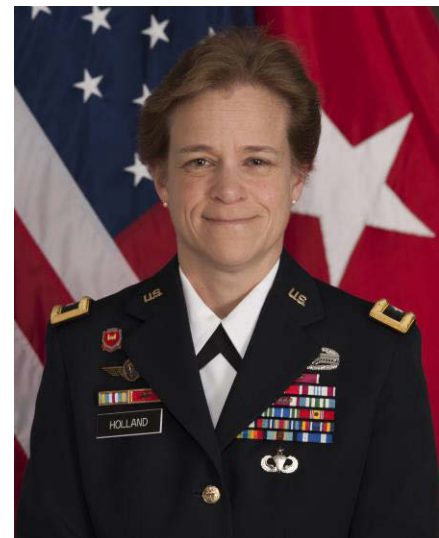
tographers, pharmacist's mates, cooks and in numerous other jobs. In 1943, the US Public Health Service established the Cadet Nurse Corps which trained some 125,000 women for possible military service. Eighty-three Army and Navy nurses were captured during the early months of the war and held as prisoners by the Japanese. Altogether, more than 400,000 American military women served at home and overseas in nearly all non-combat jobs. As the country demobilized, all but a few servicewomen were mustered out.

The Army-Navy Nurse Act of 1947 made the Army Nurse Corps and Women's Medical Specialist Corps part of the Regular Army and gave permanent commissioned officer status to Army and Navy nurses. The Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 granted women permanent status in the Regular and Reserve forces of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps as well as in the newly created Air Force. In 1949, the Air Force Nurse Corps was established.

During the Korean War (1950-1953), servicewomen who had joined the Reserves following World War II were involuntarily recalled to active duty during the war. More than 500 Army nurses served in the combat zone and many more were assigned to large hospitals in Japan during the war. Navy nurses served on hospital ships in the Korean theater of war as well as at Navy hospitals stateside. Air Force nurses served stateside, in Japan and as flight nurses in the Korean theater. Many other servicewomen were assigned to duty in the theater of operations in Japan and Okinawa. During the Vietnam Era (1955-1975), some 11,000 American military women served in Southeast Asia, the majority of them nurses.

Today, women serve in almost all areas of the armed forces including as ship commanders and combat pilots. The Army and Marine Corps are currently working to integrate women into further combat roles.

From the beginning of America's military history, women in the military forces of the United States have contributed immeasurably to the success of the armed forces' many and diverse missions.



Brigadier General Diana M. Holland  
76th Commandant of Cadets  
United States Military Academy

## Women in the Vietnam War

The Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation estimates that approximately 11,000 military women were stationed in Vietnam over the course of the war. Nearly all were volunteers, and ninety percent served as military nurses. Others worked as physicians, air traffic controllers, intelligence officers, clerks and other positions in the U.S. Women's Army Corps, U.S. Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and the Army Medical Specialist Corps. In addition to women in the armed forces, an unknown number of civilian women served in Vietnam on behalf of the Red Cross, United Service Organizations (USO), Catholic Relief Services and other humanitarian organizations, or as foreign correspondents for various news organizations.

In the early years of the war, the Army resisted sending women other than nurses to Vietnam. The Women's Army Corps (WAC), established during World War II, had a presence in Vietnam beginning in 1964, when General William Westmoreland asked the Pentagon to provide a WAC officer and non-commissioned officer to help the South Vietnamese train their own women's army corps. At its peak in 1970, WAC presence in Vietnam numbered twenty officers and 130 enlisted women. WACs filled noncombat positions in U.S. Army headquarters in Saigon and other bases in South Vietnam. A number received decorations for meritorious service.

Nurses ranged in age from recent college graduates in their early twenties to seasoned career women in their forties or older. Members of the Army Nurse Corps arrived in Vietnam as early as 1956, when they were tasked with training the South Vietnamese in nursing skills. As the American military presence in South Vietnam increased beginning in the early 1960s, so did that of the Army Nurse Corps. From March 1962 to March 1973, when the last Army nurses left Vietnam, some 5,000 would serve in the conflict. Five female Army nurses died over the course of the war, including 52-year-old Lieutenant Colonel Annie Ruth Graham, who served as a military nurse in both World War II and Korea before Vietnam. She suffered a stroke in August 1968. First Lieutenant Sharon Ann Lane died from shrapnel wounds suffered in an attack on the hospital where she was working in June 1969. Lane was posthumously awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm and the U.S. Bronze Star for heroism.

Members of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps also played an important role in the conflict beginning in 1963. Five Navy nurses were awarded the Purple Heart after they were injured in a Viet Cong bombing of an officers' billet in downtown Saigon, on Christmas Eve 1964. They became the first female members of the U.S. Armed Forces to receive that award in the Vietnam War. Apart from nurses, only nine Navy women—all officers—served in Vietnam, including Lieutenant Elizabeth G. Wylie, who worked in the Command Information Center on the staff of the Commander of Naval Forces in Saigon beginning in June 1967, and Commander Elizabeth Barrett, who in November 1972 became the first female naval line officer to hold command in a combat zone.

Women also served as members of the Air Force Nurse Corps and the Women's Air Force (WAF) during the Vietnam conflict. Captain Mary Therese Klinker, one of the eight mili-

tary women killed in Vietnam, was the flight nurse on the U.S. Air Force C-5A Galaxy that crashed in April 1975 near Saigon. (The plane had been on a mission for Operation Babylift, which placed Southeast Asian orphans with families in the United States; 138 people were killed in the crash, including many Vietnamese children and a number of female civilians working for U.S. government agencies.) Klinker was posthumously awarded the Airman's Medal for Heroism and the Meritorious Service Medal.

The Marine Corps had a more limited female presence in Vietnam. Until 1966, only sixty female Marines were permitted to serve outside the continental United States, with most of those stationed in Hawaii. From 1967 to 1973, a total of twenty-eight enlisted Marine Corps women and eight officers served in Vietnam at various times.

In addition to the U.S. military women who served in Vietnam, an unknown number of female civilians willingly gave their services in Vietnam during the war. Many of them worked on behalf of the American Red Cross, Army Special Services, United Service Organizations (USO), Peace Corps, and various religious groups such as Catholic Relief Services.

Other American women traveled to Vietnam as foreign correspondents for news organizations, including Georgette "Dickey" Chappelle, a writer for the *National Observer*, who was killed by a land mine while on patrol with U.S. Marines outside Chu Lai in November 1965. According to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation, fifty-nine female civilians died during the conflict.



Lt. Colonel Annie Ruth Graham was born in Efland, North Carolina, on November 7, 1916. She served as Chief Nurse at the 91<sup>st</sup> Evacuation Hospital, Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. She began her tour of duty in Vietnam on November 16, 1967. She suffered a stroke on August 14, 1968, and was evacuated to Japan, where she died four days later. She was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.



## This Month's Featured Exhibit



Two sections of the MHC's extensive collection of Vietnam War artifacts. Copies of SSGT Piazza's Silver Star Citation and photo of him receiving the award are at the center above the display case

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## **Vietnam Women's Memorial – Washington, DC**

The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated to the women of the United States military forces who served in the Vietnam War, most of whom were nurses. It depicts three uniformed women with a wounded soldier. It's part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and is located on the National Mall, a short distance south of The Wall and north of the Reflecting Pool. The Memorial, designed by Glenna Goodacre, was dedicated on November 11, 1993. Eight military women, all nurses, died in the Vietnam War: Lt. Colonel Annie Ruth Graham, Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants Hedwig Diane Orłowski and Sharon Ann Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants Pamela Dorothy Donovan, Carol Ann Elizabeth Drazba, Elizabeth Ann Jones (Army) and Captain Mary Therese Klinker (Air Force).

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