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## Memorial Update

As we continue to address hardships related to budget, furloughs, overcrowding and a host of other obstacles, it is important to take time to remember those that came before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. In that vein, progress continues since the memorial service held at Central Office this past May. Following are updates on the latest activities occurring to make our correctional employee memorial a reality.

The OCEMF is now in possession of a well developed set of drawings and a construction plan provided by Mass Architects. This firm has been tremendously generous in its support and willingness to donate their time and expertise. Several grant applications have been submitted and OCEMF is committed to begin construction before the end of this calendar year.

Grant applications for this type of project require that the applicant be able to demonstrate an on-going financial source is already in place to maintain the project once it is established. Without this, a grant application is not eligible for consideration. The memorial project's on-going funding source is 16.67% of all dues paid by correctional employees who are members of the Oklahoma Correctional Professionals (OCP). Without this partnership, this memorial would not be possible.

I would like to thank all of the OCEMF board members and all employees for their continued dedication and commitment to this project; for if not for all of this, immortal recognition would remain a dream and never become reality.