



## **APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL MEMORIAL & MUSEUM**

*We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived  
and those changed forever.*

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Oklahoma City National Memorial. It is a ticketed event for Family Members, Survivors and First Responders only. Safety protocols will be enforced, which requires a mask and social distancing.

### **Start time of the Remembrance Ceremony is 8:45 a.m.**

The Ceremony is open to the media for coverage. 168 seconds of silence will be observed at 9:02 a.m. and Family Members will read the names of the 168 people killed.

The Memorial will welcome U. S. Attorney General, Merrick B. Garland as the keynote speaker "On Sacred Ground, We Work to find Common Ground." Attorney General Garland has a strong connection to the Oklahoma City bombing and the people of Oklahoma. As Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General in 1995, he led the investigation and prosecution of the perpetrators. He was on the scene within 48 hours, oversaw the multi-state, multi-agency law enforcement investigation coordinated by the FBI, and personally handled some of the early legal proceedings.

Mandisa, a Grammy Award winning artist and *American Idol* finalist, will sing the national anthem and additional songs from her inspirational collection of music.

Thanks to Cox Community Day, admission to the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum is free on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Survivor Tree saplings will be given out in front of the Museum after the Remembrance Ceremony on a first come, first served basis.

Following the Remembrance Ceremony, the Memorial grounds will open to the public.

Two new Museum exhibits will open on April 19<sup>th</sup>. *Remembering Through Art* is a project commissioned by a Broken Arrow High School art teacher to connect students to the loss experienced on April 19, 1995. Each art student chose one person from the 168 who were killed, researched that person and created a work of art in their honor. These works of art illustrate empathy, compassion and celebrate 168 uniquely different lives.

*More Than Two Decades of Building. Together.* reveals how Oklahoma City came together to rebuild and remember. Starting with a mission statement and sacred ground to memorialize, family members, survivors, first responders, designers and the community created a Memorial and Museum to tell the story of the senselessness of violence and share lessons learned. Cities around the world now turn to the Memorial and Museum and the people of Oklahoma in search of a blueprint to help them both recover and rebuild.

### **MEDIA INFORMATION ONLY – NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE**

**Media credentialing is required.** Please email the names, email addresses/contact info of those covering the April 19<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony to Mary Ann Eckstein by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2021 using this form <https://memorialmuseum.com/press-room/mediacreds/>

Media credentials, provided by the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum, must be worn while covering the event. Credentials and "Media" vests (for those carrying backpacks on site) may be picked up from Mary Ann Eckstein, media director, after 6:00 a.m. Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> on the Memorial grounds.

All media will be subject to an initial K9 Sweep by Law Enforcement and must enter the site off Robinson, between NW 5 and NW 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, at the black path near the Survivor Tree. Live coverage during AM newscasts is welcome.

**At 7:00 a.m., ALL media must be at the Survivor Tree and remain there until the Remembrance Ceremony has concluded. There is no roaming the grounds after 7:00 a.m. until the Ceremony concludes.** Following the Ceremony, you are welcome to visit the Chairs, talk with families, survivors and first responders and roam the Memorial grounds.

A secondary K9 sweep by law enforcement is scheduled to begin about 7:00 a.m. or before as determined by the FBI. All equipment needed for your coverage must be with you at the Survivor Tree by 7:00 a.m. After the K9 sweep no additional equipment will be allowed on the site.

Risers at the Survivor Tree are provided by the Memorial on a first come, first served basis.

All media carrying backpacks will need to wear a yellow "Media" safety vest for security reasons. The vest will be provided by the Memorial at the site, Monday morning. Backpacks

and equipment bags should remain with media staff members at all times. Any equipment or items left unattended could be searched and confiscated.

KFOR is the pool podium camera – their live truck is parked on Robinson at NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street. ONLY live trucks used for your broadcast may be parked on Robinson. Please do not park additional vehicles on Robinson.

Satellite coordinates for the live feed will be released soon.

Kari Watkins, Executive Director, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum and Bob Ross, Chair, Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation, will be available for interviews after 6:00 a.m. Please email [mae@okcnm.org](mailto:mae@okcnm.org) if you'd like to set up a specific time for an interview.

The names of the 168 people killed, and the order they will be read on April 19 can be found here: <https://memorialmuseum.com/press-room/>

Please refer to the Museum/Memorial as the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum and use #WeRemember.

MemorialMuseum.com will host a social media wall.

The live stream of the Remembrance Ceremony on MemorialMuseum.com is provided by KFOR this year because they are the pool camera. The live stream will rotate each year to the TV station with the pool podium camera.

In the event of inclement weather, First Church located on Robinson and NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, will be the backup location.

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