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## **MISSION 22 PARK TO OPEN**

Veterans Memorial Park is located in the city of Broken Arrow, at 1111 South Main Street. MCN legend and Congressional Medal of Honor winner Ernest Childers is honored with a plaque and statue in the park, in commemoration of his service in World War II.

The Park is the site for a new Mission 22 memorial project. Mission 22 is a national organization, whose purpose is to support veterans after they return home, their families, and call attention to veteran suicides in the United States. The "**War at Home Memorial**" will consist of twenty (20) ten-foot tall, steel plate cuts of soldiers who took their lives after returning home. MCN citizen and Army veteran Michael D. Coon is a leader in the project; he lost his son Michael K. Coon in 2015, following ten years of service and several tours of duty.

The Mission 22 Memorial will open on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10am, with dedication ceremonies.



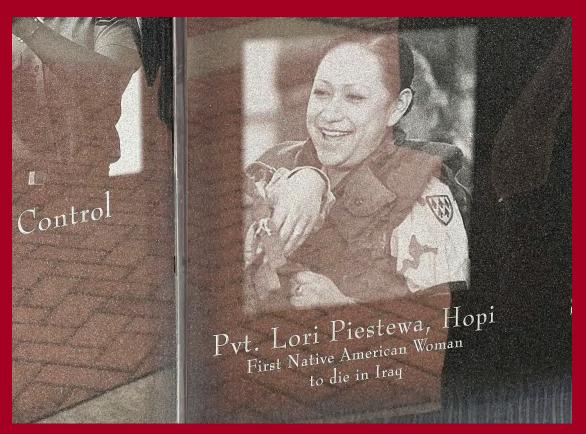
ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1945 IN OLIVETO, ITAN, 25 YEAR OLD ERMEST CHILDERS, DESPITE UPPERING FROM A BROKEN INSTEP, LED EIGHT INFANTRYMEN AGAINST A HEANULY FORTIFIED GERMAN POSITION. IN THE PROCESS, HE INGLE-HANDEDIN SILENCED TWO MACHINE GUN NESTS AND CAPTURED AN ENEMY MORTAR IPLACEMENT. FOR HIS HEROISM, HE WAS AWARDED HIS COUNTRY'S HIGHEST MILITARY TRIEDTE, THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.













Steel plate honoring Michael K. Coon, Army veteran, Mvskoke citizen and son of Michael D. Coon.



