

Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization

Tulsa Chapter 0212

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Tulsa Chapter-e-Newsletter

OKWVO-TC 0212 is a 501 (c) (19) non-profit War Veterans service organization composed of women who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of OKWVO-TC-0212 is to provide an opportunity for communication and association with women who have served, retired, and are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Tina Smith and Ann Schermer, Editors

President's Message: Happy New Year! Welcome to another year of the Tulsa Chapter of Oklahoma's Women Veteran's Organization. We were busy last year with our various activities and I look forward to seeing how many we partake in this year. We are saying "goodbye" to board members Moon Lim Canon and Melva Thomas while at the same time we are saying "welcome aboard" to Eylce Holloway and Cynt Simon. Although Christy Peterson stepped down from the Treasurer position and took up the Chaplaincy, she continues to deal with her cancer. Sandy Bingaman has graciously stepped up to carry the Chaplain moniker along with Christy till Christy is back on her feet. Our prayers are with you Christy. I look forward to hearing an announcement from Chaplain Nancy McCoy at our Feb meeting about a future gathering and an initiative she is working on to expand outreach to women veterans in the Tulsa area. Thank you, each and every one of you, for serving our great country and being one of our sister veterans.
God Bless You All, Ann.

Agenda Topics for February 14th Meeting

- 50/50 Raffle
- Induction of Officers
- Birthday Recognitions
- Recognition of New Members
- VA Benefits-Local DAV, VFW or American Legion Chapters
- Breakfast & Visit to Women's Warrior Memorial at Veterans Park in Broken Arrow
- Garage Sale - Moon & Tina
- Other Items

Calendar of Events

OKWVO-TC Meeting

Dates

- February 10
- April 14
- June 9
- August 11
- October 13
- December 8 (Christmas Party)

Veterans Activities

- Saturday, March 10th
- Women Veterans Symposium @ OSU

WVRD (TBA)
Women Veterans Recognition Day

Saturday, April 28
Tulsa Medal of Honor Day-Veterans Park

Saturday May 5th
OKWVO-TC Garage Sale-Twin Oaks Home

Monday, Nov. 12
*100th Anniversary of Tulsa Veterans Day Parade

Nov 3- DAV 5K
Tulsa

Celebrating Birthdays in January:

Debra Day, Alison Eagleton, and Carol Ross



Celebrating Birthdays in February:

Vici Brown, Debra Clark, Edna Gibbs, Kim Klauburg,

USS Tulsa (LCS16)

Commissioning

The Littoral Combat ship is projected to take place in late 2018 or early 2019.

<https://usstulsa.org>



Wanda Graham, Marine veteran, and Warrior Partners Habitat for Humanity volunteer ripping boards for new home. "Looking good, Wanda!"

Thank you Moon and Melva for your Services to OKWVO-TC!

Thank you Moon and Melva for your dedicated services and devotion as founding board members of OKWVO-TC. In 2012, founding president Tina Smith asked Moon if she would serve as treasurer. From day one, Moon assisted by serving two consecutive terms, from 2012-2016.

From that position, she traded the ledger for the computer to serve as Secretary for one term, 2016-2018. Moon's dedication in getting us actively involved in the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade is her legacy to OKWVO-TC. This coming November will be the 100th year of the parade. We thank you Moon for your outstanding services to OKWVO-TC.

Thank you Melva for your devotion to service as our first historian from 2012-2016. She poured her Marine heart and soul into this project and loved what she did in recording the history of our organization.

We can proudly salute our organization's accomplishments and history as reflected in Melva's dedication to maintaining the OKWVO-TC timeline and activities. After serving as historian Melva couldn't stay away and served as Sunshine Lady from 2016-2018.

Our appreciation goes to both Melva and Moon for all their accomplishments and contributions to the growth and success of OKWVO-TC. We appreciate their untiring and dedicated services while serving on the board since our founding of OKWVO-TC in 2012.

Welcome 2018-2020 OKWVO-TC-2012 Board

President - Ann Schermer, USAF, Retired

Vice President - Tina Smith, USAR, Retired

Secretary - Deborah Wipf, USAF, Retired

Treasurer - Elyce Holloway, USAF

Co-Chaplains - Sandra Bingaman, USN

Christy Peterson, USN

Archivist - Sandy Oxford, USN

Social Chair - Adele Krause, USA, USAR Retired

Sunshine Lady - Cynt Simon, USA Retired



All Guard, Reserve Retirees Now Veterans Under New Law

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All retired National Guardsmen and Reservists are now recognized as veterans in U.S. law. President Barack Obama signed legislation Dec 16 that expands the legal definition of a veteran to include Guardsmen and Reservists with 20 years of service. It was part of a package of veterans' bills Congress passed before adjourning Dec.10. U.S. law previously defined veterans as service members with more than 179 consecutive days of federal (Title 10) active for other than training. Most active-component members meet the standard after a year of service, but until the war on terror, many Guardsmen and Reservists served entire careers without a qualifying mobilization.

The new status is honorary and does not convey any additional benefits. Guardsmen and Reservists can get a Department of Veterans Affairs home loan after six years of service, even without a mobilization. But they must spend time on active duty to draw the Post-9/11 GI Bill.