

# OKLAHOMA WOMEN VETERANS ORGANIZATION

## TULSA-CHAPTER 0212

### OKWVO-TC 0212

January-February 2016



## 2016 Calendar

### Next Meeting

13 February - 10 am

### General Meetings

Woodlake Church  
7100 E. 31st Street  
Tulsa, OK 74145

(Between Memorial Ave &

Sheridan Rd)

13 February

9 April

11 June

13 August

8 October

10 December

(Christmas Party)

### Special Events

October 21-22 WVRD in

Tulsa at the

Wyndham Hotel

November 11

Veterans Day Parade

Watch for details on both events



Since this chapter formed in 2012, we have found friends, no, sisters whom we so enjoy being around. We love sharing stories and volunteering to make a better place for others. "We are a family of sisters and we love to serve."



## Passing of the Gavel at OKWVO-TC

Kelli C. Ingraham, USAF, will be installed as the second president of the OKWVO-TC on Saturday, February 13, 2016. She has been a member of TC since its activation in February of 2012. Kelli has served as chapter secretary and has established herself as a proven leader in the local chapter as well as in other veteran organization in the in the Tulsa and Oklahoma veteran communities.



### TULSA VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Sandy Bingaman shared a volunteer experience promoting the Tulsa Veterans Treatment Court. The last eight months Sandy has been involved with the Veterans Treatment Court as a mentor. She currently has two gentlemen that she is mentoring. One is a sailor and the second one is a Marine. Sandy is very proud to be part of this great organization. Sandy is most proud of her mentoring experiences. She shares Stacy's website:

**Veterans,** *You've answered our nation's call to serve. Now answer the call of veterans right here in your community.*

*Since 2001 more than 88,000 of our military service members have taken their own lives.*

*Many return home with ongoing issues: PTSD, TBI, Moral Injury.*

*From PTSD to prison: nearly one in ten inmates is a veteran.*

*Would you be willing to give one hour a week to mentoring a veteran who is struggling to reorient his or her life and find stability? We are fighting a new battle on the home front and the community needs the help of every veteran willing to volunteer a little time.*

*For more information, contact: Tulsa Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator Stacy Hester [stacy.bester@tulsavtc.com](mailto:stacy.bester@tulsavtc.com) 918.588.8420.*

Tina Smith, USA Retired, who has served as the first president for two terms, will be passing the gavel on to Kelli in an Installation Ceremony on Saturday morning at Woodlake Church.

OKWVO-TC will be installing the Executive Board and Chairs at this memorable ceremony. They are Executive Board members: Ann Schermer, USAF, Retired, to her second term as Vice-President, Moon Lim Canon, USN, as Secretary, having served two terms as Treasurer, and Christy Peterson, USN as Treasurer, who served as Chaplain for two terms.

Members being installed to Chair positions are Sandra Bingaman, USN as Chaplain, having served as Sunshine Lady for two terms, Sandy Oxford, USN, as Historian/Archivist, Tina Smith, USA, Retired, as Public Relations/Newsletter Editor, and Melva Thomas, USMC, to the Sunshine Lady position, having served as the Historian/Archivist for three years.

### OFFICERS ATTEND INSTALLATION OF OKWVO LAWTON-FT SILL CHAPTER 0116

On Saturday, January 23, four members of the Tulsa Chapter took a road trip to Lawton, Oklahoma in Moon Lim Canon's 'Moon-V' to enjoy the historic installation of Chapter 0116 of the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization in Lawton/Ft Sill, OK. Moon Lim Canon, Melva Thomas, Sandy Bingaman, and Tina

Smith enjoyed their 6-hour round trip drive and the wonderful experiences of meeting new veteran friends, mostly Army veterans, and seeing old friends from the Headquarters who installed the officers. Chapter 0116, who are mostly Combat Veterans, have been meeting for almost three years, but finally made it official by their installation on



Jan 23. Contact one of the officers for membership information: Eleanor McDaniel, USA, President: [mcdaniel.eleanor@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdaniel.eleanor@yahoo.com), Lisa Williams, USA, Vice-President: [williamslt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:williamslt@sbcglobal.net),

Tiffany Dimery, USA, Secretary: [tdimery4@yahoo.com](mailto:tdimery4@yahoo.com) and Jackie Wells, USA, Treasurer: 580-429-3430.

On the way home, we stopped and visited the new Women's Veterans' Memorial in Del City, dedicated in 2014. This is an absolute must visit for you to see. It is located just off of I-35 and Sunny Lane



near the Del City Library and swimming pool. Go see it if you are anywhere near Del City! However, before leaving, be sure to stop and have coffee and some Dunkin Donut goodies located nearby. Sandy was the Dunkin Donut "Eagle Eye!"

**TULSA CHAPTER TO DONATE \$100 TO WIMSA (WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA)**



To honor BG Wilma Vaught untiring dedication to all her years of service to WIMSA, upon her retirement at WIMSA, the Board of the Tulsa Chapter voted to contribute \$100 to the WIMSA foundation in honor of BG Wilma Vaught. If any member of the Tulsa Chapter wishes to contribute to this amount, please bring your donation to the February 13th meeting. All donations will be added to the \$100 and presented to WIMSA from OKWVO-TC

Member Deborah Drain, USAF, and BG Wilma Vaught at the WVRD held in Tulsa 2013. BG Vaught will be retiring this year.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**"The kind of beauty I want most is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within - strength, courage, dignity."**

~ Ruby Dee (1922-2014)

American actress, poet, playwright, screenwriter,  
journalist and activist



During the next few weeks, we are going to be surrounded by red and pink balloons, big stuffed animals, sparkling, light-up roses, chocolate and *anything* that screams *I love you!* Many will be getting out the glitter glue and construction paper, helping their kids create the most amazing Valentine's Day box the school has ever seen. While others will be planning a girls night out or choosing what flowers to send to their spouse at work this year. And, we do all of this to celebrate *love*. The question is: shouldn't we be celebrating *love* every day?

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."* Philippians 4: 8 NIV

In fact, in Philippians 4:8, it shows that we should strive to "*think about such things*" - keeping truth, purity and loveliness at the forefront of our thoughts at all times. We are called to fully embrace the goodness of God and to walk out our daily lives remembering all that is praiseworthy and noble.

It's so easy to get bogged down in the day-to-day grind, and before you know it, your mind is focused on what you should have said to the man who cut in front of you or to the woman who sneered at you for taking too long at the drive-thru. *Am I right?* In these instances, we have to make a choice - do we spend our energy on the ugliness around us, or do we focus our hearts and minds on God - celebrating every day in His beauty, in His truth and in His love for us?

This Valentine's Day, we invite you to celebrate *love* with your friends, family and loved ones. But, we also encourage you to take that celebration past February 14<sup>th</sup> - remembering to focus on all things good every day of your life.

Christy Peterson, Chaplain

**Meeting Snacks**-Beginning of meeting, lets all celebrate our friendships and break 'bread' with our sister friends. Please brings snacks for 4-6. Bottled water will be provided. Thanks so much.

