



# TC-e-Newsletter

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**“A Legacy to Share through Serving”**

## **February 2014 Meeting Celebrates 3rd Year for OKWVO-TC**

### **Women Veterans**

As the Virginia Slims ad used to say “We’ve come a long way baby!” Indeed, in two fast paced years, the members of OKWVO-TC have certainly come a long way since our February 2012 HQ Installation meeting.

**Installation of Officers**-The February 8th, 2014 meeting will include the Installation of officers who will begin a new two year term of service. The Executive Board consists of the elected officers. They are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Council is composed of the Archivist-Historian, Chaplain, Social Chair, Parliamentarian, and Sunshine Lady. Meetings of the Board shall be held at least one time between regular scheduled meetings of OKWVO-TC. Chapter meetings are held every other month on the second Saturday of the month beginning with February.

OKWVO-TC’s success is measured by the active involvement of the board, council and a solid core of active members. Throughout our planning meetings, emails, telephone calls, and newsletter communications, B&C members make every effort to involve members in chapter activities.

What is ahead in 2014? The Board and Council are ready to serve another two year term. Why? As Moon Lim Canon states “We are just now learning our roles!” We’ve met many new sister veterans throughout the first two years during our meetings and special events. The time now is to continue “spanning NE Oklahoma” and let women veterans know WHO WE ARE!

## **OKWVO-TC-0212 to be at the TULSA WOMEN’S EXPO 7-9 Feb!**

At our last Executive Board and Council meeting we were brainstorming ideas on ways to broaden our visibility areas. We’ve done booths at the TASM, WNBA Shock

games, participated in two Veterans Day Parades, had a fantastic, energizing experience at the Women Veterans Recognition Day held in Tulsa last October volunteering with many HQ OKWVO members. Where else can we go on a limited budget to locate our sister veterans? Ann Schermer, Vice President, suggested the Women’s Living Expo! For some who have gone to this event, the light bulbs certainly turned on! Thus, a new adventure for OKWVO-TC in early 2014.

Thanks to Christy Peterson, Chaplain, and a board member of GI Wishes, we were extended an invitation to share a booth with them. The TEAM approach certainly enables both organizations financially to participate in this event. GI WISHES and OKWVO-TC members will have a great time visiting with one another, enjoy people watching, and experience the Women’s Expo first hand. We look forward to participating in this outstanding and very well-attended three day event.

The event runs Friday-Sunday, February 7-9 at the River Spirit Expo Center at the Tulsa Fair Grounds. Hours are: Friday and Saturday-11-6 pm and on Sunday, 11-5 pm

Volunteers already signed up are Kelli Campbell, Dolly Kirk, Ann Schermer, Melva Thomas, Peggy Zuber, and Tina Smith.

If interested, contact Ann Schermer at [annschermer@hotmail.com](mailto:annschermer@hotmail.com). You can call her at 918-740-1150. Thank you all for your volunteer spirit! Women’s Expo’s a great adventure to attend. Here’s to a great opportunity for OKWVO-TC! Thanks Ann.



## County Tax Assessor Ken Yazel Guest Speaker at February 8th Meeting

We are very excited that Ken Yazel, Tulsa County Tax Assessor, and USMC veteran, will be speaking at our OKWVO-TC meeting Saturday morning. Ken gave valuable information last year at this time regarding veterans' benefits and tax information. I want to thank Christy Peterson for making this connection in getting Ken Yazel to come to our women veterans organization meeting.

Ken will be speaking from 10:30 to 11:00 and questions for 15 minutes. Guests are welcome.

### SERVED AND SERVING T-SHIRTS

"Everywhere We Go-People want to know

Who we are-So we tell them-

OKLAHOMA WOMEN VETERANS!"

Raise awareness with our women veterans in Tulsa and Oklahoma! Purchase your T-Shirt at the February meeting

\$15.00 with \$5.00 going back to the Tulsa Chapter

*"There's always an opportunity to make a difference"*

## Coffee Bunker Offers 3-Day Weekend for Female Veterans at Grand Lake

Coffee Bunker will be sponsoring a women veterans' retreat at a Grand Lake resort from Friday-Sunday, May 2nd-4th. Each veteran will get her own room and will have different activities planned for the extended weekend. Activities include hiking, fishing and enjoying the serenity of the lake.

While on this retreat, participation in these activities are at your own pace. Coffee Bunker understands "each veteran needs her own space" from time to time. These activities are not mandatory participation events. At this time, there is no fee. The roster for this first retreat is limited to 10.

Katrina Fisher of the Combat Vet Center has indicated that six women have already signed up to attend. Let's fill out this roster so Coffee Bunker can plan a second retreat for female veterans. "So ladies, I encourage your participation and support to have these Coffee Bunker Women Veteran Retreats be something that happens for years to come!" (Contact Katrina Fisher at [katrina.fisher@va.gov](mailto:katrina.fisher@va.gov) or call 918-628-2760 to sign up or obtain further information.)

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*As we begin a new year and for those of us that are re-inventing ourselves after serving in the military or as a "coming of age" boomer, I offer the following. I can't say it any better. We are all beginning something new daily. It's just up to us as to how we live.*

*Chaplain Christy Peterson*

### Your Life Has a Purpose - Always

My Grandpa flew from far away to see us for Christmas. He's 93 years old and when my Mom asked him about the secret to aging well he said this, "Don't worry about it. It only happens one day at a time." His words echoed in my mind and heart. And I realized there are two kinds of people: Those who see life as a process of getting "over the hill" and then going into a decline. Then the second, like my Grandpa, see life as a continual climb with heaven at the pinnacle. "Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage...They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion." (Ps 84:5-7)

**If you belong to Jesus, you are never over the hill.** You are created to go from strength to strength. And, yes, your body will weaken and ultimately fail. But the core of who you are does not have to. "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16).

OKWVO-TC-0212 Meeting - February 8th, 10:15-12:00 Noon  
New Location: Herman and Kate Kaiser Library: 5202 South Hudson Ave,  
(I-44 & S Yale Ave Exit, 51st Street & Hudson.

*New meeting  
location!*

**January**

Jaclyn Hueg, USN Retired  
 Sharon Gainey, USN Retired  
 Carol Ross, USN

**February**

Brittany Dias, ANG  
 Carol Kimbler, USAF  
 Debbie Landry, USMC  
 Retired



*"The future belongs to those who believe  
 in the beauty of their dreams"*  
 Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady 1933-1945

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The year 2014 has arrived and so has my WIMSA calendar! I've been receiving calendars since 2007 and this one is my most favorite! The editors at the Women's Memorial have received my Oscar's vote! This edition is very personal to me. The theme is MY SISTERS' SHOULDERS - OUR PAST. OUR PRESENT. OUR FUTURE.

This calendar is special. "It's a goose-bumps feeling for me." For those of you who have received one, I hope you have similar feelings.

The calendar reflects a past where one of my mentors-my mother, served in WWII. She was a member of the Coast Guard SPARs. (Coast Guard motto of Semper Paratus, Always Ready.) Her "MOS" was teaching survival swimming to Navy personnel and they were billeted at the Biltmore Hotel in Miami, FL. The November calendar shows SPARs practicing swimming skills. In viewing the calendar, I reminisce as I too, reflect on my 23 years in the Army. I can proudly say I was a trailblazer; being the first female drill SGT in my 95th Div, 9th Bn unit, as well as an NCOES instructor during the 1980s and 90s. NCOES courses have been replaced with "warrior leadership courses". Seems like a "forever ago". So proud to serve.

I share these few heritage stories in that I want us all to think of our times in the military. We contributed to the advancement of women in expanding the roles of women in the military. We were the trailblazers for the next generation of women serving in the military. We proudly stand taller today because of our legacies of having honorably served in the Armed Forces! SALUTE!

**Welcome New Members:**

Chriss, Chavez, USA Retired, Angela Davis, USA, Janis Ruge, USAF, USNR Retired, and Carol Ross, USN. These members joined our new members from December. Brittany Dias, ANG, Deborah Drain, USAF Retired, Debbie Landry, USMC Retired, and Deborah Wipf, USAF Retired

**Executive Officers and Board Members**

**President:** Christina Smith, USA, Retired  
**Vice President:** Ann Schermer, USAF, Retired  
**Secretary:** Peggy Zuber, USN, USA, Retired  
**Treasurer:** Moon Lim Canon UN Navy, US Navy Reserves,  
**Chaplain:** Christy Peterson US Navy, Navy Reserves, AZ National Guard  
**Historian:** Melva Thomas, USMC  
**Parliamentarian:** Alicia Bamford, USMC  
**Social Chair:** Jerri Dillon, USA  
**Sun Shine Lady:** Sandy Bingaman, USN  
**Newsletter Staff:** Christy Peterson, Ann Schermer, Christina Smith, Editor

**Calendar of Meetings for 2014**

February 8  
 April 12  
 June 14  
 August 9  
 October 11  
 December 13

**Veterans Day Parade**

**November 11**

Meeting Location:  
 Herman and Kate Kaiser Library: 5202 South Hudson Ave, (I-44 and Yale Ave. Tulsa, OK 74135 (51st Street & Hudson Ave) 918-549-7542



OKWVO-TC-0212

We are a Nonprofit 501 (c) (19) War organization of women veterans who have served or are still serving on Active Duty, in the Reserve, or the Guard in any Branch of Service of the United States of America. To become a member you must have served at least 90 days with an honorable discharge. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. For further information please visit our website.

**OKWVO-TC RAFFLE - \$1.00-1 Ticket/\$5.00-6 Tickets**

*50% Chapter and 50% to Winner!*

October Winner: Pam Bloustine, HQ - Pam graciously donated her 50% to the OKWVO-TC treasury!

Thank you Pam!

Raffle Prizes are: 1. Valentine Wreath

2. Women's Memorial Calendar



**OKWVO-TC Partners with Blue Star Mothers Chapter 1  
To Send Valentine Day Cards to Troops**

Jerri Dillon, Social Chair has a Valentine Day request for us!

Let's have fun and enjoy doing Valentine cards for our Troops! (Remember our days in Grade School when we brought our Valentine Day cards to school, or even made them and gave them out to our classmates? Well, we have a very similar project, but now for our Troops!)

Grab and a card or two, even a box of Valentine Day cards, sign, seal them, and bring them to the February 8th Chapter meeting.

Jerri will deliver our cards to the Blue Star Mothers Chapter 1 of Tulsa.

**Let's go TC! Let's show our Espirit de Corps. Rally around our Troups, TC!**



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