



Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization-Tulsa-Chapter-0212

OKWVO-TC-0212

June 2015



TC-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.



Tri-County Blue Star Mothers Chapter 17 Donates \$2500 to OKWVO-TC-0212

(Dear Members, Moon and I wanted to share this letter which was mailed to Patsy Reid, President of the Tri-County Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 17. To put this in perspective, I received a telephone call about a month ago asking for our mailing address. This Blue Star Mothers Chapter wanted to donate money to our chapter. That was all that was said over the phone. The check was in the mail to Moon within the week. A brief note to Moon was written saying thank you all for all that you do for women veterans. Signed Patsy R. Reid.) This is the letter that the Board crafted and Moon and I signed and was mailed to them last week.

Thank you all members for your contributions to OKWVO-TC activities.

Dear Patsy,

As we say in the military, the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization-Tulsa Chapter-0212 officers were in a "Shock and Awe" stage upon receiving your Blue Star Mothers Chapter 17 check in the amount of \$2500. Our treasurer first thought it read \$25.00 until she re-read it a second time! Oh my goodness! Your chapter's generosity is breathtaking to our women veterans' chapter. We can't honestly begin to thank you enough.

Our chapter was founded in February of 2012. We take pride in making an impact in our Tulsa community as we reach out to our military sisters and their contributions.

OKWVO-TC has 70-plus veterans and members of the Armed Forces. We have combat veterans, members who have served in WWII, the Korean War, during the Cold War, in Vietnam, and served during peacetime, and have been deployed to Iraq, and to Afghanistan. We currently have members serving on active duty. We represent the Air Force, Air National Guard, the Army and the Army Reserves, the Army National Guard, the Marines and the Marine Reserves, the Navy and the Navy Reserves.

Patsy, for the first time last year, OKWVO-TC-0212 established a small Scholarship Fund for our veterans. It is with the generosity of the Tri-County Blue Star Mothers that we can begin to offer additional scholarship and tuition funds to assist women veterans in the Tulsa Tri-county region.

Tri-County Blue-Star Mothers, your dedication to improving the lives of women veterans is truly commendable. We are blessed with this check. We thank you for this "Christmas gift in May".

Sincerely,

Christina Smith, President

Moon Lim Canon, Treasurer

Calendar of Events

2015 General Meetings at
Woodlake Church

7100 East 31st Street

Located between Sheridan and
Memorial

Tulsa, OK 74145

Saturdays

10:00 - 12:15

June 13-Flag Day Celebration

August 8

October 10

December 12-Elections

Women Veterans Recognition
Day-October 16-17

Tulsa Veterans Day Parade

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Board Meetings

2nd Monday of each month

Email

womenvetstulsa@yahoo.com

with your ideas and/or comments

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14-Christmas Party and
Election of Officers

Mailing address:
OKWVO-TC-02112
P.O. Box 33084
Tulsa, OK 74153

womenvetstulsa@yahoo.com
www.okwvo.org
WIMSA.org

Tulsa VETERAN HOMELESS STAND DOWN
Saturday 19 September 2015, 0800-1300 hrs First Baptist Church
(Downtown Tulsa, 403 South Cincinnati Avenue)

Mission: Through outreach and community collaboration, the Stand Down offers a compassionate roadmap to end Veteran homelessness for those most vulnerable. Through empowerment, resource connections and provision of the most basic needs, Veterans receive a hand-up to an opportunity for continued community support.

OKWVO-TC-What can we do to help? DONATE! Purchase the bare essentials: hygiene products, healthy snacks, long underwear, women's underwear, shoes & boots, coats, blankets and backpacks. We can consider the Chapter making a cash donation to the Veteran Homeless Stand Down. New clothing drop off is at the Coffee Bunker located on the NW corner of 41st and South Sheridan Ave. In the past, we have served as on-site volunteers at the Stand Down. We will finalize our plans at the August meeting. (If a member wishes to write a check, make checks payable to OSDAR and mail to Lynda Rowe, 2728 E. 56th Pl, Tulsa, OK 74105.)



Flag Day June 14



Let's hear from you and your history of patriotism and learning about the American Flag. Do you have a story about the American Flag? Do you display the American Flag at home? Bring your story to the June 13 meeting as we celebrate Flag Day Weekend in Tulsa and throughout the country!

I am sharing a story from Christy Peterson's Emails files: Author Unknown: It's the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press. It's the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It's the Soldier, not the politicians that ensures our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It's the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

If you care to offer the smallest token of recognition and appreciation for the Military, please share this story with a friend. (I took the liberty to change the format of delivery so I could share this story with more people, including you, and those who do not receive emails.)



Chaplain's Corner, Christy Peterson, USN, Chaplain

I pull into my garage and the sound of the storm lessens. It seems a stillness begins to settle within me, too. I picture the corner of my room where I curl up to spend time praying. And these words come to my heart: "When all is said and done I get to go home to Jesus."



In the moment I mean that in the most literal way. I'm thinking of a cup of tea, warm blanket and time for Him to bring my still-racing heart back to its usual rhythm. But I smile as I realize the words are true for eternity, too. No matter what happens in this life, when all is said and done we get to go home to Jesus.

Welcome New Members

Cheryl Blunt, USN, Tamara Tumelson, ANG, Mary Wagner,

Spring Special Events

Special thanks to Beverly Chinnery, USA for coming out in the cold and wet weather to enjoy a great morning at the Trogman 5K Event in Owasso. The people were super friendly. The Spirit of the event never put a damper on the reason for being at the Trogman Event. Tamara Tumelson and her team were set and ready to go. This was the second year for the event and will grow with the enthusiasm of this leader. The word will get out. Thanks BJ for your great assistance at the OKWVO table.

The second wonderful event this spring TC participated in was the US Marines Medal of Honor event held at Veterans Park in Tulsa. Always an outstanding day with full military gala and highlighted by having a Medal of Honor ceremony. Appreciation goes to our great Marines, Wanda Graham, Melva Thomas, Moon Lim Canon, Navy, and our newest member, Elyce Holloway. Air Force were great team members at the event. Our day was filled with many coming by our table. We took turns visiting the Marines' displays, our many friends, learning about all the artillery weapons, and of course eating. Thank ladies for your support.

OKWVO-TC

Offers One-Time Financial Assistance, Care Packages and Scholarship-Tuition Aid to Women Veterans

Women veterans who are in need of one time financial assistance, Care packages, or Scholarship funds can contact OKWVO-TC at: womenvetstulsa@yahoo.com. to apply for aid or tuition assistance. One time financial assistance is for \$50.00. A one time application for scholarship funds application is for up to \$200.00.

50/50 Raffle Results! Ann Schermer was the lucky April winner! Thank you all for your wonderful participation in this fun event as this generates both operating and Scholarship funds that the Board and officers are able to use judiciously toward worthy causes throughout the calendar year. You all are very much appreciated.

Combat Vet Center to Host Town Hall

Veterans Benefits Day

Saturday, August 1 at American Legion Mohawk Post 308

11328 Admiral Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74116

Benefits covered will be Tricare, Education

Service Officers will be present

Time TBA

Upcoming Special Events

★ Military Night at Tulsa Shock vs Minnesota Lynx, July 19, 3:30 (Veterans are free and family and friends' tickets are \$12.00 each)

★ **Tulsa Stand Down-Saturday, September 19**
0800-1300 hrs

★ **Combat Vet Center Town Hall Veterans Benefits Day-Saturday, August 1, American Legion Mohawk Post 308, Time TBA**

◆ **Women Veterans Recognition Day- WVRD, October 16-17-Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma**

*We need Vendor volunteers to serve as OKWVO-TC "Ambassadors" at our booths. These are fun times for people meeting people opportunities. Come be an ambassador for TC!

Please contact Tina Smith at 918-810-6703 for volunteer

"Back in 1984"

In the fall of 2014, Pat Mays gave me a bag of fabric, saying she could not remember who gave it to her. She had it for a while and just did not have time to finish it. I discovered 36 completed blocks and a lot of extra fabric in the 3 colors. I also discovered a cash register receipt from a fabric store dated Jan 1984.



Now my #2 daughter was a Junior in High School then. She has since served in two branches of the Military, had three kids, retired from the Military and is working for Civil Service.

I am thinking that there are folks who were born since then, that are half way toward their military retirement since this quilt was started. Maybe served in more than one war. So I did finish it and now I think it is time it helps some more Military Ladies make a bit of money. So, I am sending it to the Tulsa Chapter of the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization.

*Pieced blocks by Unknown quilter
Finished By: K. Joyce P. Stotler, TSGT, Retired
Newcastle, OK*

*1993 Oklahoma Female Veteran of the Year
Machine Quilted by: Etta Holsted
Moore, OK
03-22-2015*

Woman Veterans Recognition Day is October 16-17 at the Embassy Suites, Norman. We will be selling this quilt at our Vendor's Table.

Photo-Veterans of the Year are Lynda Waldroop, USN, 1985, Peggy Zuber, USN, USAR, Retired, 2014, and Sandy Oxford, USN receiving her honor in, 2013. At the Dias is Pam Bloustine, USMC, USMCR, WVRD Chair and 1999 Veteran of the Year, 1999.



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OPERATION FREE ★ RIDE!
@ PINTO WORLD SHOW
Flag Day, Sunday, June 14 ★ Expo Square
4145 East 21st Street, Tulsa

★ 3 pm to 5 pm ★
The Pavilion @ Expo Square

Free horseback rides for service members, National Guard, Reserve, Veterans, survivors and families

★ Free Operation Free Ride 2015 T-shirt for first 100 who register! ★
Please email events@horses4heroes.org and tell us how many will be attending and what size t-shirts, YS, YM, YL, YXL, AS, AM, AL, AXL.

(200-pound weight limit strictly enforced, youth riders must wear a helmet and closed-toe shoes required; release forms must be signed by all riders, parents or guardians.)

All participants will be entered to win a free trail ride package, donated by Seproyak Riding Stables and a \$50 gift card from Drysdale's.

After your ride, participate in the
Parade of Heroes
Built Ford Tough Arena ★ 6 pm (time approximate)



All pictures from Operation Free Ride @ Pinto 2014



WOMEN'S COMBAT GROUP

Tulsa Vet Center
2nd & 4th Thursday
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Tina Bevans, LCSW
Readjustment Counselor
U.S. Navy Veteran
Tulsa Vet Center
14002 E.

