



TC-e-NEWSLETTER



PEGGY ZUBER SELECTED 2014 VETERAN OF THE YEAR AT WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

In attendance at the 30th Annual Women Veterans Recognition Day held at the Embassy Suite, Norman, Tulsa Chapter members were excited to hear that our own Peggy Zuber, US Navy veteran, and USAR SFC, Retired, was announced as the 2014 Women Veteran of the Year. Denise Young, US Navy, and OKWVO-HQ President was first Runner-up. Peggy received her award from, Sandy Oxford, US Navy, Retired, who was the 2013 Women Veteran of the Year.



Peggy received her award for her years of military service; four years in the Navy and 17 years in Army Reserves. During Peggy's 17 years of Reserves, she serves in various overseas operations in Belgium and Germany. After retiring in 2001, she worked as a DoD contractor on the ground in Iraq during Operation Iraqi

Freedom doing contract work in country in Iraq. She volunteers as a Veteran court mentor and as our TC secretary keeping the members informed of veteran affairs. More importantly Peggy serves as a tremendous fund raiser for the chapter in taking on the lead role of Team Captain for the past two years of our successful garage sales.

In September, Peggy was recognized by the Cherokee Nation for her sacrifices and as a way to demonstrate the high regard in which all veterans are held by the tribe.

GS-3 Big Three Garage Sale was a Great Success! Thanks to all who helped in the September 13 Garage Sale Drive. OKWVO-TC raised over \$1000 for the Tulsa Chapter Financial Assistance, Care Packages, and Scholarship funds. A shout out to Genie Crews for her significant contributions of sale items to this Garage Sale. Thanks to all who contributed sale items. A final total will be given soon. Thanks to Peggy Zuber and her green truck and home, Sandy and Steve Bingaman and their warehouse and trailer! To Kelli the Pricer! Elaine the Grilling Chef! WOW. Moon and Ann the cashiers! Truly, we have a great team working together on this project. Thanks to All who participated in this event. Thank you all-Debbie Drain, Melva-everyone, Wanda, your spirit is great picker upper! Great fun and a great day to be outside!

IMPORTANT DATES

Chapter Meetings
10:00 -Noon

October 11

December 13

(Christmas Party)

Meeting Address:
Herman and Kate Kaiser Library,
5202 South Hudson Ave,
(I-44 & S. Yale Ave Exit)
51st Street & Hudson

City-State Events

Tuesday, November 11
Tulsa Veterans Day Parade

*For additional information regarding
OKWVO-TC events or veterans information,
contact:*

womenvetstulsa@yahoo.com

*Check out the WVRD Public
Relations Board Melva (L) and Peggy and
showing us! Thanks for running the Table
at WVRD. And a great big appreciative
thank you to Ann Schermer for the Display
Board! Such creative display of work. Lots
of positive comments by our visitors who*



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**VETERANS DAY PARADE “DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM”
OKWVO-TC MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THIRD VETERANS PARADE,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

This will be the third year for OKWVO-TC to participate in the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade. OKWVO-TC’s team captain, Moon Lin Canon is pumped and excited as we approach the Tuesday, November 11 parade date. The theme for this year is “Defenders of Freedom” . This year, we can emphatically state: We have grown in participation numbers and even added a second vehicle. However, we want to see more of you all! We want more of you all to come out and bring your friends. to this year’s parade.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 am at the VFW located on 6th Street, just west of Peoria. We begin lining up at 9:30 am. Sandy Oxford, thanks again this year for getting us a ride on the back of a fantastic military vehicle! Check us out! Come join the fun and be proud of your military service! The crowds are great!

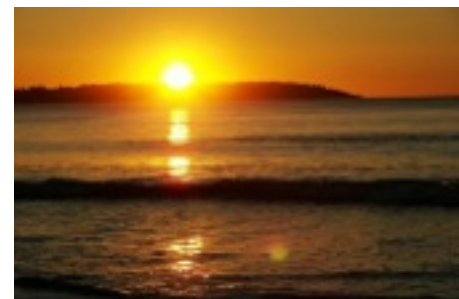


CHAPLAIN’S CORNER by Christy Peterson, US Navy,
Light, for Your Darkest Days by Jennifer Dukes Lee Blog Post

These days, when the headlines declare the misery,
I need to see how the heavens declare something else: The glory of God.
No matter what the headline says. No matter what the MRI says.
No matter what it says on your credit-card statement,
Your report card, your overworked calendar, or your latest rejection letter.
You are in the middle of your story, and yeah, it might look dim today.
But - spoiler alert - **the Light wins.**
The LORD will be your everlasting light... Isaiah 60:20

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and His glory appears over you.

Isaiah 60:1-2



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

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



American Legion Post 1

Town Hall Meeting, Oct 8th on the VA Health Reform Bill that was implemented on the 1st of Oct.

Representatives from VA health and benefits will be there as well as our Services officers from Post 1 and Representatives from the US Senate and House.

Seating is limited to just over 300.

So please contact call AL Post 1 @ 918-584-4274

The address 1120 E. 8th Street, Tulsa, OK

Located 1 Block W of Peoria on 8th St.

Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Open Forum Meeting. What does bill do for veterans and what the bill does not do.

This will also be live streaming via a local news network website

Martial Arts Achievement Awards for TC Military Sister! Congratulations are in order for Christy Peterson, US Navy and our Chaplain. She has achieved White, yellow, orange, camo and green in her Martial arts studies. She now has been given the "preliminary" approval to go for the Blue! Christy, we want photos if allowed so we can see all your belts! This is a very exciting accompaniment for you! This takes dedication and discipline to achieve these levels of competency. We are proud of you sister friend!

30th WVRD A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 30th Annual Women Veterans Recognition Day just concluded with lots of memories to keep me fired up for another year of the "Energizer Bunny" spirit. Eleven TC members were in attendance at the Norman Embassy Suites WVRD event. We heard informative speakers, included none others than Gen. Wilma Vaught and our own Gen. Rita Aragon, and updates on VA happenings.



Gen. Vaught spoke of WIMSA and gave us a pep talk of how great the WWII generation was to all of us in building the WIMSA memorial and now it is up to US to continue to keep the lights on and to keep the spirits alive at WIMSA. It is our Heritage, our Legacy to share this history for future generations of women in the military. We are a part of the history of women who have served. Who else is going to preserve our stories? When Pam Bloustine, USMC, Retired and Chair of this event was asking the generations of

veterans who serve to stand, WWII, 3 stood, Korea veterans - about 5-8 stood up, Viet Nam era, about 30+ perhaps women and men stood up, 1973 + a great number of the 180+ in attendance stood up, and then the numbers skewed downward again. We had about 10-12 from the 1990 to present. Gen. Vaught challenged us and she looked right at Gen. Aragon. Where are the 33,000+ women veterans in the state of Oklahoma? Lets find them, lets be sure they are being treated well, and get them registered at WIMSA. We responded with over \$7000 in donations in envelopes at the tables in memory for our military sisters who have died.

The 30th Annual WVRD is indeed a most inspiring event. It's a reminder of why we served and a reunion of kindred spirits from all branches of services and of decades of services. We are truly military sisters as Lynda Waldrop calls us.

WVRD would like to come back to Tulsa in 2015. The OKWVO-TC board will bring this to the vote of the members in a few months. It will take a lot of "energized military sisters to make this event a most successful 31st WVRD 2015 event. We'll be in touch! *tl*



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OKWVO-TC members who attended 30th Annual WVRD at the
Embassy Suites in Norman OK on October 4, 2014

