



Our 32nd OKLAHOMA WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

(Active Duty, Reserve, Guard - Past & Present)

SATURDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2016

8:30-9:30am Social Hour/Registration

9:30am-3:00pm Program *(includes lunch)*

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts Tulsa

10918 E. 41st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma; 918-627-5000

GUEST SPEAKERS

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILMA VAUGHT, USAF, Retired

President Emeritus, Women's Memorial Foundation, Washington DC

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR SHELLY HAYNES, USA

Oklahoma Army National Guard

AMY SNYDER, DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Women Veterans Coordinator, Muskogee Regional Office

TO OUR OKLAHOMA MILITARY WOMEN:

Each year the Department of Veterans Affairs sponsors Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day and Governor Mary Fallin has proclaimed **Saturday, 22 October 2016** as our day. MajGen Rita Aragon, USAF, Retired, Special Assistant to the Governor for Veteran & Military Affairs, will be welcoming all military women, past and present, to our celebration. Co-chairs for the program are SgtMaj Pam Bloustine, USMCR, Retired, and MSG Phyllis Dorough-Barker, USA, Retired. The military women of Oklahoma have been gathering annually for 32 years to renew old friendships and begin new ones.

REGISTRATION & SOCIAL HOUR begins at 8:30am; PROGRAM begins at 9:30am.

Attire is civilian casual/military equivalent. We will offer free flu shots for our military women, past and present, administered by VA nurses.

RESERVATION FORM: Complete the enclosed Reservation Form and mail to: Pam Bloustine, 2801 Redbud Lane, Edmond, OK 73025 OR e-mail Form to: PamOKWM@aol.com; **MUST BE RECEIVED by 10 OCTOBER;** please put "RESERVATION FORM" in the 'Subject' line of your email. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!** A wonderful luncheon is provided at **NO** cost

for our military women - past and present. Guests are welcome and pay just \$20 at the door. Do not wait until the last minute, make your Reservation NOW!!!

SILENT AUCTION: Supports our funding to pay for our meals. Save your money and bid on extraordinary items. If you have item(s) you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, please contact: For OKC area - Sonja Hatfield, cell 405-219-0531, or e-mail her at sonjasmail73110@yahoo.com. For TULSA area - Sandy Oxford, office 918-628-2760 or cell 918-697-1349, or email her at Sandra.oxford@va.gov

VENDOR TABLES: Always of great interest to our attendees and set up around perimeter of the room. If your Organization would like to set up a table, please contact MSG Christina Smith, USA, Retired, at christinas258@gmail.com, or 918-810-6703. The table fee is a donated door prize for the event. Vendors must **ALSO** complete the enclosed Reservation Form and pay \$20 for their lunch unless they are women veterans. **Vendors must contact Christina by 10 October**, first come, first served. Space is limited!

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM: At the Hotel, 6-9pm, Friday, 21 October - All are invited! It's a great time to meet and greet with our Guest Speakers and other attendees before the formal Program on Saturday - So come and join us. You will also get a sneak preview and can start the bidding on the Silent Auction items. We will offer lots of free hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and an enjoyable time!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: We have negotiated a special discounted room rate of \$79 per night for single room, 2 people=\$109; 3 people=\$119; 4 people=\$129. Included is a Breakfast buffet for \$7.00 per person. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by 7 October** to **GUARANTEE your ROOM at this rate!** If you plan to spend the night at the hotel, make your reservations NOW! After 7 October you will not be guaranteed this rate. Call 1-800-WYNDHAM, or 918-627-5000 for reservations, or you can also reserve your room on-line: <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/oklahoma/tulsa/wyndham-tulsa/rooms-rates?> Our group code is 'Oklahoma Women Veterans Groups'; 10206798OK_001. Once on the website, select Dates and Room details, then Click on "Add Special Rate Codes" and enter our code under Group Code and follow the prompts. Just call the hotel if you have any problems.

DONATIONS to fund this event are greatly needed and greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend but want to help see our Annual Program continue, please send your check payable to 'OK WOMEN VETERANS FUND' to Pam Bloustine. Or, just send in a donation with your registration form. We THANK YOU for your continued support!

REMEMBER THESE KEY DATES!!

Program Ads in by 1 October 2016

Hotel Reservations by 7 October 2016

Event Reservations by 10 October 2016

Vendor Reservations by 10 October 2016

Hospitality Room & Saturday program 21-22 October 2016

RESERVATION FORM

Complete & return by 10 October 2016

E-mail to: PamOKWM@aol.com OR

Mail to: Pam Bloustine, 2801 Redbud Lane, Edmond OK 73025

Make checks for non-women veterans, guests, and donations payable to: 'OK Women Veterans Fund'

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Phone:	Email address:	
Branch of Service:	Rank:	Dates Served:
Number attending Hospitality Room Friday night?		
Number attending Saturday program?		

Is this your first time attending this event? _____

If not, is this a new address or email address? _____

Are you a VENDOR? If so, have you contacted VENDOR Point of Contact? _____

We plan to have your name tag(s) preprinted, so please list your name tag information as you would like it shown for you and your guest(s): *(Limit one line for add'l info, i.e. - Sgt, USMC, 1970-1974; MSG, USAR (Ret), 1970-2000; Title & Organization; etc.)*

Name for name tag: Add'l info (if desired):
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Each year we conduct a Memorial Service during our Program. We honor our sisters we have lost during the past year by reading their names. If you know of an Oklahoma military woman that has passed away since 3 October 2015, please list her name, branch of service, and any other pertinent information below:

Please help us spread the word and make sure every military woman in our Great State of Oklahoma knows about this wonderful event. Remember, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**

Hope to see you there!

OKLAHOMA WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY 2016 Program Ads

To help defray expenses for our event, we are selling standard business card-size ads to be printed in the Program for only **\$25 each**. All are encouraged to sell and/or purchase these ads as an easy way to help out.

We have **two** different types of ads available:

1. For Vendors/Advertisers who have a business card they would like printed in the program to let women veterans know of their services, or just want to show their support of veterans. Go to the locally owned businesses that you frequent, e.g., cleaners, liquor store, bakery and other services in your area and ask for their support and their business card. Service members/Veterans (male or female) can also have their personal/business card printed. Or just put in an ad to show support of our special day or in honor of a special service member or veteran.

2. For a Memorial Ad whereby you may honor military women, family members, or friends. The memorial ad size will be approximately the size of a standard business card (3½" x 2") or smaller and can be of any design. Samples are shown below:

<u>SAMPLE BUSINESS CARD AD</u>	<u>SAMPLE MEMORIAL OR IN HONOR AD</u>
<p><i>Custom Jewelry Design</i> <i>Misty R. Sou</i> <i>USAF Veteran</i> <i>Email: customjewelry@gmail.com</i> <i>Phone: 405-555-5555, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm</i></p>	<p><i>In memory (or honor) of:</i> <i>Elsa Farman ~ Catherine "Kay" Bishop</i> <i>Lori Letizia ~ Clare Trotter</i></p>

All Program ads are printed in black and white and are only \$25 per ad. We can also help design your ad if needed.

Please send your ads or business cards with your check made payable to: 'OK Women Veterans Fund', and mail to Pam Bloustine, 2801 Redbud Lane, Edmond, OK 73025, **NO LATER THAN 1 OCTOBER 2016.**

QUESTIONS? Please email Pam at PamOKWM@aol.com or leave a detailed message at 405-226-5688.

**Thank you for your continued
and overwhelming support!**