



Celebrating our 28th Anniversary!



OKLAHOMA WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

SATURDAY, 17 November 2012

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

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

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

2501 Conference Drive

Norman, OK

405-364-8040

GUESTS OF HONOR:

MAJOR GENERAL ANGELA SALINAS, USMC

Director, Manpower Management Division, HQMC

DR. IRENE TROWELL-HARRIS

Director, Center for Women Veterans, Washington, D.C.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILMA VAUGHT, USAF (Ret)

President, Women's Memorial Foundation, Washington, DC

TO OUR OKLAHOMA MILITARY WOMEN:

As you may know, the Department of Veterans Affairs sponsors an Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day each year. Governor Mary Fallin has proclaimed **Saturday, 17 November 2012** as our special day this year. MajGen (Ret) Rita Aragon, currently serving as Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs of Oklahoma, will be welcoming all military women, past and present, to this special event. Co-chairs for the program are SgtMaj Pam Bloustine, USMCR (Ret) and MSG (Ret) Phyllis Dorough-Barker, USAR-AGR.

For 28 years the military women of Oklahoma have been gathering annually to renew old friendships and make new ones. This year, we will also be collecting food for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. **PLEASE BRING** non-perishable, non-expired food items the day of the event and help us support this worthy cause.

REGISTRATION & SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 8:30am, PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 9:30am. Come and join in the camaraderie with this elite group of women. We plan to have free flu shots for our military women again this year, administered by nurses from the OKC VAMC. The attire is civilian casual/military equivalent and guests are welcome. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!** We need to know how many will be attending **BY 3 NOVEMBER 2012.** A delicious lunch will be provided at no cost for our military women. Guests are welcome and will pay \$15.00 at Registration.

RESERVATION FORM: Please complete the enclosed Reservation Form and mail to: Pam Bloustine, 2801 Redbud Lane, Edmond, OK 73025, OR e-mail your Reservation Form to: PamOKWM@aol.com **TO BE RECEIVED BY 3 NOVEMBER 2012.** PLEASE respond **NOW** - don't wait until the last minute! Please put "RESERVATION FORM" in the subject line of your e-mail.

SILENT AUCTION: We will hold a Silent Auction to assist with the funding for this event. Save your money so you can bid on the fabulous items we've collected. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate, please contact E'yvonne RunningWolfWoman King at 405-366-6846.

BOOTHS: We will have booths set up around the room which we hope will be of interest and beneficial to you. If your Organization would like to set up a booth at our event, please contact Phyllis Dorrough-Barker, at (405) 790-1235, or e-mail her at padorough@cox.net.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM: We will have a Hospitality Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, 6-9 pm Friday, 16 November - all are invited. Our guest speakers plan to attend and it's a good time to meet and spend some time with them before the Program on Saturday. So, join us in the Hospitality Room Friday evening and also get a sneak preview and start bidding on our Silent Auction items. There will be free food and a cash bar and a fun time for all!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: We have negotiated discounted group rates of \$77 per night at the Embassy Suites Hotel. These rates will be available for Friday night only. **HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 26 OCTOBER TO GUARANTEE A ROOM.** If you plan to spend the night at the hotel, make your reservations NOW. After **26 OCTOBER** they may not be available, and especially at the reduced rate! Call the hotel directly at (405) 364-8040 and tell them you are coming for the Oklahoma Women Veterans Recognition Day Program to receive this special rate.

Donations for this function are needed and appreciated. If you are unable to attend this year but would like to donate to help keep the Program going, checks may be made payable to **OK WOMEN VETERANS FUND** and mailed to Pam Bloustine. We thank you for your continued support.

Please help to spread the word and make sure every woman veteran in our Great State of Oklahoma knows about this wonderful event. We will see you there!

RESERVATION FORM

Complete & return by 3 November 2012

Email to PamOKWM@aol.com or mail to:

Pam Bloustine, 2801 Redbud Lane, Edmond OK 73025

Name:

(Register separately in order to be placed on our mailing list for future events.)

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email address:

If applicable, Branch of Service:

Rank:

Dates Served:

Will attend Saturday program:

of Guests:

Will attend Hospitality Room Friday night:

of Guests:

We plan to have name tags preprinted so please list name tag information as you would like it shown for you and your guest(s):

Name tag name:

Add'l info (if desired):

(Limit one line, i.e., Sgt USMC 1970-1974; MSG USAR (Ret); Title & Organization; etc.)

Name tag name:

Add'l info (if desired):

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As we have each year, there will be a Memorial Service held during the Program, and we would like to honor our sisters we have lost during the past year by reading their names. If you know of an Oklahoma woman veteran that has passed away since 29 October 2011, please list her name, service, and any other pertinent information here:

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2012 PROGRAM ADS

To help cover the expenses of this year's event, we are selling standard business card size ads to be printed in the Program for \$25 each. All women veterans are encouraged to sell and/or purchase these ads as an easy way to help out.

There will be two different sections:

The first section will be 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. Veterans, male and female, can also have their personal/business card printed or just an ad to show support of our special day or in honor of a special Servicemember or veteran.

The second section will be a Memorial Section where you can honor deceased women veterans, family members, and friends. The memorial ad size should be approximately the size of a standard business card (3½" x 2") or smaller and can be of any design. A sample is shown below.

The Program ad pages will be in black & white and will be \$25 per ad.

Please send the ads or business cards with the check made payable to: OK Women Veterans Fund, and mail to Pam Bloustine, 2801 Redbud Lane, Edmond, OK 73025, **NO LATER THAN 3 NOVEMBER 2012**. Any questions call (405) 226-5688, or email PamOKWV@aol.com. Thanks for your support!

SAMPLE BUSINESS CARD AD



 **Custom Jewelry Design**
Misty R. Sow
USAF Veteran
Email: customjewelry@gmail.com
Phone: 405-555-5555 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

SAMPLE MEMORIAL AD



In memory of:
Elsa Farman ~ Catherine "Kay" Bishop
Lori Letizia ~ Clare Trotter

We miss you ~ Semper Fi