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From the Commander's Desk . . .

WVA 48 Sisters,

I recently read a quote that inspired me,
it reads as follows:

*"There's no quitting, I can't have quit in
me. There was never an option to stop
and quit."*

--Major Lisa Jaster, third woman to graduate from the
U.S. Army Ranger School

This is exactly the way I feel about
establishing a strong Women Veterans
Organization. Despite the politics, the
naysayers, and those who don't
understand why we need a separate

Women Veterans Organization, I know why. I know that we need to be there
for our transitioning military women. I know that they need honor, respect,
and a place where they can feel a sisterhood that identifies with their gender-
specific needs, scars, traumas, and memories. I know that they need a place
where they can talk safely about their stories, where they don't feel under-
served or excluded as Veterans. I know that they need a place to grow as
leaders in their community.

Women veterans risk falling through the cracks as they face both a country
that doesn't understand them and systems which are not gender appropriate.
They need an organization that stands with them and works to change that
culture. While we have made meaningful progress by rescinding combat
exclusion policy and shaping services for women, we've got a long way to go,
especially when it comes to helping the Woman Veteran transition back to
civilian life.

I won't quit working for Women Veterans nor advocating for what they
deserve, because I know that they need their own Service Organization, one
that prioritizes and honors them. I hope that you feel the same as I do.

Let's "Stand Up, Stand Out, Be There!"

Respectfully,

Camilla Zimbal, Commander, WVA Chapter 48

In this Issue: Committees, Events, Recruitment

Upcoming Events

**Monthly Chapter
Meetings**
7:00 p.m./6:00 p.m.
on special evenings
2nd Monday/month

9 April 2018
14 May 2018
11 June 2018
9 July 2018
13 August 2018
10 September 2018
8 October 2018
12 November 2018
10 December 2018
Check social media
for changes, or, call

SPECIAL in 2018

June 9 @ 9 a.m.

701 W. Eldorado,
Little Elm, TX 75068
- celebrating -

**Women Veteran's
Day in Texas**

Check Social media for
our fund raisers, charities,
outreach missions, and
changes - we are active!

Submissions:

- Soon after your event,
send photos and
narrative.
- Last submissions
received **by the 15th** of
*December, March, June,
September.*
Your news will be edited
to fit.
Call for guidelines.

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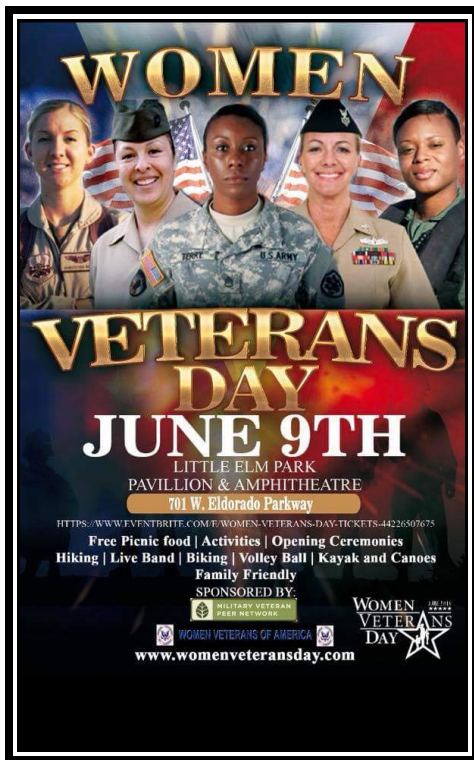


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Come out!

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- Saturday -
June 9th
9:00 a.m.

Local North Texas area
celebration
Free!

Register on
our FB
event, free.

First official
Women Veterans Day
declared by the
Governor of
Texas
is Tuesday,
June 12th.

Initial reports from our new committees . . .
(contact info on [page 3](#))

Membership and Recruitment
Chair: Suzie Drake

- 12 new full members this Spring bringing the total membership at press time to **52!**
- Recruitment plans for Women Veterans Day event at Little Elm Park on June 9th.

Fundraising
Chair: Bel Small

- Our next fundraiser is May 19th with Denton County Jeep Club, Sanger, Texas. (see p.3) Please come! Details/changes at www.facebook.com/dentonwva (our FB page, see footer). Our WVA Chapter 48 first hot dog fundraiser at the *Vietnam Veterans of America Car Show* in March was a great success!



Care and Social Services
Chair: Eva Fulton

- Coming April 2018, a new prayer request form for members.
- We are looking for some talented members to join our **social services team**: various projects need you! Are you tech savvy? Can you provide ride shares for meetings/events? Do you like writing birthday/sympathy cards? Can you visit us sick in hospital or home? Join our Women Veteran People Garden, sow seeds of comfort and care!

Also many events in Austin and around Texas in government offices, agencies, and schools on/around June 12, 2018.

www.womenveteransday.com

We aren't even a year old yet!, still we have assisted women in VA hospitals, VA clinics, Veteran Peer Network classes, counseling, homeless toiletries, clothing, arranged free retreats, weekly Texas Workforce Commission employment search assistance on site in Denton, staffed our officer and committee positions, and **much** more.

Some recent Chapter 48 complimentary member events also included:

- November 17, 2017 Veterans Dinner from the Odd Fellows Lodge, Denton, Texas
- November 18, 2017 UNT vs Army Football Game
- December 16, 2017 Operation Care Stand Down, Dallas Convention Center, Texas
- January 12-13, 2018 Patriot Anglers Fly-fishing Retreat, Beavers Bend, Oklahoma
- January 28, 2018 Frisco (Texas) Women Veterans Recruitment Party

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Community Events/Honor Guard

Chair: Gina Smith



• The WVA Honor/Color Guard Leadership Committee made significant headway in **planning our training, uniforms, equipment, and funding**. If you volunteered already, expect correspondence on upcoming training events and **uniform fitting** in the immediate future. *Still want to volunteer? **Now is the time!*** Join us.

Contact me! (See contact information on right.) -
More info to come. . .

• The WVA Honor/Color Guard will have several occasions to perform in the near future.
- Come on out and meet us -

Honor Guard Fundraiser on May 19th / 12:00-4:00 p.m., Bolivar Street BBQ, 205 Bolivar St., Sanger, Texas. Denton County Jeep Club- raffle, prizes, \$2 beer (listed on p.2)



Left: Gina Smith, (Sergeant-at-Arms) – Middle: Commander's Patch (merit) – Right: Texas Woman Veteran Coin (Coin awarded to Cdr Camilla Zimbal, February, 2018)

Women Veterans of America is a non-profit veterans service organization 501(c)19 open to women who have honorably served in any branch during any era. The WVA National Headquarters is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Printing our digital PDF 4-page (8.5x11) Newsletter? Best outcome = 11x17 paper, booklet, color, then fold in half, vertical. Mailing it? Fold over again where marked on back page, horizontal, then tack the sides, address, stamp and mail. Thank you for sharing, we have no mass mailing account.

Editor's Note: On behalf of the WVA Chapter 48 members and our newsletter committee, we thank you for reading our inaugural issue. This resource will adapt and grow with the organizational needs. Your feedback is valued, and member submissions are vital. Please let our newsletter committee (p.1) know how we can better serve you.

Lynn Job, Editor, WVA Chapter 48 Newsletter

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Associate Memberships available for supporters. Inquire.

How can YOU become a **full member**?

- (1) - **Female** US Armed Forces Veteran (or currently serving)
- (2) - Documentary **proof** of current service, or, honorable discharge: active or reserve status, US Federal Armed Forces
- (3) - \$20 annual **dues** (fee **wavers** available periodically)
- (4) - Complete and file our simple WVA Chapter 48 **Form** with our recruitment officer
- (5) - **Provide** the Proof, Fee, and Form (items 2-4 above) **in person, or, send in by mail. Must be complete.**

Mail Address: Women Veterans of America - Denton, 111 E. University Drive, Suite 105 PMB 192, Denton, Texas 76209

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Did you know? . . .

- (You may request more instructions) **Live feed video/audio conferencing** during our chapter meetings = (1) Audio: dial 563.999.1380, WVA access code, follow by #, (ID) wvachapter48, or; (2) Video: Download app at FreeConferenceCall.com, click Join, enter: name, email, (ID) wvachapter48. **Missed it?** Watch YouTube channel = "WVA Chapter 48," later.
- Our monthly meetings are family friendly and a back-of-room kid's table/corner is available.
- WVA Chapter 48 is **the first** and only chapter in Texas. Help us expand into other Texas counties. We have veteran members from **every branch of service!** Join us.
- Several members work with other government and veteran's groups, even full time. Our **veteran expertise** is rich and deep. Our heart is philanthropic and targeted to meet the *special needs of the female veterans*.
- The State of Texas offers free specialty car and truck tags for women veterans – **drive with distinction!**

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TO:

This is our inaugural edition. Help our USA Armed Forces Women Veterans connect with us today – share this newsletter. Thank you.