



Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

July through December 2019

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Upcoming Dates:

December 24-25

Holiday Office Closure
Merry Christmas

January 1

Holiday Office Closed
Happy New Year

January 1-31

Martin Luther King Jr.
Service Act; Bring in
hygiene items donation
drive

April 24

Birthday Banquet

April TBD

Mayors Day Service Act;
Beneficiary TBD

May 15

All travel claims due;
reminder no travel
claims for June

May TBD

Armed Forces Day
Parade

A "Night at the Oscars" Volunteer Recognition Banquet

On September 13, 2019 the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program held its Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet at City Hall. Described as a "Night at the Oscars," 82 volunteers and their guests gathered to celebrate our dedicated volunteers and say "Thank You" for their continued service to the Lawton Community. Dinner was provided by Texas Roadhouse.

Many of our volunteers have been with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for 15 years or more year. We recognized 18 of those volunteers; together they have a combined 347 years of service with our program!

There were 38 door prize recipients who received fantastic items such as movie passes, dog grooming certificates, car washes, oil change at Pit Stop, bookstore gift certificate, and gift cards from Red Lobster, Rib Crib, Ted's Café, Texas Roadhouse and Walmart. We want to thank our local businesses who kindly donated door prizes!



9/11 Service Act Benefits Birthright of Lawton

For our September Service Act Project, RSVP Volunteers collected and donated items for our partner station, Birthright of Lawton. Birthright provides pregnant women and mothers with free material goods such as layettes, diapers, clothing, bottles, formula and baby food. Our volunteers delivered over \$300 worth of items to Birthright!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who graciously donated items. The Birthright of Lawton was very appreciative of all the items received and your generosity!

To volunteer or give a donation, contact Lorraine Perry at 5108 W. Gore Blvd, Lawton; Phone: 580-248-3110.



Thankful for Veterans and Their Continued Service

A wonderful time was had by all who gathered at the City Hall Banquet Hall on November 15th for our Veteran Corps Pinning Ceremony. We celebrated our Veteran Volunteers by honoring them for their devotion, honor and service to our great nation.

Volunteers were greeted at the sign-in table by RSVP Assistant Debbie Gere and received a free Senior Corps tote bag, as well as a raffle drawing entry for a variety of door prizes.

The evening kicked off with the MacArthur High School JROTC posting colors and the singing of the National Anthem.

The Marine Corps Detachment of Fort Sill graciously displayed a collection of military uniforms throughout the decades for guests to view.

While guests were dining on a buffet meal, video presentations saluting our veterans were shown depicting the common thread among all veterans: sacrifice for the good of our country and steadfast valor in their hearts.

The evening concluded with the drawing of door prizes for 45 winners. All of our veterans walked away with a prize! We want to thank our local businesses and volunteer stations for their generous contributions to our amazing raffle:

Atlanta Bread	Firo's	Lemon Tree Salon	Promise Care
Boomarang	Golden Corral	Massads	RSVP Advisory Council
Edward's Men's Wear	Lawton Food Bank	Past Perfect Too	Viridian



Meet Our New Administrative Assistant

Debbie Gere joined the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program on November 4, 2019. She has lived in Lawton for six years and hails from the Seattle area. She joined her significant other here in Lawton due to military orders.

She enjoys reading, baking, and trying new recipes. Some of her favorite dishes to make include chili, pasta dishes and chocolate chip cookies. She also likes spending any Saturday at the gun range.

Debbie will be available in the office from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Her email is dgere@lawtonok.gov.



Volunteer of the Third Quarter **Jerry Nottingham**



Mr. Nottingham was chosen as our “Trusted Traveler” volunteer of the quarter because he has logged over 700 miles from July 1st to September 30th. Jerry assists with organizing local runs and athletic camps for the public. These events benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for foster children) and The Knights of Columbus.

Keep up the hard work Jerry.
Thanks for all that you do!

Volunteer of the Fourth Quarter **Pat Powell**



Retired Army CW4, Pat Powell has been chosen as our volunteer of the quarter for her dedication to serve the Lawton community. Pat continuously serves at FIVE of our stations;

America’s Volunteer Supporters, Mobile Meals, North Lawton Nutrition Site, The Senior Center for Creative Living, and St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church Feeding Ministry.

We appreciate your versatility Pat!
Thank you for your service.

Station Spotlight: **VFW Post 1193**



Our newest volunteer station, VFW Post 1193, was chartered on May 6, 1934 and it is the 9th oldest post in Oklahoma. Both the Comrades and Auxiliary of Post 1193 are dedicated through its many committees to helping Veterans and their families.

VFW Post 1193 organizes a monthly feeding event for the community, and they host a monthly veterans bingo event at the Lawton Veterans Center. They also arrange annual events for Easter, Back-to-School, Veterans Day, Pennies on The Graves of Veterans, and Annual Christmas parties for children, and Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army. By joining the RSVP team, VFW Post 1193 hopes to further its dedication to the veterans and their families in Comanche County.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, contact station supervisor Sheril Threatt at 926 SW 2nd Street, Lawton; Phone: 580-353-7110.

Fun Times at RSVP Banquets



Do you have something you would like to see in the next newsletter?

Send your pictures, stories, events to rsvp@lawtonok.gov

Welcome New Volunteers

Volunteer	Station
Ellen Venniro	America's Volunteer Supporters
Dollie Ducre	American Red Cross, Fort Sill
Julia Montoya	Birthright of Lawton
Lorraine Perry	Birthright of Lawton
Bonny Hartline	First Baptist Church
Glenda Coggins	First Baptist Church
Mary Swafford	First Baptist Church
Gaila Wood Ferrel	Senior Center for Creative Living
Jeannine Lilly	Senior Center for Creative Living
Patrice Johnson	Senior Center for Creative Living
Dwight Gaines	St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church
Ursula Hayek	Ten Oaks Retirement Community
Mildred Janette Wayman	The Society of Military Widows
Anna Cochran	VFW Post 1193 and Auxiliary
Dwight Jefferson	VFW Post 1193 and Auxiliary
Lisa Howard	VFW Post 1193 and Auxiliary
Robert Medina	VFW Post 1193 and Auxiliary
Sheril Threatt	VFW Post 1193 and Auxiliary
Steven Weatherspoon	VFW Post 1193 and Auxiliary
Kenneth Metcalf	VVA Chap. 751

Spotted in Service



Harold Davis Jr. donating afghans from St. Johns' Baptist Church volunteers



Endesha Williams donating layettes from American Red Cross



Helma Blackburn restocking the shelves at Fort Sill Thrift Store

Aaron Boone and O.C. Williams at VVA 751 booth for Retiree Appreciation Information Fair



L. Trice, G. Moser & S. Qualls of OKWVO at Retiree Appreciation Informational Fair



Michael & Victoria O'Rourke at KWWA booth for Retiree Appreciation Information Fair



Mary Johns at CCMH Greeters desk



AVS Volunteers at National Cemetery for Memorial Day Ceremony



Larry Campbell and Victoria O'Rourke at POW MIA Remembrance Day



Tony Washington at Open Streets



First Baptist Church volunteers Mary Swafford, Bonny Hartline, Glenda Coggins, and volunteer at LHS homecoming



Society of Military Widows gathering for a picture at Board meeting: J. Brundige, G. Thomas, P. Nance, A. Sandusky, H. Blackburn, I. Wilcox, J. Walker, V. Jefferson, R. Arnett, and P. Cameron

Links

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/LawtonRSVPCouncil

City of Lawton Website:
<https://www.lawtonok.gov/department/retired-and-senior-volunteer-program>

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