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DESTINATION ~ STARS AND STRIPES



5 MARCH 2010
MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUB
KIRTLAND AFB, NM

Visit our website for event photos and information:

www.TributeToWomenInTheMilitary.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 0730 Registration and Exhibits
0830 Opening Ceremonies
Presentation of the Colors: Women Veterans of NM
National Anthem: Southwest Edition Quartet
Invocation: Chaplain, Capt Robert Mueller
Introduction of Distinguished Visitors & Remarks
0900 Special Presentations to Corporate Sponsors
0915 Musical Entertainment: Southwest Edition Quartet
0930 Break
0945 Women's History Room, Health Screens, Exhibits
1115 Break
1120 Take places in ballroom for Awards Luncheon
1130 Awards Luncheon & Door Prizes
POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony: Read by A1C
Richelle Calvo, 377 FSS
Invocation: Chaplain, Capt Christopher La Pack
"Lady Warrior" Hymn to all military women—past,
present, and future. Sung by Rebecca Smith. Music
by Michael P. Schrimpf; lyrics by Robert & Rebecca
Smith.
1225 Keynote Speaker: BrigGen Wilma L. Vaught, USAF
(Ret), Founder of WIMSA
1315 Maj Baca & Cathay Williams Awards Presentation
1325 Grand Door Prize drawing
1330 The 25th Tribute Celebration ends
1330 Women's History Room open until 1430 hours

Masters of Ceremony

TSgt Christina A. McCrady
377 FSS/FSMPD

TSgt Jennifer Padilla
AFROTC DET 510, UNM

Ceremony Assistants

SrA Karen Mateo and A1C Richelle Calvo
377th Force Support Squadron

AWARDS

Major Baca Award

MAJ Antoinette Hanna Baca was the first woman to officially serve as a commissioned officer in the National Guard, United States Army and military forces. She rose from a stenographer in the Adjutant General's Office to a major, and was appointed Assistant Adjutant General of New Mexico. She set the stage for all women who serve in the National Guard today.

This award recognizes a military woman (veteran, active duty assigned to a military installation in New Mexico, honorably discharged or retired, including Reserve and Guard) who has been instrumental in advancing opportunities for women, who has served as a role model for women, or who has contributed to improvements in our community, state, and country.

Cathay Williams Award

Cathay Williams was the first identified woman to ever serve in a "regular" military unit. An uneducated cook, she became William Cathay and served as a trooper in the 38th United States Infantry (Colored) from November 1866 until her health-related discharge in New Mexico. She met performance standards as an equal and asked for no special treatment, seeking only a better life and equal opportunity.

This award recognizes a woman residing in New Mexico (previously employed, currently employed, retired, or otherwise affiliated with the military or Department of Defense) who has been instrumental in advancing opportunities for women, who has served as a role model for women, or who has contributed to improvements in our community, state, and country.

Thank You

The Tribute XXV Committee expresses its sincere appreciation to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals for their generous support and sponsorship:

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Chugach Management Services, JV
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ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE (\$10-\$499 and in-kind)

Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County
Peoples Flowers (Manual)
VFW Post 401 Ladies Auxiliary

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| Claudia J. Babb | Shirley McGuire | Josefita Swazo |
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In Memory Of:

Gloria Dempsey-Stephens, USMC by Barbara Pickering
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Nurses by Olive P. Brown
1LT Lucretia M. Thole, USA (NC), WWII, by Marsha Thole
Miguelio Toledo by Deborah Estrada

In Honor Of:

John Dalsanto Jr., CAPT, US Navy by Helen Dalsanto
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Diana Wong, DJ & Karaoke Services

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Jeffrey J. Supple, D.M.D., P.C.
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VA Regional Office, Albuquerque

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tribute XXVI ~ 4 March 2011



The Tribute Committee is seeking committed volunteers and contributors for its 26th Anniversary celebration. The Committee is also seeking corporate sponsors and companies that can contribute items for the tote bags.

If you are interested in helping or sponsoring, please call Mary Cox, 823-2834 or Marsha Thole, 856-3352.

We especially need Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve, but can use any committed volunteer to help with protocol, publicity, registration, fundraising, door prizes, graphics, and much more. We meet monthly except for July and August, then twice a month in January and February. A volunteer job description may be found on our website.

Please come to our Tribute XXVI planning meeting:

Date: 13 April 2010 Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Conference Room, Airman & Family Readiness Ctr, Consolidated Support Bldg, KAFB

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to volunteer, please contact the chair.

Visit our website throughout the year for current information:

www.TributeToWomenInTheMilitary.org



March Exhibit at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial: *World War II*

Visit the Memorial located on Louisiana, just north of Gibson, open Fridays through Mondays 0900-1500. Free admission.



BRIGADIER GENERAL WILMA L. VAUGHT, USAF (RET) **President, Board of Directors of the Women In Military Service for America Memorial Foundation**

General Vaught's complete biography can be found online at <http://womensmemorial.org/Press/BGVBio.html>. Presently serving on the Board of the WIMSA Memorial Foundation, her last military assignment was as commander of the US Military Entrance Processing Command, North Chicago, IL, where she served from June 1982 until her retirement in August 1985.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Women's History Museum and serves on the Virginia War Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees. Following retirement, she worked as a consultant with the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization as well as with industry. She speaks around the United States on leadership and management. She is a frequent guest on radio and television programs.

A native of Illinois and graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, she also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama. She is the first Air Force woman graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Her career took her to Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, Washington DC, Spain, and Vietnam, and she served as Chairperson of the NATO Women in the Allied Forces Committee from 1983 to 1985 and was the senior woman military representative to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services from 1982 to 1985.

Her achievements are numerous, and include: One of the most decorated military women in US history; the first and, for 22 years, the only woman promoted to brigadier general from the Comptroller career field; the first woman to head a board of directors of a major credit union; the first woman to command a unit receiving the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the nation's highest peacetime unit award; and the first woman to deploy with a Strategic Air Command bombardment wing on an operational deployment in 1966-67. She received the 2007 US Air Force Woman of Distinction Merit Award. She has been awarded numerous military decorations and awards, including both the Defense and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, Air Force Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Vietnam Service Medal with four service stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

