



## A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTY PETERSON

### NAVY ALL THE WAY...

It all began in early December of 2011. Phyllis Dorrough Baker called me and wanted to know if I wanted to be a part of starting up a new OKWVO in Tulsa. I accepted her challenge. She sent me a roster of members who were on the HQ list. These members had attended WVRD, lived in Tulsa, and the surrounding area. The phone recruitment began. Two Navy veterans I talked with, Moon Lin Canon and Christy Peterson, showed an interest in joining and serving as officers of the newly formed TC 0212. Christy even volunteered the DAV Chapter 32. However, she informed me I had to go to the Commander and Board for approval.



experiences in the Navy and in her business careers. When writing the newsletter, I always asked Christy to edit. She had the eye of an eagle in editing and rewrite, always improving our OKWVO newsletter. Christy made our lives better.

She truly proved to be a valuable link in our success as an organization. In the absence of our Navy Gal, there is a void in OKWVO-TC.

We all missed Christy while she was absent receiving treatments and recovering and getting stronger. She was giving us good news. But, in the end, God had another mission for Christy. She no longer suffers from the pains of cancer. The dark, stormy clouds have parted now. She



see a beautiful double rainbow now. Her Sisters in Arms at OKWVO cherished their times with Christy. Her legacy will always be with us. Thank you Christy and Kelly for "cruising with OKWVO-TC since 2012".

*Tina Smith, Newsletter Editor*



History was made on the second Saturday of February 2012 as Tulsa became a chapter with HQ coming over for our initiation. Christy Peterson held an office in TC from the first Saturday of 2012 until her passing, July 13, 2018. Our proud Navy Gal proved to be one of our Tulsa Chapter leaders. Christy served as our first treasurer, and later served as Chaplain, and my confidant and Newsletter Editor's "editor".

As president, I often bounced chapter and newsletter ideas back and forth with Christy. She responded with answers based upon her vast

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## Christy Peterson's Celebration of Life-

The Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization is privileged to be here today to remember our Sister, Christy Peterson. It is our tradition to present a short reading for our fellow Woman Veteran.

Christy Peterson was a cherished and honored member of our Organization; an Organization which is comprised of women who have served, or are currently serving, in all Branches of the United States Military from World War II to the present. Christy was one of those women in the United States Navy who signed that blank check, willing to give her life in service to her country.

We come here today to celebrate Christy as she journeys to meet her Creator. She is our Precious Sister – a Sister, not in the sense of a blood relationship - but because she is our Veteran Sister. A Sister who chose to be a part of history by supporting and defending her country, without hesitation or reservation, joining thousands of women who are true volunteers who have served, or are now serving, our country. As Sisters we have a camaraderie - a special bond - for those of us who have worn the uniform of the United States Military.

Our Sister's spirit will continue to live on in our hearts. We are Women Veterans, Women by birth, and Warriors by choice. We who remain behind will continue to remember our Sister, Christy Peterson,

LORD, we pray that Christy's soul now Rests in Peace.

Christy, we salute you for your Service to our great Nation, **Always Courageous, Sailor**





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# Sister Veterans





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