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The
President's
Pencil.....
By Brenda Hagar

As I write this last President Pencil for my term – it brings both sad and happy thoughts. Sad thoughts of two wonderful years as president passing so quickly and happy thoughts of passing the gavel to a wonderful person and dedicated FEW Member, Debbie Miller.

I believe with all my heart that we have elected a great leadership team for our Chapter. Debbie will be appointing committee chairpersons. Please let her know if you are interested in serving as a committee chair or a committee member.

Our Chapter will be putting in a bid for the 2007 Regional Training Program. Carolyn DeLong and I will be Co-Chairing this event. We – do need your help. There are many positions available to assist in the big effort and all of your support would be appreciated. Please contact Carolyn (691-5817) or myself (650-4514) if you would be interested in assisting. The dates of the RTP will be February 20 – 23, 2007.

Don't forget the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and Officer Installation. June 27 at Lugiono's Italian in Mustang, OK at 7:00 p.m.

Again – it's been a wonderful experience to serve as your President for the last two years.

Have a great month – don't forget the next board meeting is August 11. Everyone is invited.

*NEXT BOARD MEETING
AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN
August 14, 2006
5:00 P.M.*

Guests are welcome!

Please make reservations for yourself and guest - by calling Brenda at:

Work: 954-4514
 Cell: 650-4514
 Home: 376-5318



*OUR
 AMERICAN
 FLAG*

Information from various internet sources.

How many of you know the symbolism behind the flag-draped coffin? Here is how to understand the flag that has draped so many coffins of veterans.

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?



Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the Flag 13 times? You might think that is to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but, we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the Flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

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***GOKC CHAPTER ELECTS
 2006-2008 OFFICERS***

Submitted by Marilyn Hampton

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the GOKC Chapter of FEW:

President	Debbie Miller
1 st Vice President	Jennifer Mott
2 nd Vice President	Tammie Kierstead
Secretary	Lynn Carroll
Treasurer	Carolyn Delong
Nominations/Elections	Peggy O'Neal

These officers will be installed at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 27. Please make plan to attend and learn what your chapter has done this last year.

National President-elect Rhonda Trent will be at this membership meeting. This will be a great time for our new members to meet this dedicated, energetic woman and for old members to get reacquainted.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.



The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United! States of America and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nation's motto, "In God We Trust."



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom"



**LOGGING INTO THE
NATIONAL WEBSITE:
FEW.ORG**



Submitted by Ellen McKenzie

The FEW website has been redesigned. One of the features of the new website is the Members Login section. This section of the website will only be accessed by FEW members. All other persons will have access to the public information only. In support of the new design, all current FEW members now have a username and password. This information is required to log into the site.

A temporary username and password has been setup for existing FEW members. The user can change both the username and password once they log in. It is recommended that the password be changed immediately upon login at the very least. If the user is comfortable with their assigned username, they are welcomed to keep it.

The current format for the username is first three characters of the first name, middle initial and last name – lower case, no spaces between the characters. For example the username for Alice A. Smith is **aliasmith**.

The initial temporary password for ALL users is **fmember**. **This password should be changed immediately upon login – go to “Your Details” to do this.**

The login instructions are provided below.

Step 1: To log in, enter the username & password in the “Member Login” section of the Homepage. Click on the “Login” button below the password.

Once the correct username & password is entered, you will see a “User Menu” menu pop up below the main menu.

Step 2: Select “Your Details” from the User Menu.

Step 3: Edit the appropriate fields (especially the password field) and select “Update” at the bottom of the screen

. NOTE: If any user has any problem logging into the website, they should call the FEW Webmaster or email them from the “Contacts” area online at www.few.org. Any login issues will be resolved as quickly as possible.



NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED

The 2006-2008 National Officer of Federally Employed Women have been elected. Members of the GOKC Chapter offer congratulations to:

President	Rhonda Trent
Executive VP	Sue Webster
VP for Policy & Planning	Wilma Huey
VP for Compliance	Bernice Walker
VP for Congressional Relations	Cecelia Davis
VP for Diversity	Cathy Fletcher
VP for Membership & Chapter Organization	Becky Fasulo
VP for Training	Arlena Fitch-Gordon
Secretary	Joyce Hageman
Treasurer	Sharon Roydes
Nominations Officer Chair	Rachel Combs
Nominations Committee	Jane Morgan
Nominations Committee	Fredericka Shaw



“Unsung Heroes” Award Presented

By Tammie Kierstead

Thought I would share this with my FEW sisters. I just won the “Unsung Heroes” Award here at the VA Medical Center. I was selected out of 1500 employees. The award included a very nice framed certificate, eight hours off and, a monetary award.

I was very shocked to receive this award. They had Glen (my husband) there to walk me down the stairs to accept the award. It was really nice. They read some of the write up which included my participation as a FEW member.

The Unsung Heroes & Heroines Award has been established to recognize associates of the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center who exemplify the following criteria:

- Evidence of exceptional energy and effort to public service,
- A deep sense of character and commitment to the highest ideals of Government Service
- Exceptional job performance.



Sandi Young	June 22
Jennifer Mott	July 8
Jan Barnard	July 10

INDEPENDENCE DAY



From: <http://www.fourth-of-july-celebrations.com/>

Although July 4th is celebrated as America's official split from Britain's rule and the beginning of the American Revolution, the actual series of events show that the process took far longer than a single day. The original resolution was introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7, 1776, and called for the Continental Congress to declare the United States free from British rule. Three days later a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson was appointed to prepare an appropriate writing for the occasion.

The document that we know as the Declaration of Independence was adopted by Congress on July 4th although the resolution that led to the writing of the Declaration was actually approved two days earlier.

All of this had occurred with some of the delegates to the Congress not even present; New York, for example, did not even vote on the resolution until July 9th.

Even more interesting is the fact that not a single signature was appended to the Declaration on July 4th. While most of the fifty-six names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration until 1781.

Nevertheless, July 4th was the day singled out to mark the event of the United States establishing itself as a nation.

Only four American holidays are still celebrated on their proper calendar days: Halloween, Christmas, New Year's and Independence Day. Of all the secular holidays, the Fourth of July is the only one whose celebration date resists change. Even in more provincial times, suggestions to alter the day of the festival to the preceding Saturday or the following Monday when July 4th fell on Sunday were protested.

The feeling about the sanctity of America's Independence Day was best expressed in a quotation from the Virginia Gazette on July 18th, 1777: "Thus may the 4th of July, that glorious and ever memorable day, be celebrated through America, by the sons of freedom, from age to age till time shall be no more. Amen and Amen."

SW REGIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED

Congratulations to the following newly elected Regional Officers:

Judy Rosco	Regional Manager
Brenda Hagar	Secretary
Maria Smith	Treasurer
Nominations/Elections Chair	Lorie Castleberry
Nominations/Elections Members	Latanya Kelley Shirley Phillips

Special congratulations to our own Brenda Hagar who will be serving as Regional Secretary!

Way to go, Brenda!



A note from your editor:

Well, this is my last FEW Notes – I have been your editor for the last two years.

I hope you have enjoyed FEW Notes during my term of office.

I guess my proudest moment was when FEW Notes won 1st Place at the 2006 Southwest Regional Awards!

Thank you each one for your contributions to FEW Notes. Please continue to help the new editor by submitting those articles!

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