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**GFWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATES IN WREATH-LAYING
AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**

Women In Military Service For America Memorial Event Also Highlights Day of Veterans' Support

March 10, 2015 (Washington, D.C.) – The General Federation of Women's Clubs Executive Committee, led by International President Babs J. Condon, participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, as a way for the organization to pay its respects for our military's service and sacrifice. Following the ceremony, GFWC clubwomen and staff attended a gathering at the Women In Military Service for America Memorial, where President Condon and WIMSA President, Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, Ret. gave remarks about the role of women in the military.

"The support GFWC has given to our men and women in uniform over the years was not done for glory, or credit. We did it because we believe in our country, much like the unsung heroes and heroines of our military," said Condon.

President Condon, President-elect Sheila Shea, First Vice President Mary Ellen Brock and Director of Junior Clubs Cathy Jo Canterbury participated in the wreath-laying ceremony, which featured a handmade red, white, and blue wreath presented to the Marine guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. A second handmade wreath was presented to General Vaught at the WIMSA Memorial, attended by the Executive Committee, GFWC clubwomen, and staff.

"We are proud to pay tribute to all of the women who have served, are currently serving, and will serve our country in some branch of the military," said Condon. "General Vaught has assembled a fabulous team which is dedicated to giving proper recognition to these brave, selfless and dedicated women, and GFWC is delighted to be a part of this team."

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About the General Federation of Women's Clubs

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With 100,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding.