



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

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GFWC Rebrand Emblems Available



Digital files of the Emblem are available on the Digital Library under "E" folder for Emblem.

Formats available include: **JPG** (best for web pages and digital communications, such as emails, and has a white background), **PNG** (best for graphic designers or design projects and has a transparent background), and **EPS** (ideal for professional printing, used by designers for large scale design/print projects).

In addition, there are two versions of the new rebrand available for the Emblem:

1) horizontal and 2) vertical. The primary Emblem is the horizontal. However, the secondary Emblem, vertical, can be used when space is limited, or your design requires more flexibility. Each will be available in full color, black (light backgrounds), and white (dark backgrounds).

If you have any questions about which format is best for your project, please contact Candice Gill, Design and Publications Manager, at CGill@GFWC.org.

A Thanksgiving Message from GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski



Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to serving your communities, state, and the world and making GFWC what it is today. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to go above and beyond and make a difference in the lives of others. GFWC would not be the best volunteer service organization without you.

Here's to cherished memories, delectable dishes, and a heart full of thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Deb

Cares & Concerns

On November 11, GFWC International President-elect Suellen Brazil's husband, [Willis Langley "Billy" Brazil III](#), passed peacefully at home in Daphne, Alabama. GFWC extends its deepest condolences to Suellen and her family and friends on their loss of a great man.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his name to the [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#). Donations may also be made by phone at 901-216-1148 or by mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Please use ***Willis Langley Brazil III memorial ID Number 23694816.***

GFWC Represented at the Pritzker Military Museum and Library Gala



Representatives of GFWC attended the Pritzker Military Museum and

Library Gala in Chicago on November 4 as National Coast Guard Museum Association (NCGMA) guests. The Pritzker Military Museum and Library gathered to celebrate its 20th Anniversary and to present three Citizen Soldier Awards.

Diane Addante, GFWC Parliamentarian, and her husband Joe, Mary Powell, GFWC Resolutions Committee Chairman, and Jennifer Hawkins, GFWC Florida Clubwoman, were invited by the National Coast Guard Museum Association to attend the Gala. In attendance for the NCGMA was Captain (Ret.) Wes Pulver, President of the United States Coast Guard Museum Association, Admiral (Ret.) Mary Landry, USCG, and Rear Admiral (Ret.) Richard Schneider, USCG, and Master Chief Petty Officer (Ret.) Alan Haraf, USCG. Admiral Schneider opened the evening with recognition of distinguished military guests in attendance.

The Citizen Soldier Awards were presented to First Lieutenant (Ret.) Bette Horstman, Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.) Candy Martin, and Brigadier General (Ret.) Wilma Vaught.

First Lieutenant (Ret.) Bette Horstman joined the Army in 1944 and, after basic training, was stationed at Tripler General Hospital in Oahu, Hawaii, performing physical therapy to injured servicemen and POWs from the Battle of Saipan. Ms. Horstman was one of the first women to start a physical therapy practice outside of a hospital in the United States. Ms. Horstman, at 101 years old, attended in person to receive her award.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Ret.) Candy Martin began her career in the Army with her enlistment in 1975 and rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer, serving through her career as a Quartermaster. After retirement, Mrs. Martin participated in several volunteer opportunities, including Wreaths Across America, the Women's Overseas Service League, and American Gold Star Mothers. Mrs. Martin's son, 1st Lieutenant Thomas Martin, was killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom just months after Martin returned from a combat deployment herself.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Wilma Vaught is a 29-year Air Force veteran and was the first woman to deploy with a Strategic Air Command bomb wing operationally. She was also one of the few non-nurse women to serve in Vietnam, serving at Military Assistance Command, Saigon. General Vaughn also served on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. General Vaughn was the driving force behind establishing the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our NCGMA hosts were particularly excited to learn that GFWC is an international organization with over 60,000 members in the United States and 20 international affiliate clubs. We spoke about the link between GFWC's Signature Program, Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, and our Resolution on Military Sexual Assault, calling for the removal of cases from the chain of command. We further discussed how many GFWC Community Service and Advancement Area Programs tie into the United States Coast Guard programs. They were enthusiastic about our connection and looked forward to working together to help support the building of the National Coast Guard Museum.

Maryland Club Visits GFWC Headquarters



GFWC Woman's Club of Laurel, Inc., of Maryland visit headquarters to meet with GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski and take a tour.



Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs

Project:

Sparkle! Get Your Shine On!

By: Sandra Dunbar, GFWC Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs

“Sparkle! Get your shine on!” is not only the theme of my GFWC Louisiana Director of Junior Clubs administration, but the mission. It is my desire to put shiny smiles on the faces of children who benefit from surgery thanks to Operation Smile. This organization provides surgery to children who are often ostracized for cleft palates and cleft lips. Operation Smile needs about \$240 to perform each surgery. My focus is collecting funds to accomplish surgeries. I chose this project in memory of my Uncle Charles, who suffered from a severe facial hemangioma. The first donation of \$52 came from his wallet—money collected from his bingo winnings at his nursing home.

This Director sells sparkly, rhinestone “lip” items such as brooches, stickpins, necklaces, and earrings in order to collect money for

surgeries. The raffle of sparkly totes and “bling” items is another source of funds. At the state convention “Fun Night” benefit, attendees played an “Around the World” travel game where they earned passports from the six continents where Operation Smile surgeries are performed.

In December 2022, GFWC of Louisiana made a donation in the amount of \$822 to Operation Smile. Thanks to the generosity of friends and clubwomen at the club, district, state, South Central Region, and International levels, we hope to exceed that donation in 2023.

Besides monetary donations, clubwomen can help Operation Smile through the collection of child life therapy supplies, Smile Bags, medical records supplies, Smile Splints, children’s hospital gowns, and blankets/quilts/afghans. More information about Operation Smile and project ideas can be found in the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual under Affiliate Organizations Information.

Let’s put new smiles back on children from developing countries who desperately need the help from Operation Smile!

Volunteers in Action: GFWC



PHOTO CAPTION: Members of the GFWC Woman’s Citizenship Club seen here with some of the food that was collected and donated to the Food Bank Networks of the San Luis Valley.

Members of the GFWC **Woman’s Citizenship Club** of Alamosa held a successful food drive on September 30, 2023, during the inaugural National Day of Service. From 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, the club members were front and center at the door of the Safeway store in Alamosa and are pleased to announce that they were able to collect 715 pounds of food and over \$200 in donations! Through this effort, the Woman’s Citizenship Club donated the food and money they collected to the Food Bank Networks of the San Luis Valley to support their efforts in addressing food insecurities in the San Luis Valley.

Submit photos and a short story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to PR@gfwc.org.



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