

Seniors Corner

— Rita Anich
Owasso Golden Agers Editor

Owasso VFW Post serves community, holds fundraisers

I have immense respect for all those who have volunteered in dangerous situations in order to protect our way of life.

Annually, the nearly 1.9 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in the Make a Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

Our local VFW, Post 7180, has grown to around 140 members. Around 15-20 meet monthly at the Owasso Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW meets on the same night, also at the center.

During those meetings, the membership is updated with news of any new developments within the Veterans Administration, plans for fundraisers and recruiting efforts are discussed.

Also, local activities where post volunteers will participate are planned. Our VFW also helps local families of veterans who need assistance with application paperwork for VA benefits or filing for death benefits.

The post's service officer is Jim Jent. If you need help completing a VA claim, he is available at the community center on Thursday

evenings from 6-8 p.m. to help.

Any veteran interested in becoming a member can contact Carroll Harris at (918) 272-0927 or email vfwowasso@yahoo.com.

The various VFW fundraisers include:

- Nine times a year, Owasso's VFW serves breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month (there are no breakfasts in May, November and December). The breakfasts are served from 7-10 a.m. and are all-you-can-eat.

Cost to the public is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children age 6 to 12 and younger than 5 are free.

The next breakfast will be July 25. Watch the billboard and the *Owasso Reporter* for reminders.

- About four times a year the VFW hosts a fish fry at the Owasso Community Center.

Cost to the public is \$9.50 for adults, \$3 for children age 6 to 12 and younger than 5 are free.

The next fish fry will be held September 5. Watch the billboard and the *Owasso Reporter* for reminders.

- VFW Flag Service — This service involves a contract with a business and volunteers from the local VFW who prominently place the American flag on local businesses 12 times per year on significant days such as the Fourth of July, Flag Day or Veterans Day, for example.



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Library Corner

— Jennifer McQuade
Owasso Branch Manager

Celebrate Family History Month in July

Research your roots, create a family tree and learn about your family's heritage.

The Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center presents the 15th annual Family History Month series in July, featuring a variety of programs for new genealogy researchers as well as lifetime enthusiasts.

The series also features workshops Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, offered by renowned national speaker and certified genealogist Mark Lowe.

Join Lowe as he shares valuable tips and helpful resources to aid you in solving difficult research problems. These presentations are sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust.

All Family History Month programs are free and will be held at the Hardisty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., in Frossard Auditorium.

Family History Month schedule of events:

"Beginning Genealogy Workshop"
Saturday, July 11; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn how to start researching your family history, including what records are important and where to find them; how to use both online and print sources; and what services and assistance are available to you in the Genealogy Center.

"Ancestry Tricks and Tips"

Saturday, July 11; 2-3 p.m.

Learn some new tips and tricks to help further your research in one of

the most widely used genealogy databases.

"The Immigration Process and the Records It Created"

Saturday, July 11; 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Locating ancestors in immigration records can prove challenging. Join us for an in-depth look at the immigration process and the records it created.

"HistoryGeo.com: Unlocking the Past With Original and 19th Century Land Owner Maps"

Saturday, July 18; 10 a.m. to noon.

Learn what is new at HistoryGeo.com. Greg Boyd, family historian and creator of the land owner maps, will demonstrate how best to use the many tools on the site.

"The Century Chest"

Saturday, July 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

"Gateway to Oklahoma History"

Saturday, July 18; 3-4 p.m.

"How to Follow the 'Right' Family While They Move Across the South"

Saturday, July 25; 10:45-11:45 a.m.

"How Do I Use DNA Testing?"

Saturday, July 25; 1:30-2:30 p.m.

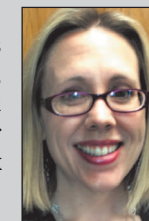
"Taxes Rule the World: Property, Poll, Ad Valorem, Permission"

Saturday, July 25; 2:45-3:45 p.m.

"A Death in the Family"

Sunday, July 26; 1:30-4 p.m.

For more information about Family History Month programming or the Genealogy Center, go to guides.tulsalibrary.org/genealogy/ or call (918) 549-7691.



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