



GFWC Texas

Call to 130th Fall Board of Directors Meeting September 16-19, 2026



To: 2026-2028 GFWC Texas Board of Directors
From: GFWC Texas President Novella Byrd
Date: August 16, 2026

You are cordially invited to attend the September 16-19, 2026, Fall Board of Directors Meeting at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Austin Central, 5901 North I 35 Austin, Texas.

According to TFWC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, Membership, the Board of Directors shall be composed of:

A. Elected and appointed members:

1. TFWC elected and appointed officers
2. District elected and appointed officers
3. TFWC Scholarship Representatives
4. Trustees
5. TFWC Past Presidents
6. TFWC Life Members and Honorary Members
7. Club Presidents

B. Other Appointed members:

1. TFWC Chairmen of Department Programs/Special Projects
2. TFWC Standing Committees
 - a. Legislation/Public Policy
 - b. Bylaws
 - c. Finance
 - d. Strategic Planning
 - e. Resolutions
 - f. Leadership
 - g. Communications/Public Relations
 - h. Membership
3. Awards and Contest Committee Chairmen
4. Advancement Plan Chairmen
5. Convention Chairmen
6. Life Membership Chairman

All other Federation members are also invited as non-voting guests.

Credentials Deadline: Postmarked by August 27, 2026

Those entitled to vote shall complete the credentials form included with this Call to be eligible to vote. The credentials form shall be sent to the Credentials Chairman, Elaine Wilde, postmarked or emailed by August 27, 2026, to the address on the form.

Registration Deadline for Early Registration: August 27, 2026

The registration form is included with this Call. It should be completed and mailed to the GFWC Texas Headquarters. The early registration deadline is August 27, 2026.

By registering and attending the GFWC Texas 130th Fall Board Meeting, you consent to be photographed or videoed for use by GFWC Texas and/or its agent for publicity purposes in GFWC Texas Newsletters and other media as appropriate.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 27, 2026

Attendees are responsible for making their hotel reservations. Reservations must be booked on or before August 27, 2026, to receive the special rate of \$129 for single or double rooms. Hotel reservations may be made by using this [booking link](#). Our room rate for this event is \$129 and includes breakfast and nightly manager's reception. Attendees should pay for parking at the registration desk to receive the discounted parking rate of \$9/day; please do not use the QR code in the parking lot. If you encounter a problem booking your room before the cut-off date, please call Patti Poe 940-867-3973 or Angela Short 940-841-1315.

Bunco and Karaoke!

A fun night of bunco and karaoke is planned for Wednesday, September 16, 2026. The cost for bunco & pizza is \$30. A special T-shirt has been designed and is available for \$25 (S-XL) and \$27 (2X & 3X). All proceeds will be donated to the President's Special Project/International Day of Service project. The deadline to order a T-shirt is August 27, 2026. See flyer for illustration of T-shirt.

Bullock Texas State History Museum and IMAX

The museum entrance fee is \$13 for seniors and \$17 regular adult admission. The first showing of the IMAX movie, *Deep in the Heart: Texas Wildlife Story* begins at 1:00 pm; tickets may be purchased onsite for \$10. Thursday morning, we will carpool to the museum leaving the hotel at 9:30. Lunch is on your own.

Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Austin Central, 5901 North I 35, Austin, Texas; see agenda for schedule.

International Day of Service Project/President's Special Project

The International Day of Service Project is Pampering a Patriot. We will collect pampering items and assemble care bags to donate to Broken into Purpose a non-profit organization that serves women veterans who are survivors of domestic violence or trauma. Please see the attached flyer for donation ideas.

Suggested Attire:

- Museum tour, any GFWC or TFWC logo shirt.
- Thursday night, wear purple for Domestic/Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.
- Friday, business casual: there is a tradition for military families and friends to wear **RED** on Fridays; to symbolize—**Remember Everyone Deployed**.
- Friday evening: Western Bling
- Any meeting: Wear a hat in remembrance of Patricia Siegfried-Giles (PSG), GFWC Texas President, 2006-2008.

