



## **Ten Outstanding Women for TFRW**

**By Cheri Creekmore**

It was an honor to install the Ten Outstanding Women for TFRW at the Galveston Convention. The quality backgrounds of these individuals were exceptional. The committee, which consisted of Rebecca Bradford, Patti Johnson, Gail Suttle, Carol Van De Walle, and me, had some hard evaluations to undertake. We received numerous applications from extremely qualified individuals. Our decisions were difficult to say the least. The one thread that we all concurred on was the fact that this was a Federation Award. Consequently, the focus had to be on federation activities. When the decisions were finally made, we drew names to see who would receive their award first, second and so on. However, the final award, it was determined, would go to our past president of TFRW.

The ladies that we chose (in the order they were announced) are Retired Lt. Col. Betty Hill (from Bexar County Republican Women), Mary Darby (from Garland Republican Women), Carolyn Hodges (from Village Republican Women), Cappy Alexander (from the Republican Women of Kerr County), June Rentmeester (from Richardson Republican Women), Maria Burbridge (from Hill Country Republican Women), Irene Kerr (from North Shore Republican Women), Sylvia Manley (from NW Forest Republican Women), Beryl Dowd (from Fort Worth Republican Women), and last (but not least) our past TFRW President Retired Lt. Col. Borah Van Dormolen (from Salado Republican Women).

I can truly say it was enjoyable being on this committee and chairing the event. It enabled me to get to know so many wonderful and remarkable women...that includes the ladies who participated in the decision-making. They exemplify the very best that TFRW has to offer. Congratulations to the winners of TFRW's Ten Outstanding Women award for 2009.