

WELCOME HOME

VETERANS' RESOURCES DIRECTORY

A City of Austin Veterans Program Initiative



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To our National Guard Members, Reservists, Veterans and their Families,

This resource directory is a “road map” provided by the City of Austin Veterans Office; it serves as a token of appreciation for the selfless service of all the men and women who have served in our nation’s armed forces. As a City and as a community, we want to continue to do our very best to support our service members; past and present. We are and will remain grateful to all the men and women for their honorable service to our nation and want to help make their re-entry into our community as effortless as possible.

We also hope this directory will assist employers, counselors, nonprofits and faith-based organizations serving our valuable veterans. This is just one aspect of our commitment shared by our national, state and local partners to serve our Veterans, returning Service Members and their Families.

If you are having a crisis and in need of immediate help, please dial 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1) as you are important to us.

We thank you for your service and to our partners, for your efforts.

Most respectfully yours,

Tina Lee
City of Austin
Interim Veterans Program Administrator

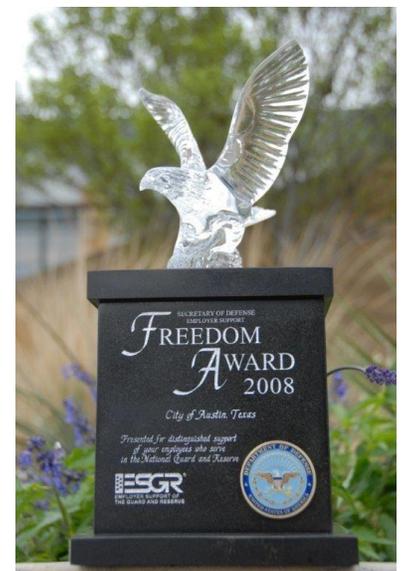


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VETERAN RESOURCES

City of Austin Veterans Program

Tina Lee, Acting Veterans Program Administrator

- Office: 512-974-3306
- Mobile: 512-585-5760
- Email: Tina.Lee@austintexas.gov
- General Email: Veterans.Program@austintexas.gov
- Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/veterans>

The City of Austin's Veterans Program provides support for both City of Austin employees and those within the Community looking for military related resources. The program serves our National Guard, Reservists, Veterans and their families. Internally within the City, our office provides support for those who will be activated for Active Duty, during deployment and during reintegration into the workplace. We provide training to the executive staff and managers within the departments to provide an overview of the program, resources and ADA capabilities. We offer our support to the employees with any issues relating to their military service and provide recommendations and information regarding their resources. Externally, we work closely with and support our military related service organizations throughout the Country to provide information and assist those seeking information and resources. We partner with the VA, State, County, military organizations to promote, host and create events and assist one another.

The City of Austin Veteran's Program serves as the community liaison to the Mayor, Council, City of Austin executive staff and managers along with any service member seeking assistance.

On November 9, 2007, the City of Austin was declared a five-star employer by the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve for its outstanding support of military employees. The City of Austin was the first municipality to win this prestigious Department of Defense Award.

In 2012, in partnership with AT&T VETS (Austin Chapter) and support through the Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans (TAVV), The City started the Furniture for no longer homeless Veterans program. In communication with the VA (AUSTIN), AT&T Veterans will pick up furniture in good and working condition to deliver to Veterans who are enrolled in the HUD-VASH program at Veteran Affairs. At this time, we are only able to serve those who are under case management through the VA but if you have any furniture in good condition to donate, please contact Tina Lee at the Veteran's Program.

Please note that we do not have a storage option and we pick up and drop off on the same day (Weekends) and ample time is required to coordinate this effort.

Any items we are not able to house through the HUD-VASH program will be available to low income veteran families if any item is available.

City of Austin Commission on Veteran Affairs

Website: <https://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs>

Serve as an advisory body to the council concerning the wellbeing of military veterans in the Austin area. The commission shall evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to alleviate veteran's difficulties in meeting basic needs, obtaining housing, employment, and comprehensive mental health assistance; and act as a central clearinghouse for information relating to the status of veterans in the Austin community. See [Section 2-1-126 of the City Code](#) for additional duties.

Please select the following links for more information on the Commission on Veteran Affairs.

- [Member Roster](#)
- [Agendas, Approved Minutes, and Supporting Documents](#)

COUNTY RESOURCES

Veteran Service Officers are trained and accredited by Veteran Affairs to provide aid to veterans, dependents and survivors. Services include Compensation and Pension, Health Care, Education and Training, Employment, Burial and Survivor, Housing, Transportation and Military Records

Travis County Veteran Service Office

Interim VSO: Susan Lewis: susan.lewis@traviscountytexas.gov

- Mark Burger: Mark.burger@traviscountytexas.gov
- Frederick Jones: Frederick.jones@traviscountytexas.gov
- Katherine Molina Robledo- Katherine.robledos@traviscountytexas.gov
- 100 N. IH-35, Suite 2400, Austin, Texas 78701
- Phone: (512) 854-9340 Fax: (512) 854-4453
- **Website:** <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/veterans-services>
- Hours:
 - Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM – 4:30PM
 - Monday: (*Walk-ins and Appointments*)
 - Tuesday – Thursday: (*Appointment Only*)
 - Friday: Office Closed

[Click here to request an Appointment](#)

Bastrop County Veteran Services

VSO: Tomika Nowlin: Tomika.nowlin@co.bastrop.tx.us

**Thursday available by appointment only*

Bastrop Office:

- 104 Loop 150, Bastrop Texas 78602
- Phone: 512-581-4006
- **Website:** https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.veteran_services
- Hours: Monday – Wednesday: 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Elgin Chamber of Commerce:

- 144 Central Ave. Elgin, Texas 78621
- Phone: 512-285-4515
- Hours: Tuesdays: 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Smithville City Hall

- 316 Main Street, Smithville, Texas 78657
- Phone: 512-237-3282
- Hours: Wednesday: 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Bell County Veteran Services

VSO: Keyyawnia “KC” Hawkins: keyyawnia.hawkins@co.bell.tx.us

- Mario Miles: Mario.miles@co.bell.tx.us
- General Email: bc.veteransservices@bellcounty.texas.gov
- 2180 N. Main St, Belton, Texas 76513
- Phone: 254-933-5915
- **Website:** https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/veteran_services/index.php
- [Schedule an appointment](#)

Central Texas Council of Governments (*Appointment Only*)

- 2180 North Main St. Belton, Texas 76513
- Hours:
 - Monday – Tuesday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM and 1:00PM – 3:00PM
 - Wednesday: Closed for Admin and Training
 - Closed for Lunch: 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Killeen H.E.L.P Center (*Appointment Only*)

- 204 Priest Dr, Killeen, Texas 76541
- Hours:
 - Thursday – Friday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM and 1:00PM – 3:00PM
 - Wednesday: Closed for Admin and Training
 - Closed for Lunch: 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Bexar County Veteran Services

VSO: Karen Rolirad: Karen.rolirad@bexar.org

- Joleen Mcallister: Joleen.mccallistar@bexar.org
- Samantha Gardner: Samantha.gardner@bexar.org
- Moses Lozano: Moses.lozano@bexar.org
- Manuel Mendoza: manuel.mendoza@bexar.org
- Shauna Jones: Sjones@bexar.org
- Irene Estrada: irene.estrada@bexar.org
- 1422 E. Grayson St, 4th Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78207
- Phone: 210-335-6775 Fax: 210-335-3632
- General Email: yets@bexar.org
- **Website:** <https://www.bexar.org/509/Military-and-Veterans-Services-Center>
- Hours:
 - Monday-Friday: 8:00AM – 5:30PM (Appointment Only)
 - BiblioTech: Every 3rd Thursday of the month
- Website: <https://bexarbibliotech.org/>

Blanco County Veteran Services

Through Hill Country MHDD Centers

Coordinator: Hope Ware: hware@hillcountry.org

- Phone: 325-248-7067
- **Website:** <http://www.co.blanco.tx.us/upload/page/3972/docs/Blanco%20County%20Veteran%20Services.pdf>

Burnet County Veteran Services

VSO: Phil Phall

- 1008 N Water St, Burnet, Texas 78611 (Burnet County Annex Public Services Building)
- Phone: 830-265-8403 Fax: 512-715-0368
- Email: vetsvc@burnetcountytexas.org
- **Website:** <http://burnetcountytexas.org/page/vetserv.home>
- Hours:
 - Wednesday – Thursday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM and 1:00PM – 6:00PM
 - Closed for lunch: 12:00PM-1:00PM
 - Appointments are recommended but not required

Caldwell County Veteran Services

VSO: Al Dos Santos, Ph.D, CPM: al.dossantos@co.caldwell.tx.us

- 405 East Market Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644
- Phone: 512-398-6492 Fax: 512-398-1837
- **Website:** http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/default.aspx?Caldwell_County/Veterans

Lockhart Office Hours: (*Appointment Only*)

- Monday – Thursday: 7:00AM – 4:00PM
- Friday - Facility and Home Visits
- Closed for Lunch 12:00PM -1:00PM

Luling at City Hall: 509 E. Crockett St, Luling, Texas 78648 (*Appointment only*)

Comal County Veteran Services

VSO: Michaelle Davis:

- Frank Ontiveros: ontivf@co.comal.tx.us
- Office Email: vetmbd@co.comal.tx.us
- 11297 Churchill Dr, Ste 209, New Braunfels, Texas 78130
- Phone: 512-392-8387 FAX: 512-393-7718
- **Website:** <https://www.co.comal.tx.us/VET.htm>
- Hours:
 - Monday – Friday: 8:00AM – 4:00PM (*First come, first served*)
 - Friday: *Appointment only*
 - Closed for Lunch: 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Guadalupe County Veterans Services

VSO: Nancy Russell

- 211 W. Court Street, Seguin, Texas 78155
- Phone: 830-303-8870 Fax: 830-372-5109
- **Website:** <https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/vetrep/vetrep.php>
- Hours:
 - Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
 - Friday: 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Schertz Office

- 152 Hwy 78 East, STE 104, Schertz, Texas, 78154
- Phone: 210-945-9708 EXT 3 Fax: 210-566-3877
- Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Hays County Veterans Services

VSO: Jude Prather: jude.prather@co.hays.tx.us

- Sasha Mathews: Sasha Mathews@co.hays.tx.us
- Miles Nelson: miles.nelson@co.hays.tx.us
- Office Email: veteranservices@co.hays.tx.us
- 111 E. San Antonio Street, Suite 200, San Marcos, Texas 78666 (County Courthouse)
- Phone: 512-392-8387 FAX: 512-393-7718
- **Website:** <https://hayscountytexas.com/departments/veteran-services/>
- Hours
 - Monday – Friday: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
 - Walk-ins welcome; appointments are preferred

Lee County Veteran Services

VSO: Alan Smith:

- Crystal Smith
- 898 East Richmond, STE 104-B, Giddings, Texas 78942
- Phone: 979-212-1078 Fax: 979-542-2988
- General Email: leecountyva@co.lee.tx.us
- **Website:** <http://www.co.lee.tx.us/page/lee.VeteransServices>
- Hours:
 - Monday and Friday: Appointment Only
 - Tuesday: 8:00AM – 12:00PM & 1:00PM – 4:00PM
 - Wednesday: 1:00PM – 4:00PM
 - Thursday: 8:00AM – 12:00PM and 1:00PM – 4:00PM
 - Local Nursing Home Visits: Wednesday 9:15AM – 12:00PM

Williamson County Veteran Services

VSO: Sherry Golden: sgolden@wilco.org

- Geoffrey Freeman: Geoffrey.freeman@wilco.org
- Jayson Swetnam: jswetnam@wilco.org
- 100 Wilco Way, Georgetown, Texas 78626 (*Appointment only*)
- Phone: (512) 943-1900 Fax: (512) 943-1905
- **Website:** <https://www.wilco.org/vetservices>
- Hours:
 - Monday – Friday: 8AM – 12PM and 1PM-5PM
 - Closed for Lunch: 12PM-1PM

Taylor Annex: 412 Vance Street, Taylor Texas 76574 (*Appointment only*)

- *1st and 3rd Wednesday Monthly*
- Phone: 512-943-1900
- Hours: 8:30AM – 5:00PM (Closed for Lunch 12:00PM – 1:00PM)

TEXAS STATE RESOURCES

Texas Veterans Commission

The State Service Office to assist veterans and advocate for Texas Veterans as they attempt to secure the benefits rightfully earned in exchange for their service in our nations armed forces. Eight program areas include Claims representation and Counseling, Veterans Education Program, Veterans Employment Services, Veteran Entrepreneur Program, Fund for Veterans' Assistance, Health Advocacy Program, Women Veterans Program, and Veterans Mental Health Program.

- Austin Headquarters: Stephen F. Austin Bldg. 1700 North Congress Suite 800, Austin, Texas 78701
- Phone: 512-463-6564 Fax: 512-475-2395
- Email: info@tvc.texas.gov
- **Website:** <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/>
- [Contact Form](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)

Texas Veterans Portal

Connects Veterans, families and their caregivers to the benefits and services earned through their military service. Android and iOS app available as “Texas Veterans App” for mobile devices.

- **Website:** <https://veterans.portal.texas.gov/>
- Talk to a Veteran Specialist: 1-844-874-3402

TEXVET

State clearinghouse for trusted information, resources, data, technical support, and research relevant to service members, veterans, their families and those who serve them. Veteran resource database that is updated on a regular basis and fully audited once per year.

- 3950 N AW Grimes Blvd, Round Rock, Texas 78665
- **Website:** <https://www.texvet.org/>
- Contact: <https://www.texvet.org/contactus>
- TEXVET Team
 - Carrie Sconza: Director, sconza@tamhsc.edu
 - Micah Burnett: Communications Manager, burnett@tamhsc.edu

Disabled Veteran License Plates, Driver License and Parking Placards

Grouped information, forms, and links together based on what your needs are such as requirements for new residents, process for transferring your vehicle, determining inspection requirements, applying for military plates etc.

- Email: AskDMV@TxDMV.Gov
- Phone: 1-888-369-4689
- **Website:** <https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/for-our-troops>

Legislative Assistance

To find your elected representative, please visit <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>
Members of the Texas Legislature and Congress provide constituent caseworkers to assist veterans with questions, concerns or issues concerning state and federal agencies.

Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security

- Website <https://senate.texas.gov/cmte.php?c=650>

House of Representatives Defense and Veteran Affairs Committee

- Website: <https://house.texas.gov/committees/committee/?committee=C305>

Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations

Present a unified position to governmental entities for the benefit of veterans-past, present, and future. The coalition does not act as a body politic unto itself but rather concerns itself with matters relating to veterans that are shared with its member organizations for the benefits of their knowledge.

- Website: <https://texascoalitionofveteransorganizations.org/>

Combined Arms

Combined Arms exists to accelerate the transition from military to civilian life. We are a one-stop resource for veterans in transition. Through a combined effort with our 70+ member organizations, we offer holistic support in a customized and efficient way and ensure transitioning service members, veterans, and their families are connected to the resources they need to successfully transition.

- Website: www.combinedarms.us
- Address: 2929 McKinney, Houston Texas 77003
- Monday – Friday: 9:00AM – 4:00PM

FEDERAL RESOURCES

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Get access and manage your VA Benefits and healthcare. Please note that sign up for the following accounts may be required to gain access for some of these features. Click the link to create an account.

- DSLogon - <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/registration.do?execution=e2s1>
- MyHealthvet: <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/user-registration>
- ID.me: <https://api.id.me/en/registration/new>

Veteran Affairs Texas Directory: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=TX&dnum=ALL>

You will be able to be directed to the following options/links available that you are searching for at VA.GOV

Health Care:

- Refill and track your prescriptions
- Send a secure message to your health care team
- Schedule and view your appointments
- View your lab and test results
- Apply now for VA healthcare

Disability:

- Check your claim or appeal status
- View your payment history
- Upload evidence to support your claim
- File for a VA disability Increase
- File a claim for compensation

Education:

- View your payment history
- Change your current education benefits
- Compare GI benefits by school
- Apply for Education Benefits

Records:

- Get Veteran ID Cards (VIC)
- Get your VA Medical Records
- Download your Benefit Letters
- Change your address
- Request your Military records (DD214)

Veteran Benefits Resource Center Overview - National Veterans Foundation

Our Resource Center explains the eligibility requirements for the various veterans' benefits, how to apply for them, and how to get more information. Wherever possible you will find links to the actual laws and regulations governing the benefits

When they call our Lifeline for Vets™ - 888-777-4443 - they reach another veteran of America's armed forces (Vet to Vet Assistance) [Click here to request help online.](#)

- **Website:** <http://nvf.org/veterans-benefits>

National Resource Directory

The National Resource Directory (NRD) is a resource website that connects wounded warriors, Service Members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers to programs and services that support them. The NRD is hosted, managed, maintained, sustained and developed by the Defense Health Agency's Recovery Coordination Program.

It provides access to services and resources at the national, state and local levels to support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. Visitors can find information on a variety of topics that supply an abundance of vetted resources.

- **Website:** <https://www.nrd.gov/>
- **Email:** infonrd.osd@mail.mil.

Veteran Affairs Directory of Veterans Service Organizations

Published as an informational service by the Office of the Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

- **Website:** <https://www.va.gov/vso/VSO-Directory.pdf>

REQUEST DD214 at National Personnel Records Center

One of the National Archives and Records Administration's largest operations. Central repository of personnel-related records for both the military and civil services of the United States Government.

- **Website:** <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>
- Location: 1 Archives Drive, St Louis, MO 63138
- Phone: 314-801-0800 Fax: 314-801-9195
- [Click here to start filling out form online](#) (DD214/separation documents, Official military personnel File (OMFP), replacement medals, medical and health records)
- [Mail or Fax the Form](#)

eBenefits:

Online tool giving Servicemembers, veterans, and their families instant access to DoD and VA benefits information. This site allows you to do the following

- Apply for VA benefits online
 - Check Post 9/11 GI bill enrollment status
 - Generate a VA home loan certificate of eligibility
 - Check the status of compensation and pension claims
 - Transfer education benefits to a dependent
 - Update direct deposit and contact information
 - View VA payment history
 - Check health benefits eligibility and view TRICARE information
 - Obtain military personnel records (DD214)
- **Website:** <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
 - Click here to [Register for an account](#)

My HealthVet

My HealthVet is where Veterans can schedule VA appointments online, refill prescriptions, view their health records a send secure messages your healthcare team.

- **Website:** <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home>
- Click here to [Register for an account](#)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Are you a veteran in crisis or concerned about one? Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach caring, qualified responders with the department on Veteran Affairs who are veterans themselves. This free support is confidential, available every day 24/7 and serves all veterans, service members, national guard, reserves, and their family members and friends.

- **Website:** <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>
- Click to [Chat](#)
- Phone: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1
- Text: 838255
- Support for deaf and hard of hearing: 1-800-799-4889

Veteran Affairs Health Care

With VA health care, you're covered for regular checkups with your primary care provider and appointments with specialists (like cardiologists, gynecologists, and mental health providers). You can access Veterans health care services like home health and geriatric (elder) care, and you can get medical equipment, prosthetics and prescriptions. Find out how to apply for and manage the health care benefits you've earned.

Website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/>

TRICARE

Health care program of the United States Department of Defense Military Health System.[1] Tricare provides civilian health benefits for U.S Armed Forces military personnel, military retirees, and their dependents, including some members of the Reserve Component. Tricare is the civilian care component of the Military Health System, although historically it also included health care delivered in military medical treatment facilities.

Website: <https://www.tricare.mil/>

Austin Vet Center

Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. Vet Centers guide Veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a Veteran return from combat. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential. Service extended to all combat zone veterans and sexual harassment/assault victims of any era.

- Services
 - Individual Counseling
 - Group Counseling
 - Sexual Trauma Counseling
 - Marital/Family Counseling

- Bereavement Counseling
- Drug and Alcohol Assessment and Referral
- Liaison with other VA programs and Community Resources
- Information on Benefits
- Community Education
- 1524 South Interstate 35 Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78704
- Phone: 512-416-1314 or 877-927-8387
- **Website:** <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>
- **For assistance after hours, weekends, and holidays call: 1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)**

Hours of Operation:

- Monday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:30PM – 7PM by appointment)
- Tuesday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:30PM – 7PM by appointment)
- Wednesday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:30PM – 7PM by appointment)
- Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:30PM – 7PM by appointment)
- Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:30PM – 7PM by appointment)
- Saturday: By appointment only
- Sunday: Closed

Texas Center Point

Provides comprehensive services for homeless veterans, at risk veterans, family members or a surviving spouse through grants from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Texas Veterans Commission. Range of services offered include crisis intervention, financial assistance, job readiness training, housing and job placement, case management and an array of supportive services.

- 2101 S. Interstate 35, Suite 219, Austin Texas 78741
- Phone: 512-297-2990 / 24 Hour Line: 855-352-6585
- Email: Texasvets@cpinc.org
- **Website:**
http://www.cpinc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=28&Itemid=142

Help.Org

Educate consumers and serve as a voice for consumer advocacy and wellness. A way to be empowered to make well-informed decisions on safe, dependable services and products. This is a guide that provides comprehensive information on substance abuse statistics among veterans, governmental programs that offers treatment, and steps that veterans can take to get the help that they need.

- **Website:** <https://www.help.org/substance-abuse-rehab-for-veterans/>
- Austin Rehab Centers: <https://www.help.org/drug-and-alcohol-rehab-centers-in-austin-tx/>

Military Veteran Peer Network

The Military Veteran Peer Network is an affiliation of Service Members, Veterans and Family Members dedicated to establishing camaraderie and trust with each other, identifying and vetting community resources and, collectively, contributing to the communities where they live.

- Capital Area Peer Support Coordinator: James Lambert: James@samaritan-center.org
- **Website:** <http://www.milvetpeer.net/>
- Phone: 512-527-4584
- To find your local Peer Support Coordinator, [Click here](#)

Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care – Hope for Heroes

The Samaritan Center's mission is to improve the mental, physical and spiritual health of individuals and families in Central Texas. The Samaritan Center's primary goal is to provide mental health care and integrative medicine that is accessible and affordable, particularly to low income families and individuals who have little to no health insurance. Many counselors are available for appointments before and after the main office hours

- Services include
 - Mental health Counseling for children, adolescents, adults and families
 - Group therapy
 - Tele mental Health
 - Peer Support Services
 - Pastoral counseling
 - Wellness education for communities, schools, churches and organizations
 - Integrative Medicine; including acupuncture, tai chi, nutrition counseling, and well as Chinese and Western herbal medicine
- Director of Integrative Medicine: Kimberly Layne, Kim@samaritan-center.org
- 8956 Research Blvd Bldg 2, Austin, Texas 78758
- Phone: 512-451-7337 (Call to schedule an appointment)
- **Website:** <https://samaritan-center.org/veteran-military-services/>

Austin Recovery

Our mission is to extend the hand of recovery to all those seeking alcohol and drug abuse treatment. Through the support of the community and generous gifts from our sustainers, we are committed to offering the highest quality inpatient rehab and other services at our recovery center, for some of the best prices in the country, and we accept many forms of insurance. Additionally, we provide residential addiction treatment for those without resources through funding from the State of Texas, local cities and counties and generous community groups and gifts. To find out about our costs and payment options, whether you are interested in residential addiction

- **Website:** <http://www.austinrecovery.org/>
- Admissions Phone: 512-697-8600
- Main Office Phone: 512-697-8500
- [Contact Form](#)

Hope4ptsdvets.org (501c3)

Provides peer support and holistic healing suggestions to any veteran or veteran family member who has been wounded by PTSD through a holistic approach utilizing a meditation and mindfulness practice.

- Director and Founder: Kevin Taylor - director@hope4ptsdvets.org
- Phone: 719-220-0476
- Access to confidential peer driven support and holistic healing: help@hope4ptsdvets.org
- Email: info@hope4ptsdvets.org
- **Website:** <http://hope4ptsdvets.org/>

Lone Survivor Foundation

Focus to educate service members, veterans and their family members on the warning signs, symptoms and characteristics of injuries to better prepare our service members when returning home. The foundation provides therapeutic programs held throughout the year that are focused on PTSD, mTBI, military sexual assault and pain management matters.

- Address: 1414 11th Street STE 1, Huntsville Texas 77340
- Office 936-755-6075 Fax: 832-581-3593
- **Website:** <http://lonesurvivorfoundation.org/>
- [Contact Form](#)

Austin Travis County Integral Care

Support adults and children living with mental illness, substance use disorder and intellectual and developmental disabilities in Travis County. Services include a 24-hour helpline for anyone who needs immediate support, ongoing counseling to improve mental health, drug and alcohol treatment to help with recovery and housing to regain health and independence.

- Address: 1631 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78702
 - Take Capital Metro Transit Bus Route 17
- Phone: 512-472-HELP (4357) – 24/7 assistance
- Email: info@integralcare.org
- **Website:** <https://integralcare.org/en/home/>
- [Contact Form](#)
- Office Hours: 8 AM – 5 PM

Austin Area Mental Health Consumers, Inc. (AAMHC)

Austin Area Mental Health Consumers Inc provides its services at the Self- Help and Advocacy center. Their goal is to make a difference for people with lived experiences of mental health, substance use, and homelessness. Members receive life affirming services, embrace recovery and healthy living, become gainfully employed and give back to their communities.

- Executive Director: Shannon Carr – scarr@austinmhc.org
- 3205 South 1st Street, Austin, TX. 78704
- Phone: (512) 442-3366 Fax: (512) 448-3366
- Email: admin@austinmhc.org
- **Website:** <http://www.austinmhc.org/>
- Hours
 - Monday-Tue, 12:00PM – 4:30 PM
 - Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

ROCK On Veterans

ROCK (Ride on Center for Kids) offer ROCK On Veterans, a program for active duty service members and veterans partnering with horses and veteran volunteers. Goal of this program is to improve the lives of service members who have suffered injury in the line of duty, helping them adjust physically and emotionally to their post-war lives. The cost for veterans and service members are 100% covered through fundraising efforts and grants.

Classes

- Intro to Horsemanship Class (Required to begin with this class)
- Continuing Horsemanship 1
- Continuing Horsemanship 2
- Unmounted Horsemanship Class
- Men's Therapeutic Riding Class
- Women's Therapeutic Riding Class

Heidi Derning: Heidi@rockride.org

- 2050 Rockride Lane (formerly CR 110)
- Georgetown, TX 78626
- Phone: 512-930-7625 Ext: 311 Fax: (512) 863-9231
- General Phone: 512-930-7625 (Call to verify current hours)
- Website: <https://rockride.org/rock-on-veterans/>
- Hours
 - Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM – 8:00PM
 - Friday: 8:00AM-5:00PM
 - Saturday – Sunday: Closed

Service Animals

Texas Law and federal American with Disabilities Act guarantee the right of a person who is blind or has other disabilities, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to be accompanied by a trained service animal in all public places. For More Information about Service Animals in Texas go to Texas Workforce Commission. <https://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/tips-tools-about-service-animals>

NOTE: Angel Wings for Veterans: Provides free air transportation for medical care, service dog acquisition and PTSD/TBI treatment or retreats.

- **Website:** <https://angelwingsforveterans.org/>
- [Contact Form](#)
- **4 Paws for Ability:**
 - **Website:** <https://4pawsforability.org/paws-for-veterans/>
 - Email: karen4paws@aol.com.
 - Application: <https://4pawsforability.org/veterans-application/>
- **Canine Companions for Independence, Inc:**
 - **Website** <https://www.cci.org/assistance-dogs/Our-Dogs/veterans-initiative.html>
 - Phone: 1-800-572-BARK (2275)
 - [Contact Form:](#)

- **NEADS World Class Service Dogs**
 - **Website:** <https://neads.org/service-dog-programs/service-dogs-for-veterans/>
 - [Contact Form](#)
 - Phone: (978) 422-9064 Voice or TDD

- **Patriot Paws**
 - **Website:** <https://patriotpaws.org/>
 - Phone: (972) 772-3282
 - Email: office@patriotpaws.org
 - [Contact Form](#)

- **Hounds for Heroes**
 - **Website:** <https://www.houndsforheroes.us/>
 - Phone: 512-335-7100
 - [Contact Form](#)

Dental Lifeline Network

ELIGIBILITY: Dentists across the country have volunteered to provide dental care to veterans. They do this for free to eligible applicants.

If you have a permanent disability or are over 65 years old or have a chronic and serious illness and don't have enough money to pay for dental care, you may qualify for free treatment through the Will You See One Vet program.

- **Website:** <https://dentallifeline.org/veterans/>
- [Download and print an application](#)

Everyone for Veterans

Volunteer board working toward each community taking care of their veterans by utilizing the power of the local community to provide services and goods for qualified veterans in the United States. Serves Veterans (and spouses) who had returned from combat areas and struggling financially. E4V collaborates with civilians and professionals, including private dentists or dental schools near you to provide free (lab fees may apply) comprehensive dental care, other services or essential goods, to appreciate veterans who've returned from combat areas. Depending on where you are located, there can be a long wait to assign a dentist, other services or goods requested by you. This is why we are NOT able to provide assistance for emergency care.

- **Website:** <https://www.everyoneforveterans.org/>
- Click [To apply](#)

Project Mend

Project MEND is honored to serve those who served our country. We assist Texas veterans (any person discharged from the armed forces of the United States) and their family members, including surviving spouses (widows/widowers) and dependents (spouses and dependent children), with refurbished medical equipment and other assistive technology items.

The first step for all Project MEND programs is to get a prescription or Letter of Medical Necessity for the needed medical equipment or AT device and email it to rx@projectmend.org. Once a prescription has been secured, an appointment can be scheduled by completing this [service agreement](#) and emailing to rx@projectmend.org or faxing to (210) 223.6441. For questions, please call (210) 223.6363.

Website: <https://www.projectmend.org/veterans/>

Texas Veterans Commission – Health Care Advocacy Program

Acts on the veteran's behalf as a liaison between veterans and the Department of Veteran Affairs to resolve access issues involving VA health care related services such as

- Doctor Appointments
- Health care related testing / lab testing
- Pharmacy assistance
- Attaining outside referrals for health-related issues
- VA health care related billing
- Fee basis referrals such as outside referrals for health care services that the VA does not perform at VA facilities.
- Manager: Gary Lee, gary.lee@tvc.texas.gov
- Phone: 512-463-5340
- General email: healthcare@tvc.texas.gov
- **Website:** <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/health-care-advocacy/>
 - Austin Region Representative: Arlene Perez, arlene.perez@tvc.texas.gov
 - Phone: 512-823-4305
 - Cell: 512-627-3600
 - Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30AM – 4:30PM

Texas Veterans Commission – Veterans Mental Health Services

Train and provide technical assistance to service members, veterans and their families, peers, licensed mental health providers and mental health organizations, community and faith-based organizations and state agencies on the impacts of military-related trauma and the individuals who have been military trauma affected. This program also provides training and technical assistance to agencies and organizations spanning the Texas Criminal Justice System in an effort to improve diversion and mental health treatment options for justice involved veteran's who have suffered military related traumas.

- [Find your Military Veteran Peer Network Representative](#)
- Email: vmhd@tvc.texas.gov
- Phone: 512-463-6091
- **Website:** <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/mental-health/>

Military One Source

Department of defense program that provides resources and support to active duty, national guard, reserve service members and their families anywhere in the world.

- Services include
 - 24-hour call center
 - Specialized consultations by phone in the areas of special needs family members, personal finances, and education
 - Face to face counseling sessions in the user's community designed to address short-term, non-medical needs
 - Website provides information to service members and their families
 - Provide financial assistance to military spouse pursuing degrees, license or certification leading to employment in portable career fields
 - Personalized health coaching by phone.
- Phone: 800-342-9647
- [Live Chat](#)
- **Website:** <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Travis County Central Health

Central Health helps the people of Travis County live healthier. Created in 2004 by the voters of Travis County, we are the local public entity that provides access to the high-quality care everyone needs to get well and stay healthy. We work with a network of partners to eliminate health disparities to reach our vision of Travis County becoming a model healthy community.

By caring for those who need it most, Central Health improves the health of our community. We are the local public entity that connects low-income, uninsured Travis County residents to high quality, cost effective health care.

Central Health works through a network of [health care partners](#) and community members to connect uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents with high-quality, cost-effective health care.

Website: <https://www.centralhealth.net/>

Address: 1111 East Cesar Chavez St, Austin Texas 78702

Phone: 512-978-8000

[Contact Form](#)

Make A Vet Sweat

Make A Vet Sweat (MAVS) is a nonprofit organization committed to serving veterans who are combating the hidden wounds of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This is accomplished by sponsoring applicants at their local gyms for three-month periods to sweat out the toxins of PTSDs with like-minded people. [Veteran Application found here.](#)

- **Website:** www.makeavetsweat.org
- Contact Form : <https://makeavetsweat.org/contact-us/>
- Email: info@makeavetsweat.org

Mylo Obstacle Fitness (MOF)

Accomplishment Center, Gym, Obstacles, Group Training and events. The mission is to positively effect 1 million lives by 2024 and helping people realize they can do more than they think they can do. Veterans receive free membership by having free access to their gym and facility to include weights, obstacles, atlas stones, logs, bon fire pits, BBQ pits and free WIFI (Classes not included).

The Veteran Life 2 Civilian Life program is where they understand that transitioning from the Military to civilian life is difficult. In the military, you know what your duties are, your impact and role is along with comradery with others. When transferring over to civilian life to find purpose again, MOF will try to help the veteran find that purpose.

Note: In order to receive free membership, you must give back. The giving back is volunteering at least 5 hours of volunteer work a month. Volunteer work can include building obstacles, volunteering at events, helping out at nonprofit fundraisers and helping civilian clients understand mental toughness and what it is like to focus on one goal and achieve that goal at all costs.

Website: www.mylofitness.com

Email: info@mylofitness.com

Phone: 512-386-7405

Address: 12925 Lowden Ln BLDG E, Manchaca Texas 78652

VETERAN AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Local Veterans' Health Administration: *Americas largest integrated health care system providing care at 1,255 health care facilities including 170 medical veterans and 1,074 outpatient sites of care of varying complexity and serving 9 million enrolled veterans each year. (Toll Free - 800-423-2111*

Austin VA Outpatient Clinic:

- 7901 Metropolis Drive, Austin, TX 78744
- Phone: 512-823-4000
- **Website:** <http://www.centraltexas.va.gov/locations/Austin.asp>
- Directory: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=135>

Cedar Park VA Clinic

- *Primary care, basic x-rays, mental health, pharmacy consult, lab, nutrition, and patient education services*
 - 1401 Medical Parkway Ste 200 and 400, Building C, Cedar Park, Texas 78613
 - Phone: 800-423-2111
 - **Website:** <http://www.centraltexas.va.gov/locations/CedarPark.asp>

Cedar Park Clinic

- *Limited Services: Clinic-Special Care and Tele health only*
 - 600 N. Bell Boulevard (Business Hwy 183), Cedar Park, Texas 78613
 - Phone: 512-219-2340

Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (Olin E. Teague Veterans Medical Center)

- 1901 Veterans Memorial Drive, Temple, Texas 76504
- Phone: 254-778-4811
- Website: <http://www.centraltexas.va.gov/>

Doris Miller – VA Medical Center

- 4800 Memorial Drive, Waco, Texas 76711
- Phone: 254-752-6581
- Website: <https://www.centraltexas.va.gov/locations/Waco.asp>

LaGrange VA Clinic

- 2 Saint Marks Place, LaGrange, Texas 78945
- Phone: 254-771-9490
- Website: <https://www.centraltexas.va.gov/locations/LaGrange.asp>

New Braunfels VA Clinic

- 705 Landa Street, Suite C, New Braunfels, Texas 78130
- Phone: 830-643-0717
- Website: <https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/NewBraunfelsCBOC.asp>

San Antonio VA Clinic

- 4318 Woodcock Drive STE 120, San Antonio, Texas 78228
- Phone: 210-736-4051
- Website: <https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/NW410SanAntonioCBOC.asp>

Seguin VA Clinic

- 526 E. Court Street, Seguin, Texas 78155
- Phone: 830-372-1697
- Website: https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/Seguin_CBOC.asp

Temple VA Clinic (Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)):

- 4501 South General Bruce Drive, Suite 75, Temple, Texas 76502
- Phone: 254-778-4811
- Website: <http://www.centraltexas.va.gov/locations/TemplePACT.asp>

LOCAL HOSPITALS

Ascension

Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2019, Ascension provided \$2 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 150 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 20 states and the District of Columbia, while providing a variety of services including clinical and network services, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, risk management, and contracting through Ascension’s own group purchasing organization.

- **Website:** <https://healthcare.ascension.org/>
- Austin Locations: <https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations?location=Austin%2C+TX>
- Veterans Choice Program: https://ascension.org/Our-Work/Healthcare/Veterans-Choice-Program?_ga=2.40366306.1912684476.1587576563-2115983208.1587576563
 - [Contact](#)

St. David’s HealthCare

With more than 119 sites across Central Texas, St. David’s HealthCare includes seven of the area’s leading hospitals and is one of the largest health systems in Texas. The organization has been recognized with a [Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#) — the nation’s highest presidential honor for performance excellence. St. David’s HealthCare is the third-largest private employer in the Austin area, with more than 10,200 employees.

- **Website:** <https://stdavids.com/>
- [Contact Form](#)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

City of Austin Economic Development Department

The Veteran Business Loan Initiative is part of the Family Business Loan Program, a public-private partnership between the City of Austin in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which offers a low interest rate loan and low borrower equity requirements to help create or expand a business.

- Phone: 512-978-2502 (Set up appointment)
- [Flyer](#) for more information
- **Website:** <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/family-business-loan-program>

City of Austin Small and Minority Business Department

Administers the minority- owned, women-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprise procurement programs for the City of Austin. Mission is the promote access and equity on City of Austin contracts, providing economic opportunity to those qualified.

- Address: 811 Barton Springs Rd STE 805, Austin Texas 78704
- Phone: 512-974-7600
- Contact us [Form](#)
- **Website:** <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-business>

Texas Veterans Commission – Veteran Entrepreneur Program

Provides veteran entrepreneurs and veteran small businesses the tools they need to start or grow their business. Team of consultants who are veterans, business owners and MBA graduates are dedicated to the veteran's success and the program advisor ensures that they provide the tools and processes to deliver timely, quality services to veterans, family members and survivors.

Manager: Anna Baker, Anna.baker@tvc.texas.gov

Phone: 512-463-0519

General Email: yep@tvc.texas.gov

Website: <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/entrepreneurs/>

Veterans Business Services (VBS)

Mission is to operate a business service platform and networking hub that aids Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurs seeking, acquiring and/or developing small businesses through the Veteran Administration's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program.

- **Website:** <https://www.veteransbusinessservices.us/>
- Address: 1708 Jackson St, Oregon City, OR 97045
- Phone: 503-344-6945
- Email: info@veteransbusinessservices.us

Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Veterans (EBV)

EBV is a novel, one of a kind initiative designed to leverage the skills, resources, and infrastructure of higher education to offer cutting-edge, experiential training in entrepreneurship and small business management to post-9/11 Veterans and their families. The aim of the program is to open the door to economic opportunity for our veterans and their families by developing their competencies in creating and sustaining an entrepreneurial venture. The entire EBV training program is offered without any cost to participating veterans and operated by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University (IVMF). Click [here](#) to apply.

- **Website:** <https://ebv.vets.syr.edu/>
- Phone: 315-443-6898
- Email: IVMFEDUCATION@SYR.EDU

Small Business Administration (SBA) Veterans Representative

The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) mission is to foster enhanced entrepreneurship among eligible veterans by providing increased opportunities; to vigorously promote the legitimate interests of small business concerns owned and controlled by eligible veterans and to ensure that those concerns receive fair consideration in purchases made by the Federal government. Contact one of the SBA Veterans Business Development Center offices below for information regarding programs and loans for veterans in Texas. We have also provided the web address for The Office of Veterans Business Development

- **Website:** www.sba.gov/VETS

Texas State University SBDC

The Texas State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) works with existing and startup small businesses to help them grow and compete in today's global economy. SBDCs are available to provide assistance during every phase of the business life cycle. The improvements that result from our direct support of our client's activities lead to job creation, investments, and economic growth for communities throughout central Texas.

The SBDC's professional staff of business advisors, trainers, and researchers provides comprehensive, confidential business counseling services at no cost to the client. The SBDC is funded in part by the U. S. Small Business Administration and Texas State University, and is supported by an extensive network of banks, chambers of commerce, and other economic development organizations.

The Texas State University SBDC serves 12 counties within the 79-county service area of the [South-West Texas Border SBDC Network regional office](#). This regional office, located in San Antonio, directs the activities of 10 satellite SBDCs, located as far west as El Paso and as far east as Victoria

Texas State University SBDC

- Address: 505 E. Huntland Dr, STE 460, Austin Texas 78752
- Phone: 512-420-9379
- **Website:** <http://sbdc.mccoy.txstate.edu/>

South West Texas Border SBDC Network (UTSA)

- 501 W. Cesar Chavez, San Antonio Texas 78207
- Phone: 210-458-2450
- **Website:** <https://txsbdc.org/>

Austin SCORE

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and maintain their businesses. SCORE is a mentoring organization.

SCORE Austin provides confidential business counseling and advice to entrepreneurs seeking to start a business, and to existing businesses seeking expertise regarding problems or opportunities.

- Address: 5524 Bee Cave Rd, Westland Park, BLDG M #100, Austin Texas 78746
- Phone: 512-928-2425
- Email: help@score.org
- **Website:** <http://austin.score.org/>

Big Austin

For 25 years, BiG has been at the heart of Central Texas economic growth and small business development. BiG has watched the Austin and Central Texas economy experience a fundamental transformation in the latter part of the 20th century, fueled by an increase from the City's traditional base of government and large manufacturing, to high tech and entertainment relocation's to the region. This increase was related to global economic shifts that continue today as manufacturing activities move overseas and then replaced by a knowledge and service-based economy.

- Address: 8000 Centre Park Drive, STE 200, Austin Texas 78754
- Phone: 512-928-8010
- Email: info@bigaustin.org
- Hours: 8:30AM – 5:30PM
- **Website:** <http://bigaustin.org/>

Office of Veterans Business Development (VBOC)

Devoted exclusively to promoting veteran entrepreneurship, the OVBD facilitates the use of all SBA programs by veterans, service-disabled veterans, reservists, active-duty service members, transitioning service members, and their dependents or survivors.

SBA programs provide access to capital and preparation for small business opportunities. They can also connect veteran small business owners with federal procurement and commercial supply chains.

The Veterans Business Outreach Center Program is an OVBD initiative that oversees [Veterans Business Outreach Centers \(VBOC\)](#) across the country. This small business program features a number of [success stories](#) and offers business plan workshops, concept assessments, mentorship, and training for eligible veterans.

[Find your nearest center.](#)

- **Website:** <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/veteran-owned-businesses>

Veterans Business Resource Center (VBRC)

If you are an honorably discharged Veteran or a member of the Guard or Reserve, the Veterans Business Resource Center can assist you. Our staff of experts can help guide you toward your entrepreneurial goals. Their mission is to assist veterans and former service members that want to launch, grow, or sell their businesses. We provide counseling, mentoring, resources, and education for those seeking the next level of achievement.

- Phone: 314-531-VETS (8387)
- Email: admin@vetbiz.com
- **Website:**
<http://www.vetbiz.com/>

VetFran

The mission of VetFran is to educate both veterans and franchisors about the unique match between the skills and aptitude of entrepreneurial veterans and the demands and opportunities of being a franchisee. Our research and experience has shown that veterans make great franchisees and that the business model is a gateway to small business ownership, prosperity and success for our nation's heroes. To facilitate the transition of veterans into franchising by encouraging franchisors to offer discounts and incentives to veterans on the one hand, and to assemble resources, tools and a database of franchising opportunities for veterans on the other.

- Phone: 202-662-0781
- Address: 1900 K Street NW STE 700, Washington DC 20006
- Email: vetfran@franchise.org
- **Website:** <https://www.vetfran.org/>

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Veteran Affairs:

Applying for your VA education benefits can be done in just a few steps:

- [Apply online.](#)
- Visit your nearest VA [regional office](#) to apply in person.
- Consult with the VA Certifying Official—who is usually in the Registrar’s or Financial Aid office—at the school of your choice. This official has application forms and can help you apply.
- Call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you.

For Payment Rates – [Go Here](#)

Website: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Texas Veterans Commission – Education Services

Approves all programs for Chapter 30, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607 federal education benefits. Through an approval process, the Texas Veterans Commission ensures that institutions and employers are in compliance with federal guidelines and are qualified to provide the type of training offered.

Director: Sue Jevning, education@tvc.texas.gov

Phone: 512-463-6160

Operations Manager, Veterans Education Program: Charles Bryant

Phone: 512-463-8189

Website: www.tvc.texas.gov/education/

GENERAL EMAILS:

Hazlewood: hazlewood@tvc.texas.gov

GI Benefits: coordinator@tvc.texas.gov

It is the purpose of the Texas Veterans Commission to serve Texas veterans, their dependents and survivors, in all matters pertaining to veterans’ benefits and rights. It is the designated agency of the State of Texas to represent the State and its veterans before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Federal Benefit: Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)

Provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances

- **Website** for more information: <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/montgomery-gi-bill/>
- Click to [Apply](#) on the VA website

Federal Benefit: The Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

Provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001 or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally benefits are payable for 15 years following your release from active duty.

- Elimination of 15 year limitation: Law removes the time limitation for the use of Post 9/11 for individuals whose last discharge or release from active duty is on or after January 1, 2013, children of deceased servicemembers who first become entitled to Post 911 GI bill program benefits on or after January 1, 2013 and all Fry spouses.
 - Anyone who has received a Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001 to receive 100% of the benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
- Click here [For more information](#)
 - To check on your current 9/11 GI Bill Enrollment status go to www.ebenefits.va.gov
 - [Apply](#) for education benefits

Federal Benefit: Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Offers up to 36 months of education and training benefits if you are a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserves, Army National Guard or Air National Guard and you meet the requirements below.

- Have either a 6-year service obligation (You agreed to serve 6 years) in Selected Service, or
- Are an officer in the Selected Reserve who agreed to serve 7 years in addition to your initial service obligation and
- Obligation must have started after June 30, 1985 or for some types of training after September 30, 1990.

All the following must also be true:

- Complete your initial Active Duty Training (IADT), and
- Get a high school diploma or certificate of equal value, like High School Equivalency Diploma or GED, before finishing IADT (note: You can't use 12 hours towards a college degree to meet this requirement), and
- Stay in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve Unit (Note: you'll still be eligible if you're discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct).

State Benefit: Hazelwood Act:

State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, Spouses and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books or supply fees.

Hazelwood Act is only available for use at a Texas public college or university, schools listed under Independent (Private) institutions DO NOT qualify for this exemption.

Eligibility:

- Veteran must at the time of entry into active duty to the U.S. Armed forces,
 - Designated Texas as Home of Record
 - Or entered the Service in Texas
 - Or was a Texas resident
- Have received an honorable discharge or separation or general discharge under honorable conditions as indicated on the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)
- Served at least 181 days of active duty service (Excluding training)
- Currently reside in Texas
- Have no federal Veterans education benefits or have no federal veterans' education benefits dedicated to the payment of tuition and fees only (such as Chapter 33 or 31; for term or semester enrolled that do not exceed the value of Hazlewood benefits
- Not be in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas.
- Enroll in classes for which the college receives tax support (i.e. a course that does not depend solely on student tuition and fees to cover its cost) unless the college's governing board has ruled to let veterans receive the benefit while taking non-funded courses; and
- Meet the GPA requirement of the institution's satisfactory academic progress policy in a degree or certificate program as determined by the institution's financial aid policy and as an undergraduate student, not be considered to have attempted an excessive amount of credit hours.
 - **Website:** <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood-act/>
 - Application on website found [here](#).

Federal Benefit: Fry Scholarship (Chapter 35)

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty while on active duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level.

- **Website:** <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/fry-scholarship/>

VA Education Benefits for Survivors and Dependents

You may qualify for VA education benefits (Chapter 35) if you're the child or spouse of a service member who meets one of the following descriptions.

The service member

- Died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001 or
- Is missing in action or was captured in the line of duty by a hostile force or
- Was detained (held) by force while in the line of duty by a foreign government or power, or
- Is in the hospital or getting outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability is a disability resulting from your service that doesn't go away.

You may qualify for VA education benefits (Chapter 35) if you're the child or spouse of a Veteran who meets one of the following descriptions.

The Veteran

- Is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability, or
 - Died while on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability
- **Website:** <https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/>
 - [Apply](#) for VA Education Benefits (Chapter 35)

Federal Benefit: On-The-Job Training (OJT)

If you are a military veteran or eligible family member, the On-The-Job Training (OJT) program offers you an alternative way to use your VA (GI Bill) education benefits. While you are in training for a new job, you can receive monthly benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs in addition to your regular salary.

- **Website:** <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/on-the-job-training/>

Yellow Ribbon

This program can help you pay for higher out of state, private school, or graduate school tuition that the Post 9/11 GI bill doesn't cover.

To qualify, at least one of these must be true:

- Served at least 36 months on active duty (Either all at once or with breaks in service) or
- Received a Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001 and were honorable discharged after any amount of service, or
- Received a Fry Scholarship on or after August 1, 2018, or
- Served at least 30 continuous days (All at once, without a break) on or after September 11, 2001, and were discharged after 60 days with a service-connected disability, or
- Are a dependent child using benefits transferred by a Veteran or a service member who has served for at least 36 months on active duty and qualifies at the 100% level, or

Your school must meet certain requirements

- Offers the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Hasn't offered the Yellow Ribbon benefit to more than the maximum number of students in their agreement with us, and
- Has certified your enrollment with us and provided Yellow Ribbon Program information.

Voluntary agreement between schools and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to split school costs that are not covered by the GI Bill, reducing or eliminating the amount students must pay themselves.

- Eligibility expanded for surviving spouses or children of service members in August 2018 and active duty service
- **Website:** <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/>

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31)

If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment can help. This program helps veterans with service-connected disabilities find meaningful, sustainable careers and connect you with training or other opportunities to help you reach your employment goals.

- [Apply](#) for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits
- **Website:** <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>

LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Austin Community College

(ACC) is a state-operated community college with campuses around the Austin metropolitan area. It opened in 1973, and as of 2009 enrolled over 40,000 students across eight campuses with over 2,000 faculty and staff and 180 areas of academic and professional study. Tuition is scaled with the lowest rates to residents of the community college district; residents of Texas outside the Austin district pay more and out-of-state and foreign nationals pay the most tuition.

- **University Website:** <http://www.austincc.edu>
- Website for Veterans: <https://www.austincc.edu/students/veterans-services>
- Veteran Affairs Office: <https://www.austincc.edu/students/veterans-services/on-campus-assistance>
- Veterans Resource Center: <https://www.austincc.edu/campuses/veterans-resource-center>
 - 6001 Airport Blvd, Austin Texas 78752
 - Email: Veterans@austincc.edu
 - Phone: 512-223-4636

St. Edward's University

Located on a hillside overlooking the city of Austin and the surrounding Texas hill country, St. Edward's University was founded in 1885. The Reverend Edward Sorin started Saint Edward's after having founded Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. St. Edward's is a Catholic University with 3500 undergraduates and 850 graduate students (as of 2013). NCAA Division II athletic teams include men's and women's baseball/softball, basketball, golf, soccer and tennis. US News & World Report's 2011 publication ranks St. Edwards as 21st of regional schools in the Western United States for academics, noting the school maintains a 66% acceptance rate for new applying freshmen.

- **University Website:** <http://www.stedwards.edu/>
- Website for Veterans: <http://think.stedwards.edu/veteranaffairs/>
 - Location: Main Building: Student Financial Services Room 204
 - Dustin Noll: dnoll@stedwards.edu,
 - Phone: 512-492-3193

Concordia University of Texas

Concordia University of Texas was ranked 18th in the West for Regional Schools by US News & World Report's 2011 publication, which noted that 51% of applying freshmen are accepted. The student body consists of over 2500 students (as of 2013) with more than half of the students being women in four colleges: business, liberal arts, education and science. The mission statement of Concordia is "to develop Christian leaders." The university notes that student of all faiths are welcomed into Concordia where students "receive much more individual instruction and mentoring from faculty than is normal for higher education."

- **University Website:** <http://www.concordia.edu/>
- Website for Veterans : <https://www.concordia.edu/admissions/service-members.html>
 - Email: studentcentral@concordia.edu
 - Phone: 512-313-4700

University of Texas

The University of Texas at Austin, known as "UT" is a research university and the flagship of the all the University of Texas campuses. Founded in 1883, the campus has over 50,000 undergraduate and graduate students (as of 2013), consistently in the top ten of student campus populations. The University employs 16,500 faculty and staff. It is ranked 13th and 45th as best state school and best national schools by US News & World Report's 2011 publication. The Texas Longhorns compete in a variety of college athletic programs; the annual competition with their chief rival, the Texas A&M Aggies, is one of the biggest football games in Texas.

- **University Website:** <http://www.utexas.edu/>
- Website for Veterans: <https://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/veterans/>
 - Phone: 512-232-2835
 - Email: utveterans@austin.utexas.edu
 - Location: Office of the Dean of Students, Student Veteran Center, 4.472, 100 W. Dean Keeton St, Austin, Texas 78712

Huston-Tillotson University

Huston-Tillotson is traditionally considered an African American university but has a multicultural, multiethnic and multi- faith student body of nearly 1,000 students (as of fall, 2011). The university is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and the United Negro College fund and is located on a 24-acre campus near downtown Austin. Huston–Tillotson University offers undergraduate degrees in business, education, the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, science and technology. According to US News & World Report's 2011 publication, the freshman retention rate -- a barometer of student happiness -- is 52%.

- **University Website** <http://www.htu.edu/>
- Website for Veterans: <https://htu.edu/enrollment/veterans>
 - Phone: 512-505-3028
 - Email: admission@htu.edu

Texas State University

One is an important number at Texas State. There are thousands of us, but we're united by one shared purpose: to make a positive impact in our world. More than 38,000 undergraduate and graduate students choose from more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs — from biology to music to business to geography and more. And each student finds the personalized support and opportunities they need to succeed beyond the classroom. One is never a lonely number at Texas State, because each one of us has thousands of Bobcats guiding and inspiring us on the way.

- **University Website** <https://www.txstate.edu/>
- Website for Veterans: <https://www.va.txstate.edu/>
 - Location: 105 J.C Kellam, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666
 - Phone: 512-245-2641
 - Email: veteransaffairs@txstate.edu

Southwestern University

One is an important number at Texas State. There are thousands of us, but we're united by one shared purpose: to make a positive impact in our world. More than 38,000 undergraduate and graduate students choose from more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs — from biology to music to business to geography and more. And each student finds the personalized support and opportunities they need to succeed beyond the classroom. One is never a lonely number at Texas State, because each one of us has thousands of Bobcats guiding and inspiring us on the way.

- **University Website** <https://www.southwestern.edu/>
- Website for Veterans: <https://www.southwestern.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/veterans/>
 - Associate Registrar and VA school certifying official: Nadia Mahannah
 - Email: mahannan@southwestern.edu

Smaller Specialty Schools

Austin is also home to many smaller or specialized centers for higher learning. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary educates individuals to be ordained in the Christian ministry, offering master's and doctoral degrees in divinity and theology. The Austin Culinary Arts and Design School offers degree programs in media arts, design, fashion and culinary arts. For-profit Strayer University maintains a campus in Austin for working adults continuing their education and offers several degrees to its 52,000 students across the country.

Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL)

The mission on VITAL is to provide world class healthcare and improve the overall mental health of veterans, while supporting their successful integration into college and university campuses through

1. Promotion of positive cohesion between veterans and the entire learning community through campus and community clinical education and training.
2. Seamless access to VA healthcare services and on-campus clinical counseling
3. Providing efficient care coordination of all available services.

Central Texas Health Care System VITAL Representatives

Rachele Misiti, LCSW-S (TCM Program Manager) – Fort Hood

- 254-899-7869
- Rachele.misiti@va.gov
- Temple, Bldg 204, Room 6J29

Jeffrey Moe, LMSW: Student Veteran Outreach Coordinator (University of Texas)

- 512-232-2677
- Jeffrey.Moe@va.gov or Jeff.moe@austin.utexas.edu
- SSW Room 3.104A

Metari Garza, LCSW, CCM (Texas A&M University)

- 979-845-3161
- Metari.garza@va.gov
- Veteran Resource & Support Center, Koldus Student Services Building STE 112, TAMU 1251, College Station, Texas

Seth Miller, LCSW (Baylor University)

- Office: 254-379-8484
- Seth.miller2@va.gov
- Sid Richardson east Wing Basement – 080, Waco, Texas

College for Texans

Many Texans in the U.S. Armed Services or National Guard go on to college. If you're serving in the military and seeking higher education at a Texas college or university, this section will walk you through some important information on special benefits and rules. Texas thanks you for your service and wishes you the best of luck in your college career.

Website: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=6D14A588-F337-DE9F-C34472E57102FA06>

Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA)

SCRA provides certain credit protections to active duty servicemembers. Eligible student loans will not exceed a 6.0% interest rate for the duration the servicemember is on active duty.

Eligibility

- Member of the uniformed services on active duty or absent from duty due to sickness, wounds, leave or other lawful cause or U.S. Citizen servicing with a U.S. allied force in prosecution of war or military service as defined under the SCRA.
 - Army, Navy, USAF, USMC, USCG
 - National Guard (must be called to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days for purposes of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds)
- Loans must have been incurred prior to the date that you began active duty

For more information go to **website:** <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/military-student-loan-benefits.pdf>

A variety of scholarships are available to veterans and their spouses and families.

- <https://www.usveteransmagazine.com/list-of-military-scholarships-for-service-members-spouses-and-dependents/>
- <https://www.texvet.org/scholarships>

EMPLOYMENT

City of Austin

Website: www.austincityjobs.org

Email: Employment.services@austintexas.gov

Phone: 512-974-2000

Employment Services Specialist provide assistance with the following

- Learn how to search and apply for City Jobs
- Get help setting up a City of Austin Employment Application
- Have an Employment Specialist help you develop or review your resume to make it more competitive in today's job market.
- Get assistance and advice on preparing for your next interview
- Learn about Community resources available to job seekers.

Veterans Preference in Hiring

- This procedure applies to all veteran applicants, who served in the United States Armed Services and who were discharged under honorable conditions. It also applies to individuals who are currently serving in the United States Armed Services on Active Duty.
- This procedure applies to ALL veteran applicants who meet the minimum qualifications for the following positions:
 - Full-time Status
 - Part-time Status
 - Probationary status.
- This procedure does NOT apply to the following positions:
 - Civil Service
 - Executive
 - Temporary status
 - Temporary on-call
 - Temporary seasonal
 - Interns or any position governed by a contract

City of Austin Employment Services Satellite Office Schedules

African American Youth Harvest Center
6633 Hwy 290, Suite 303, Austin TX 78723
Mon-Tue 9:00AM-4:00PM
(512) 428-4480 ext. 218

Asian American Resource Center
8401 Cameron Rd, Austin TX 78754
Wed 9:30AM-6:00PM
(512) 974-1700

DeWitty Training and Employment Center
2209 Rosewood Ave, Suite 210,
Austin TX 78702
Mon-Fri 8:00AM-4:45PM
(512) 974-2751, (512) 974-2728,
(512) 974-3478

Workforce Solutions (North)
9001 N, N Interstate Hwy 35 Ste 110,
Austin, TX 78753
Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30AM-5:00PM
(512) 597-7237

Workforce Solutions (South)
6505 Burleson Rd, Austin TX 78744
Thurs-Fri 8:00AM-4:30PM
(512) 381-4223



Phone (512) 974-2000
Email employment.services@austintexas.gov
Mailing Address P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

 www.austincityjobs.org

 Austin City Jobs

 City of Austin

 @AustinCityJobs

Texas Veterans Commission

The Texas Veterans Commission takes a comprehensive approach through one-on-one job coaching, interview skills, and resume development. Utilizing local community resources, partnerships, and an action step plan to assist the veteran in gaining meaningful employment. The Veterans employment Program's mission is to provide sound coaching and to assist employers with understanding the unique benefits of hiring veterans so that every Texas Veteran and eligible Veteran spouse has access to long term and meaningful employment.

Employment services include:

- Intensive services
- Converting military occupation to civilian occupations for resume and job search
- Job matching and referrals
- Resume assistance
- Employer outreach
- Job Search workshops
- Vocational guidance
- Labor market information
- Referrals to training
- Other supportive services

The first step is to register with WorkInTexas.com and begin your job search.

The website, Work-In-Texas-Veterans.jobs, helps Texas veterans translate their military skills to jobs in the civilian world. The Military Occupation Code Crosswalk function allows veterans to enter the type of work they performed in the Armed Services and receive a list of civilian jobs that require those skills. The system also translates military occupation codes into skills employers are looking for in potential employees.

- Director, Veteran Employment Services: Jim Martin, Jim.Martin@tvc.texas.gov, 214-290-1040
- **Website:**
 - <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/employment/>
 - <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/employment/veterans/>
- General Email: tvcemployment@tvc.texas.gov

Goodwill Central Texas: Operation GoodJobs

Operation GoodJobs supports 10 community-based Goodwill organizations with funds to provide tools and resources that equip veterans and military families with advanced labor market information; access to employment, training, credentials and career advancement opportunities; financial wellness resources; and more. This initiative serves both male and female veterans, Operation GoodJobs offers customized services to connect National Guard, Reservists and Women veterans in the targeted states with training, employment and career advancement opportunities.

- **Website:** <https://www.goodwill.org/operation-goodjobs/>
- Address: 1015 Norwood Park Blvd, Austin, Texas 78753

Workforce Solutions Capital Area

Workforce Solutions Capital Area is proud “We Hire Vets” employer, committed to serving our nation’s military veterans. If you have served in the Armed Forces or an eligible spouse, they will assist your job search and training needs. Honorably discharged veterans and eligible spouses are afforded priority services in workforce centers. As a Veteran or eligible spouse, you receive precedence to use resources in centers including computers, phones, faxes and referrals to new job postings. If you require the assistance of staff, you will be served promptly on a priority basis. You are also granted priority access to training programs for which you are qualified and for which funding exists.

Veterans resource coordinator works with the Texas Workforce Commission under a major state initiative called the Texas Vet

- **Website:** <http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/JobSeekers/VeteransServices>
- Veterans Employer Liaison - Texas Veterans Commission: Jose Sanchez
- Phone: 512-597-7219
- Email: jose.sanchez@tvc.texas.gov
- Address: 9001 N IH 35 STE 110, Austin Texas 78753

Texas Veterans Leadership Program (TVLP)

Texas Workforce Commission resource and referral network connecting returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan with the resources and tools they need to lead productive lives and enjoy the full benefits of the society they have willingly served. One Veterans resource and Referral Specialist is assigned to each of the 28 workforce development areas to work closely with Workforce Solutions office staff and Texas Veterans Commission staff who are co-located in Workforce Solutions offices. This network of returning veterans plays an integral role in addressing the needs of other returning veterans, including employment, training, medical, educational and other needs.

- **Website:** <https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/texas-veterans-leadership-program>
- Veterans Resource Coordinator – TVLP: Sean Shetler
- Cell: 512-468-4734, Office: 512-597-7208
- Email: sean.shetler@twc.state.tx.us
- Address: 9001 N IH 35, STE 110, Austin Texas 78753
- Contact your local Veterans Resource and Referral Specialist: [Here](#)

Veterans' Employment and Training Service (U.S. Department of Labor)

Prepare America’s veterans, service members, and their spouses for meaningful careers, provide them with employment resources and expertise, protect their employment rights and promote their employment opportunities.

DVET: Brian Schroepfer: Schroepfer.brian.c@dol.gov, Phone: 512-463-2207

ADVET: Jason Evans: evans.jason@dol.gov, Phone: 512-463-2815

ADVET: Steven Day: day.steven.l@dol.gov, Phone: 512-463-2056

ADVET: Phillip Estep: estep.phillip.q@dol.gov, Phone: 512-463-2816

ADVET: Janice Maupin-Anderson: maupinanderson.jan@dol.gov, Phone 512-463-2065

- Website: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/veterans/findajob>
- Programs: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs>
- Address: 101 E 15th St, Room 340, Austin Texas 78778

VA - Compensated Work Therapy

Central Texas Veterans Health Care System:

Address: 2901 Montopolis Drive, Mental Health (116A), Austin, TX 78741

Phone: 512-389-6627

Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) is a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) vocational rehabilitation program that endeavors to match and support work ready veterans in competitive jobs, and to consult with business and industry regarding their specific employment needs. In some locations CWT is also known as Veterans Industries; these designations are synonymous. <http://www.va.gov/health/cwt/>

Our professional CWT staff provides:

- State of the art vocational rehabilitation services
- Job matching and employment supports
- Vocational Case Management
- Work site and job analysis
- Consultation regarding assistive technology
- Reasonable accommodation
- Guidance in addressing ADA regulations compliance

VETERAN AFFAIRS CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT

This page offers the help you need to build your career and find the opportunities that are right for you.

On this page you will find the following resources

- Get career and employment assistance
- Manage your career
- More information and resources

Website: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/>

ONLINE RESOURCES

WorkInTexas.com (www.WorkInTexas.com) is a comprehensive online job search resource and matching system developed and maintained by the Texas Workforce Commission and the state workforce network.

Monster (www.monster.com) Has lots of information about conducting a job search and many job opportunities.

USAJOBS (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>) USAJOBS.gov is a free web-based job board enabling federal job seekers access to thousands of job opportunities across hundreds of federal agencies and organizations, allowing agencies to meet their legal obligation (5 USC 3327 and 5 USC 3330) of providing public notice for federal employment opportunities.

FedsHireVets (<http://www.fedshirevets.gov/>) Feds Hire Vets is your single site for Federal employment information for Veterans, transitioning military service members, their families, and Federal hiring officials.

HireVeterans (<http://www.hireveterans.com/>) Recognized by industry experts as a leader, we offer Employers access to resumes and job postings so that they can reach our unique visitors. For U.S. Veteran Job Seekers, we offer the very best and relevant jobs offered by world class companies in the USA and abroad.

NETWORKING/ SOCIAL GROUPS

Team Rubicon

Serves communities by mobilizing veterans to continue their service, leveraging their skills and experience to help people prepare, respond, and recover from disasters and humanitarian crisis. Through continued service, Team Rubicon seeks to provide veterans with three things they lose after leaving the military: a purpose, gained through disaster relief; community, built by serving with others; and identity, from recognizing the impact one individual can make. Coupled with leadership development and other opportunities, Team Rubicon looks to help veterans transition from military to civilian life.

Website: <https://teamrubiconusa.org/>

To volunteer: [Click here](#)

Contact Form: <https://teamrubiconusa.org/contact/>

Team RWB (Red, White & Blue)

To enrich lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Every year, more than 250,000 active duty service members transition out of the military, joining the 3.5 million post 9/11 veterans already living in communities nationwide. They face many challenges including isolation, weight gain, lac of purpose and other health issues. Team Red, White & Blue is the antidote to the isolation and health challenges they face. Together, we strive to make tomorrow better and together we will increase mental and physical health and find strength and success. Chapters deliver local, consistent, and inclusive opportunities for veterans and the community to connect through physical and social activity. Volunteers host regular fitness activities, social gatherings and community service events, and facilitate building strong local connections with members and organizations within the community.

Austin Chapter Contact: Dave Gmitter: Dave.gmitter@teamrwb.org

Website: <https://www.teamrwb.org/chapter/team-rwb-austin-tx/>

Code VI Veteran Integration

Code VI Veteran Integration is a nonprofit organization recognized by the IRS (501c3). Our mission and purpose is to ignite the spark of hope and resilience in Veterans & Families. We are Veterans and know change is not just possible, but realistically achievable. We don't "help" Veterans – we've learned some Veterans have a hard time accepting help – instead, we assist support, encourage, teach and equip Veterans & Families to achieve integration and balance and lead flourishing lives.

- Email: mytribe@integratedveteran.org
- Phone: 512-53-4552
- Address: 206 Main St. Round Rock, Texas 78664
- [Contact Form](#)
- **Website:** <https://integratedveteran.org/>

Combat Vets Association

We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby. Our membership is comprised of **Full Members** (those with verified combat service), **Auxiliary Members** (a spouse, widow or widower of a full member) and **Supporter Members** (those who have non-combat military service and have a sincere dedication to helping veterans). We have members from nearly all 50 states and living abroad. Many members continue to serve in our Armed Forces, with several serving in combat areas now.

Website (Austin Chapter): <https://cvma23-8.org/>

CO Email: commander@cvma23-8.org

Heroes Night Out

Heroes Night Out is a non-profit community-based organization that is dedicated to enhancing and supporting Service Members, Veterans, First Responders and their family members through programs and services in a caring, safe, family-friendly environment; which is immersed with peers and battle buddies. Through this model of peer-to-peer interaction, HNO is able to quickly address the unique situations that Service Members, Veterans, First Responders and their families experience by creating a trusting relationship more immediately.

- Address: 1150 S Bell Blvd, Cedar Park Texas 78613
- Email: heroesnightoutcenter@gmail.com
- Phone: 512-986-7660
- Website: <https://heroesnightout.org/>

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1919

The (nationwide) organization for combat-wounded veterans is chartered by the Congress of the United States. This (local) Texas Capital Chapter has nearly six hundred members throughout the state, but most live in the greater Austin metropolitan area. In furtherance of the objects of the Order, the chapter undertakes educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic activities in conformance with its Constitution and By-Laws, as set forth in Public Law 85-761

Email: james.bracken@purpleheartaustin.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mophaustin/>

Website: www.purpleheartaustin.org

Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) Capital Area

The Military Veteran Peer Networks' mission is to establish camaraderie and trust with each other, identifying and vetting community resources and, collectively, contributing to the communities where we live. The network connects veterans and their families to local, state, and national resources through an active group of veteran peers. As a member, you can meet other vets, get help and support, and find resources. If you have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces or are a family member, then this group is for you!

Email: james@samaritan-center.org

Phone: 512-527-4584

Website: <https://www.milvetpeer.net/default.aspx>

Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans

The Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans, North Texas Chapter is a non-profit organization, whose membership is composed of not only Vietnam Veterans, but other veterans from other wars as well, such as World War II, Korean War, Desert Storm, and now, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom as well as Post 9/11. Our goals and purpose is to help all veterans and military members, regardless of war or branch of service, and whether or not they are still on active duty, retired, disabled, and to assist our community in any way we can. Organization meets the second Thursday of every month at 10:30 A.M.

Email: dondorsey@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 512-925-4556

Address: 406 E Alpine Rd, Austin, Texas 78704

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tavv.austinchapter>

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 915

The purpose of the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations (TCVO) is to present a unified position to governmental entities for the benefit of Veterans (this includes past, present, and future). The Coalition does not act as a body politic unto to itself, but rather concerns itself with matters relating to veterans that are shared with its member organizations for the benefit of knowledge. Member organizations share their experience and backgrounds for the betterment of all veterans.

Address: 406 E Alpine Rd, Austin, Texas 78704

Website: <https://vva.org/chapter/vva-chapter-915/>

Email: paladin_james@yahoo.com

Phone: 512-796-2140

American Legion

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. The American Legion understands the difficulty some veterans have in returning home. To help guide a successful transition, we have compiled resources focused on jobs, benefits, education, health care, family and finances.

Website: <https://www.legion.org/about>

American Legion Post 76:

- Address: 2201 Veterans Drive, Austin Texas, 78703
- Phone: 512-810-1685
- Website: <http://travispost76.org/>

American Legion Post 83

- Address: 4401 E St. Elmo Rd, Austin Texas 78744
- Phone: 512-442-2896
- Email: info@txlegion.org
- Website: <http://txlegion83.org/>

American Legion Onion Creek Post 326

- Address: 2510 Onion Creek Parkway, Austin Texas
- Phone: 512- 282-2712
- Email: post326@alegiononioncreek.org
- **Website:** <https://www.alegiononioncreek.org/>

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces. We have many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide. Please [check out our latest fact sheet](#) or spend some time browsing our site to learn why **No One Does More For Veterans**.

Website: <https://www.vfw.org/about-us>

VFW Post 8787

- Address: 500 VFW RD, Austin Texas 78753
- Phone: 512-836-8767
- **Website:** <https://www.vfwpost8787.org/>

VFW Post 4443

- Address: 7614 Thomas Springs Rd, Austin Texas 78736
- Phone: 512-288-4443
- **Website:** <https://www.vfw4443.org/index.html>

VFW Post 8925 – Pilot Knob Post

- Address: 8706 FM RD 812, Austin, Texas 78719
- Phone: 512-243-8011
- Email: f.andrada@vfw.org
- **Website:** <https://www.vfwpost8787.org/>

Central Texas American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 115

Central Texas American Veterans (AMVETS Post TX115) is a federally chartered 501(c)(19) non-profit organization consisting of currently serving Military and Honorably Discharged Military Veterans. Our mission is to support Veterans, Military Members, and provide community service to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in Central Texas. Our welcoming membership offers camaraderie in a family-friendly atmosphere. We encourage veteran's spouses, partners, and family members to participate in our [activities](#).

- Email: info@amvets115.org
- Address: 401 Rebel Drive, Kyle Texas 78640
- To Join, email the 1st Vice Commander at vice1@amvets115.org

Blinded Veterans Association

Eligibility: Serve veterans who have lost their sight through military service and their dependents.

Services: Link blinded veterans with services, rehabilitation training and other benefits when they are ready to go back into the work force.

Greater Austin Chapter of the Blinded Veterans Association President/Secretary

Kevin Jackson: kmjacksonsr@att.net

Website: <http://www.bva.org/>

Join Texas BVA: <https://txbva.org/membership>

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

We are Chapter TX15 of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) Department of Defense recognized Veterans Service Organization chartered on July 4, 2011. We are mothers of children serving in the military or who are now veterans. We support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Our mission is to support one another and honor our sons and daughters through our commitment to service to our military communities, veterans and families of fallen service members in the Williamson, Travis, and surrounding counties in Texas through volunteerism and monetary donations.

Wilco Blue Star Mothers

- Email: WilCoBSM@gmail.com
- Location at Heroes Night Out 1150 S. Bell Blvd, Cedar Park Texas 78613
- Meetings Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30AM
- Website: wilcobluestarmothers.shutterfly.com
- Phone: 512-751-9662

Texas Military Officers Association

The Texas Military Officers Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of current and former military officers who are or want to become business leaders in the Austin and surrounding community. This organization will hold monthly social gatherings to provide networking opportunities with like minded individuals. The group will support the opportunity to help former military officers during their transition as well as enable business leaders to advocate and discuss their organizations with other like minded business leaders

Email: info@texasmilitary.org

Website: <https://www.texasmilitary.org/>

Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

- Cen-Tex #318
- Address: 500 VFW RD (VFW Post 8787) Austin Texas 78753
- Phone: 512-576-1642
- District 4 Email: district4@txmcl.org
- Tony Poletti: 951-805-2272
- Website: <https://txmcl.org/>

Mission Continues

National, nonpartisan nonprofit that empowers veterans to continue their service and empowers communities with veteran talent, skills and preparedness to generate visible impact. At the mission continues, we're on a mission to connect veterans with under-resourced communities. Our programs in cities across the country deploy veteran volunteers alongside nonprofit partners and community leaders to improve educational resources, increase access to parks and green spaces, foster neighborhood identity and more.

Phone: 314-588-8805 Fax: 314-571-6227
Address: P.O Box 776792, Chicago IL 60677

AUSTIN: <https://missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/austin-1st-platoon>

Austin 1st Service Platoon: Andrew Selgestad: aselgestad@missioncontinues.org

Mission: Dignity in Homelessness

SAN ANTONIO : <https://missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/San-Antonio-platoons>

San Antonio 1st Service Platoon: Sandra Davis: sdavis@missioncontinues.org

Neighborhood Revitalization – Food Deserts

San Antonio 2nd Service Platoon: Andrea Strong: astrong@missioncontinues.org

Mission: Youth Outdoor Recreation and Learning Spaces

Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV)

DAV is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year. Annually, the organization provides more than 600,000 rides to veterans attending medical appointments and assists veterans with well over 200,000 benefit claims. In 2019, DAV helped veterans receive more than \$21 billion in earned benefits. DAV's services are offered at no cost to all generations of veterans, their families and survivors.

DAV is also a leader in connecting veterans with meaningful employment, hosting job fairs and providing resources to ensure they have the opportunity to participate in the American Dream their sacrifices have made possible.

With nearly 1,300 chapters and more than 1 million members across the country, DAV empowers our nation's heroes and their families by helping to provide the resources they need and ensuring our nation keeps the promises made to them.

Website: <http://www.dav.org/>

Made exclusively of men and women disabled in our nations' defense, we are dedicated to one, single purpose: building better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families. The mission is carried forward by:

- Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and service earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government agencies.
- Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families.
- Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local governments.
- Extending DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local Chapters.
- Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

Our Service Officers are certified annually to provide the best and most up to date assistance with matters pertaining to claims of veterans, their dependents, widows and orphans.

We Provide:

- Counseling in filing a claim for the first time, on an existing claim, reopening a claim, notice of disagreement or filing an appeal.
- Unlike other veteran assistance programs, we complete the paperwork with you on your claim during your visit.
- Submit claim communication to the DAV National Service Office in a timely manner to get your claim going ASAP.
- Advice you on any additional paperwork you may need to file your claim in order to avoid having your claim be denied because of lack of evidence to support your claim.

- We will follow up on a pending claim at your request to get the most current status.

Sgt James Allen #219

- Phone: 571-527-8644
- Address: 801 E William Cannon Dr, Austin Texas 78745
- Website: <http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/tx/219/default.aspx>

Lone Star Chapter 4

- Phone: 512-955-6459
- Address: 500 VFW RD, Austin Texas 78753
- Website: <http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/tx/04/default.aspx>

WOMEN VETERANS

Texas Veterans Commission: Women Veterans Program

TVC serves Women Veterans by helping them to obtain their benefits and services. We strive to raise awareness of Women Veteran contributions and services to our country and state, as well as inform and educate Women Veterans and Women Veteran resource providers about the benefits and services available to Women Veterans.

Krystle Matthews: Women Veterans Program Manager: Krystle.matthews@tvc.texas.gov

- 2929 McKinney St, Houston, Texas 77003
- Phone: 832-728-3624
- General Email: Texaswomenvets@tvc.texas.gov
- Website: <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/women-veterans/>

Staff

- North Texas District: Catherine Smith – Catherine.smith@tvc.texas.gov, 469-422-2546
- Central and South Texas District: Sharron Stewart-Sharron.stewart@tvc.texas.gov, 210-347-0116
- Cynthia Lendof: Cynthia.lendof@tvc.texas.gov, 806-765-2125

Women Veteran Contact for Claims:

- Northwest District: Laura Serrano: laura.serrano@tvc.texas.gov, 325-655-9717
 - 4140 Southwest Blvd, San Angelo, Texas 76903
 - Monday – Friday: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
- Northeast District: Cindy Mueller: Cindy.mueller@tvc.texas.gov, 214-857-0444
 - Bldg 2, RM 1C-423-A-G, Dallas, Texas 75216
 - Monday-Friday: 7:30AM – 4:00PM
- Southeast District: Ardenna Hardy: Ardenna.hardy@tvc.texas.gov, 713-383-2750
 - 6900 Almeda, Houston, Texas 77030
 - Monday-Friday: 7:30AM – 4:00PM
- Southwest District: Felicia Kelly: Felicia.kelly@tvc.texas.gov, 210-699-5076
 - 5788 Eckhert Rd Rm 2A122, San Antonio, Texas 78240
 - Monday-Friday: 7:30AM – 4:00PM

Veteran Affairs: Women Veterans Health

Women Veterans Health Care addresses the health care needs of women Veterans and works to ensure that timely, equitable, high-quality, comprehensive health care services are provided in a sensitive and safe environment at VA health facilities nationwide. We strive to be a national leader in the provision of health care for women, thereby raising the standard of care for all women.

- Women Veterans Outreach Specialist: Minnie Garcia: Minerva.Garcia@va.gov
- Address: 7901 Metropolis Dr, Austin Texas 78744
- Phone: 512-823-4723
- Website: <https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/>

Austin Vet Center

Offers free counseling for veterans who have experienced Military Physical Assault, War Zone and or Military Sexual Trauma.

- 1524 South Interstate 35 Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78704
- Phone: 512-416-1314 or 877-927-8387
- **Website:** <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

For assistance after hours, weekends, and holidays call: 1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)

Women Veterans Business Center

Online portal of information and resources for women veterans and military families that desire to start and grow veteran-owned businesses.

- Address: 5330 Griggs Road A113, Houston, Texas 77021
- Phone: 832-324-9103
- **Website:** <http://www.womenveteransbusinesscenter.org/index.html>
- [Contact Form](#)

Dress for Success

Empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help them thrive in work and in life. Dress for Success is committed to providing services and opportunities to help women establish a solid work history and permanently leave the cycle of poverty. Support extends far beyond the “suit” to a promise to each client of ongoing support and information as she enters and remains in the employment arena. DFS provides a few business suit, offers tips on makeup and accessories, and employment coaching.

- Address: 701 Tillery Street, Suite A-5, Austin Texas 78702
- Phone: 512-389-3723
- **Website:** <https://austin.dressforsuccess.org/>
- Hours:
 - Monday-Thursday: 10:00AM – 4:00PM
 - Saturday: 10:00AM – 2:00PM
 - Friday / Sunday: Closed

Texas Center Point

Provides comprehensive services for homeless veterans, at risk veterans, family members or a surviving spouse through grants from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Texas Veterans Commission. Range of services offered include crisis intervention, financial assistance, job readiness training, housing and job placement, case management and an array of supportive services.

- 2101 S. Interstate 35, Suite 219, Austin Texas 78741
- Phone: 512-297-2990 / 24 Hour Line: 855-352-6585
- Email: Texasvets@cpinc.org
- **Website:**
http://www.cpinc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=28&Itemid=142

Grace After Fire

Grace After Fire is an organization to help women veterans help themselves by providing a means for women veterans to gain self-knowledge and self-renewal. Programs include

- **Community Resource Navigation**
- **Table Talk Color Me Camo:** Peer Support system designed specifically for women veterans. Focuses on gender specific aspects through structured interaction with trained facilitators and fellow peers while identifying and addressing barriers women veterans face on the path to positive change.
- **Social Events:** Hosts social events throughout the year for women veterans and their families.
- **Annual Retreats:** Hosts a free spring two-and-a-half-day retreat for women veterans.
- **Financial Basic Needs Assistance:** Provides financial assistance to qualifying veterans that have exhausted all other means of support. Eligibility: Women Veterans who served in the United Armed Forces or National Guard on federal active duty under Title 10, US Code of any era, peacetime, served in any branch and who is now discharged with any one of the give character service discharge of General, Honorable, other than Honorable, bad conduct, dishonorable and Medically. Must reside in the following Counties: Alamo Region (San Antonio) – Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe. Gulf Coast Region (Houston) – Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller. Central Texas (Austin) – Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson.
 - Each veteran is eligible for a maximum of a onetime annual financial immediate needs support of Rent, Mortgage, Gas bill, Electric bill, Water bill and Car insurance.
- Email: info@graceafterfire.org
- **Website:** <http://www.graceafterfire.org/>

YWCA – Eliminating Racism Empowering Women

Women Veterans and service members who do not qualify or choose to use VA mental health services may utilize the YWCA’s confidential mental health counseling. The TWCA also provides referrals for women, couples ad their families free of charge.

- **Website:** www.Ywca.org
- Phone: 512-326-1222

Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE)

Premier training program in entrepreneurship and small business management operated by the Institute for Veteran and Military families at Syracuse University. V-WISE helps women veterans and female military spouse/partners find their passion and learn the business savvy skills necessary to turn an idea or start up into a growing venture. The three phases of the program include a 15-day online course (Phase I), 3-day entrepreneurship training event (Phase II), and ongoing mentorship, training and support opportunities for graduates launching or growing their business (Phase III).

- **Website:** <https://vwise.vets.syr.edu/>
- Apply [Here](#)
- Email: ivmfeducation@syr.edu

DEPENDENTS AND CAREGIVERS

TEA- Texas Education Agency Family Resources

Military Resources page provided by TEA offers information about Texas Schools, Graduation requirements, education certification fee waivers and other links.

- **Website:** <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/military-family-resources>

Texas Military Department – Survivor Outreach Services

The Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) program exists to embrace and reassure Survivors that they are continually linked to the Military Family through a unified support program that enables them to remain an important part of the Military for as long as they desire. The SOS program is an Army-wide program which demonstrates our commitment to Families of the Fallen. SOS is a holistic and multi-agency approach to delivering services to survivors by providing those services closest to where the Families live.

Website: <https://tmd.texas.gov/survivor-outreach-services>

TXARNG Survivor Outreach Services Coordinators:

- Abilene/Dyess AFB: 325-690-1026 x 5
- Austin- 512-782-5681
- Ft Worth: 817-246-4606 x 1
- Houston/Rankin: 281-539-4280 x9, then x5193
- Laredo: 956-724-6300 x 7464101
- San Antonio/Martindale: 210-314-9625
- Seagoville: 972-287-2876
- Tyler: 903-595-6544 x 9

Veterans Land Board (VLB) Texas State Veteran Homes

Provide affordable, long-term nursing care for qualified veterans, spouses and Gold Star Parents. There are many advantages to living in a Texas State Veterans Home from a Veteran-Centered care, the VA per diem that helps alleviate some costs of care (including medication and therapy) and the camaraderie of living with fellow veterans who have similar life experiences.

- [Locations](#) of Veteran Homes
- [Application](#) for admission
- [Cost Break Downs](#)

Veterans Land Board (VLB) Cemeteries

Texas State Veterans Cemeteries are built through a partnership between the state of Texas and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and are managed by the Texas Veterans Land Board. They complement the four national cemeteries in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas. Burial benefits at Texas State Veterans Cemeteries are identical to those for VA National Cemeteries.

Eligibility requirements for a Texas State Veterans Cemetery are the same as for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery. For detailed eligibility requirements, please visit the [VA Website](#) or call the VA toll-free burial benefits number at **1-800-827-1000**. If you have any questions about eligibility, please call us at the Texas Veterans Land Board toll-free at **800-252-8387**.

- [Burial Benefits / Eligibility](#)
 - [Locations:](#)
 - [Burial Protocols](#)
 - [Texas State Veteran Cemetery Locations](#)
- Main Office: 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701
 - Phone: 1800-252-8387
 - Website: <https://vlb.texas.gov/cemeteries/index.html>

VA Caregiver Support

Two programs are available for caregivers: The Program of General Caregiver Support Services (Eligible Veterans of all eras) and the program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (Eligible Post 9/11 Veterans).

You are considered a caregiver if you assist a veteran who needs help with any of the following?

- Make medical appointments or drive to the doctor
- Drive to the pharmacy to pick up prescriptions.
- Get dressed, take a shower, or take medication?
- Get in and out of bed?
- Complete physical therapy or give injections.
- Feed self, with feeding tubes or complete similar procedures at home?
- Talk with doctors, nurses, social workers, and others to understand about their medical care or benefits?

All Eras: Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS)

Provides caregivers of enrolled veterans with the following:

- Information/Referral to in-home or support service, support groups and other resources
- Education and training on how best to care for yourself and your veteran loved one
- Peer support to learn from and gain support from other caregivers
- Mental health counseling (if need is related to the veteran's condition)
- Programs that focus on caregiver self-care.

Served on or after 9/11: The Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)

Is only available to eligible seriously injured post 9/11 veterans. In addition to all services under the General Program, eligible caregivers may receive:

- Financial Monthly stipend
- Health Insurance (if eligible)
- Beneficially Travel benefits (if eligible)
- Mental Health services
- Respite care to get a break for no less than 30 days.

[Click here](#) to learn if you qualify and how to apply

Website: <http://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

VA Geriatrics and Extended Care

The shared purpose of all Geriatric and Extended Care programs is to prevent or lessen the burden of disability on older, frail, chronically ill patients and their families/caregivers, and to maximize each patient's functional independence. Because the course of chronic illness varies, the health care needs of the chronically ill patient also change, requiring the services of one, some, or all Geriatrics and Extended Care services over time. Community Residential Care, VA Community Living Centers, Community Nursing Homes, and State Veteran Homes assist Veterans who are not able to live independently. Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers support the advancement and integration of research, education, and clinical achievements. Geriatric Evaluation & Management, Geriatric Primary Care, and Inpatient Respite offers interdisciplinary inpatient or outpatient services to elderly patients. Hospice and Palliative Care offer a continuum of comfort-oriented and supportive services provided in the home, community, outpatient, or inpatient settings for persons with advanced illness.

The Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care advances quality care for aging and chronically ill Veterans by providing policy direction for the development, coordination, and integration of geriatrics and long-term care clinical programs, and for the advancement of geriatrics and long-term care through research, education, and evaluation of new clinical models. [Geriatrics and Extended Care site](#)

More information about services: Website: <https://www.patientcare.va.gov/geriatrics.asp>

Request a Burial Flag

Provide a United States Flag to drape on a casket (or coffin) or place with an urn in honor of the Military service of a veteran or reservist.

Eligibility: You can get a burial flag if you're the next of kin or a close friend of the Veteran or Reservist and any one of the descriptions below is true for that person.

One of these must describe the service of the Veteran or Reservist. They:

- Served in wartime, **or**
- Died while serving on active duty after May 27, 1941, **or**
- Served after January 31, 1955, **or**
- Served in peacetime and left military service before June 27, 1950, after serving at least 1 enlistment, or because of a disability that was caused—or made worse—by their active military service, **or**
- Served in the Selected Reserves (in certain cases), or served in the military forces of the Philippines while in service of the United States and died on or after April 25, 1951. For more information on either of these situations, call 800-827-1000, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET.

Website: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/burial-flags/>

Fill out [Application](#) and submit it to Funeral director or [VA Regional Office](#)

VA NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Resources on the website include the following options

- Schedule a Burial
 - Find a Cemetery
 - Grave Locator
 - Daily Burial Schedule
 - Assisting Families with Burial
 - Pre-Need Burial Eligibility
 - VA Forms
 - Obtaining Military Records
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- Schedule a Burial: 800-535-1117, option 1.
 - Website: <http://www.cem.va.gov/>

National Personnel Records Center (Emergency Request and Deadlines)

If your request is **truly urgent** (for example, **upcoming surgery, a funeral**, etc.):

1. Tell us the nature of the emergency and your deadline in the "**Comments**" section of [eVetRecs](#) or in the "**Purpose**" section of the [Standard Form \(SF\) 180: Request Pertaining to Military Records](#).
2. **Fax your request to our Customer Service Team at 314-801-0764.**

Call our customer service staff at 314-801-0800 if you have questions or require same-day service. Due to the large number of calls we receive at this number, hold times are often long. However, once you reach a technician, he or she will be happy to assist you with emergency service.

Burial Requests at a VA National Cemetery: If your burial request involves interment at a Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery, contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 or visit the [National Cemetery Administration website](#). We work directly with the Veterans Affairs staff to obtain records to verify service for burial benefits. If the veteran is not going to be interred at a National Cemetery, the requester may fax the [SF-180](#) or signature page from [eVetRecs](#) (including signature of the next of kin and proof of death) to the Customer Service Team at 314-801-0764.

- **Website:** <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/emergencies>

Government Headstone or Markers application contact number is 1-800-827-1000 or http://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/order_instructions.asp

Military Funeral Honors

Funeral planners or family members of eligible deceased veterans may request Military Funeral Honors by contacting the Military Funeral Honors coordinator listed in the Military Funeral Honors Directory. Use this directory by locating the state or territory in which the requested Military Funeral Honors will take place. Under the state, you will find a local telephone number for each of the military services. Please choose the phone number that corresponds to the military service of the decedent. Numbers for each military service will apply, in most cases, to the state as a whole.

[Military Funeral Honors Directory \(Texas\)](#)

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides Military Funeral Honors at the burials of Veterans. When requested, funeral. Honors can be given at any cemetery-private or Government – operated. Most funeral directors make those arrangements with (DOD) on behalf of family members.

Survivor Outreach Services

The Office of Survivors Assistance was established by [Public Law 110-389, Title II, Section 222, in October 2008](#), to serve as a resource regarding all benefits and services furnished by the Department to Survivors

and Dependents of deceased Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. OSA also serves as a principal advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and promotes the use of VA benefits, programs and services to survivors.

- **Website:** <http://www.va.gov/survivors/>
- **Email:** officeofSurvivors@va.gov

FAMILY SERVICES

Austin Vet Center

Couples counseling

2015 S. I.H. 35, Southcliff Bldg., Suite 101, Austin, TX 78741

Phone: 512-416-1314 Or 877-927-8387

Normal working hours are 8am to 430pm Monday and Friday, *8am to 7pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.* Website: <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Toll Free: 1-877-WAR-VETS

Comfort Crew

The Comfort Crew Programs combine customized in-person live experiences, animated DVD's, guided journals, and an online web-portal to help kids through the unique situations they experience as a military kid in an extremely efficient and effective manner. Each Comfort Crew piece uses a unique blend of humor and personal stories to open kids up to talking about the "tough stuff." These unique edutainment experiences allow us to talk about serious subjects in a way that is accessible to children. Our experiences of impacting over 100,000 children in the past 2 years alone, and receiving hundreds of letters from kids, counselors, and parents ([Click Here To See Them For Yourself](#)) show that what we're doing is working and we're excited that with the help of people like you, together we can make these resources available to every military kid in need.

- Address: 1023 Springdale Rd, Bldg 13-B, Austin, Texas 78721
- Phone: 512-337-2739
- Website: <http://www.comfortcrew.org/>

Texas Military Department Family Support Services

Texas Military Department Family Support Services to Service Members and Families during deployment and sustainment operations. It is the intent of Family Support Services to prepare and empower TMD service members and families to be resilient as future mission requirements will necessitate. Through various program within Family Support Services and Community Partnerships, we are prepared to execute Resilience, Prevention, Family Readiness and Reintegration activities to enhance the capabilities and resilience of our TMD Service Members and Families.

Services

- Employment: 512-387-1873
- Financial Assistance: 1-800-252-8032
 - Financial Planning/Money Management: 512-595-9138 (Central)
- Transitioning: 512-289-4048 or 512-963-2390
- Health Care / Insurance (TRICARE): 512-782-1985
- Counseling: 512-782-5069
- Child and Youth Programs: 512-782-1231
- Chaplain Services: 512-782-5522
- Substance Abuse: 512-782-6091
- Sexual Assault: 512-565-4410 or DoD Safe line: 1-877-995-5247
- Legal Assistance: 1-800-622-2520

- **Website:** <https://tmd.texas.gov/family-support-service>
- Phone: 1-800-252-8032

Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront provides EMERGENCY financial and other ASSISTANCE to the FAMILIES of our service members and WOUNDED warriors.

Critical Financial Assistance Program

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Application Process](#)

- 1355 Central Parkway S, Ste 100, San Antonio, Texas 78232
- Phone: 210-659-7756
- Critical Financial Assistance: 877-264-3968
- Email: Info@OperationHomefront.net
- **Website:** <http://www.operationhomefront.net/>
- [Contact Form](#)

Attorney General of Texas: HEROES Program

The Child Support Division developed Help Establishing Responsive Orders and Ensuring Support (HEROES) for children in Military Families program. The Heroes Program partners military families with specialized attorneys to work through their child support needs. Through the HEROES program, you will be partnered with a dedicated HEROES child support attorney where you will receive

- Specialized case review and management
- Personalized assistance with paternity establishment and child support
- Help in cases where military-related injuries have made you unable to follow a court order
- Resources to learn how to best parent together in unique circumstance.

Website: <https://csapps.oag.texas.gov/contact-heroes-staff>

Dogs on Deployment

Military members nation-wide confront a multitude of problems during their careers, the last thing they need to worry about is their pet's care during their service commitments. Dogs On Deployment is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit which provides an online network for service members to search for volunteers who are willing to board their pets during their owner's service commitments. Dogs on Deployment promotes responsible, life-long pet ownership by military pet owners by advocating for military pet owner rights, providing educational resources and granting financial assistance for military pet owners during times of emergency. Join Dogs on Deployment's mission in changing the lives of our military members and their pets.

- **Website:** <https://www.dogsondeployment.org/>

Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pets

National all-volunteer 501(c)3 Military and Veteran Support Organization assisting active duty service members, wounded warriors, veterans, and their beloved companion animals or assistance service canines through various assistance programs

- **Website:** <https://gafsp.org/>

Rebuild Hope

Rebuild Hope is a *volunteer-driven, national nonprofit* with big aspirations - engaging thousands of Americans in a collective effort to help disabled Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families overcome government-created financial hardships, improve the financial management of their households, and escape unexpected poverty as they transition to civilian life.

Rebuild Hope is the only U.S. nonprofit that primarily employs the Internet and social media technology to address the emergency financial needs of disabled Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans who live anywhere in our country.

Rebuild Hope assistance starts with helping veterans create a conservative 12-month budget for their household. This enables families to better understand their existing spending patterns, make realistic assumptions about future income and expenses, and identify ways to more effectively manage their money. An assigned Rebuild Hope case manager counsels them, and common actions include eliminating non-essential expenses, selling non-essential assets, relocating to lower cost areas and housing, applying for caregiver and low-income housing financial support, and rescheduling or reducing debt obligations.

- **Website:** <http://rebuildhope.org/>
- [Contact Information](#)

National Military Family Association (NMFA)

NMFA is the voice of military families and have the following programs available.

Military Spouse Scholarships: Fund education, career, or business goals for military spouses. The mission is to help prepare military spouses for meaningful employment and to better contribute to their family's financial security. Scholarships are awarded to spouses of members of all Uniformed Services

Operation Purple Camp: bring together military kids from all ranks and services including National Guard and Reserve Components, to a unique and memorable summer camp experience.

- **Operation Purple Camp:** Free week of summer camp where they connect with other kids just like them.
- **Family Retreats:** Spend quality time reconnecting with your family after a deployment, separating or during a time of transition.
- **Healing Adventures:** Rediscover family-fun and togetherness after an injury with this free three-day experience.
- **Buddy Camp:** Experience a one-on-one bonding and resiliency strengthening camp for children ages 5-12 and their adult buddy.

- Website: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/>
- Address: 2800 Eisenhower Avenue, STE 250, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Phone: 703-931-6632
- Email: info@MilitaryFamily.org

Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund, INC.

The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund was founded in October 2003 to help support surviving U.S. Military children who have lost a parent in the Afghanistan or Iraq wars by providing them with College Grants. Our program has been expanded to include spouses of our fallen as well as those whose parent or spouse has suffered a severe disability as a result of their efforts in either war and includes many disabled veterans some who may are no longer be receiving VA educational benefits.

Our College Grant Program has gone through several expansions as we realized many of our Gold Star widows and disabled veterans were ineligible or were no longer qualified for VA and government programs. To find out if you qualify, please complete our application or call us at: 888-805-7383 today.

- **Website:** <https://www.cfsrf.org/ourprograms.html>
- **Phone:** [301:685-3421](tel:3016853421) / [888-805-7383](tel:8888057383)

Air Force and Navy Lodging Discounts

<http://www.dodlodging.net/#>

Military Travel Guide

<http://militaryliving.com/>

Vacations for Military Families

<http://www.afvclub.com>

Lukes Wings

<http://www.lukeswings.org/>

Luke's Wings provides families with the means to visit during the service member's hospitalization and rehabilitation. By purchasing travel agency services and travel tickets for loved ones, Luke's Wings provides an immediate and invaluable service to the families of our men and women at arms while also helping to encourage and motivate the service member's recovery.

FOR EMERGENCY FLIGHT REQUESTS, PLEASE CALL TOLL FREE 1-866-834-1682
IMMEDIATELY

For general inquiries, please email or mail us at:

information@lukeswings.org

Veteran Tickets Foundation

Website: <http://www.vettix.org/>

Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix) provides FREE event tickets to family members of troops Killed In Action (K.I.A.), our Military and Veterans to sporting events, concerts, performing arts and family activities.

Air Compassion for Veterans

Website: <http://aircompassionforveterans.org/>

Air Compassion for Veterans® serves to ensure that no financially stressed wounded warrior, veteran, or adversely-affected family member is denied access to:

- Distant, specialized medical evaluation
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Counseling
- Rehabilitation
- Healing and restorative programs
- Programs assisting with reintegration into a productive life

We are here to help. There are three ways that you can request assistance from Air Compassion for Veterans®: Use the online form to request assistance

Call our Operations Team: 888-662-6794

Email our Operations Team: ops@aircompassionforveterans.org

If you're looking for more information about Air Compassion for Veterans:

Call our Program Team: 757-271-2289

Email our Program Team: info@aircompassionforveterans.org

NATIONAL REHABILITATION EVENTS

National Veterans Golden Age Games

This is the only national multi-event sports and recreational seniors' competition program designed to improve the quality of life for all older Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities. It is one of the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports programs in the world, offering 14 different sports and recreational activities. Contact information:

(202) 745-8615

National Veterans Wheelchair Games

<http://www1.va.gov/vetevent/nvwg/2009/registration.cfm>

The largest annual wheelchair sports competition in the world, this event offers 17 different sports to veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations and neurological diseases. The Games provide opportunities for newly disabled veterans to gain sports skills and be exposed to other wheelchair athletes.

National Veterans TEE Tournament

<http://www1.va.gov/vetevent/tee/2009/ToCome.cfm>

Previously a local program, this new national event provides legally blind and eligible disabled veterans an opportunity to develop new skills and strengthen their self-esteem through adaptive golf and bowling events. Each year, the TEE Tournament uses a therapeutic format to promote rehabilitation, fellowship

and camaraderie among participants.

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

<http://www1.va.gov/vetevent/caf/2009/ToCome.cfm>

This annual program is the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for veterans treated in the VA's national health care system. All veterans invited to participate are selected winners of year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation. Contact information for Winter Sports Santo Trombetta, Event Director (970) 242-0731 Santo.Trombetta@va.gov

HOUSING/ HOMELESS VETERANS

Homeless/Low Income Services

Department of Veteran Affairs – Central Texas Veterans Health Care System

Phone: 1-877-424-3838

Paula Wood – Temple: (254)-778-4811 (x 41253)

Andrew Miller – Austin: (512) 823-4446 (x 54446)

Website: <http://www.centraltexas.va.gov/services/homeless/>

The Central Texas Veterans Homeless Veterans Program provides outreach, case management and housing to Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The Homeless Veterans Program consists of the Health Care System's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program, including Grant Per Diem (GPD) transitional housing, Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO), and Housing and Urban Development / Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD/VASH) Program.

Housing Authority of the City of Austin

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) owns and operates nearly 1,900 units of conventional public housing in 18 developments throughout Austin. Development sites range from high-rise apartments on Lady Bird Lake to small duplexes in residential neighborhoods. HACA also manages the Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 Program that provides rental vouchers for more than 5,000 units of housing in Austin's private rental market.

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin website, www.hacanet.org, is the only website with information on how to apply for housing. Any other website that claims to accept applications or monies on behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin is a fraudulent website. There is never a charge to apply for any program operated by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin.

•How to apply for Public Housing <http://www.hacanet.org/apply/public-housing.php>

*** The One Bedroom Public Housing waiting list is currently closed. ***

Please see the public notice for more information.

•Housing Choice Voucher Applications are not being taken at this time. The waiting list is currently closed. However, HACA plans to re-open the waiting list in late fall 2014.

Housing Authority of Travis County

The Housing Authority of Travis County is an independent, government funded agency charged with the responsibility to provide access to safe, decent, low income housing to help meet the housing needs of the residents of Travis County, Texas. The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) exists to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing for low income families in Travis County, which includes the city of Austin and most of the area surrounding Austin, including: Cedar Park, Lago Vista, Lakeway, Del Valle, Manor, Elgin, Pflugerville, as well as parts of Leander and Manchaca. Currently waiting lists for our HUD assisted programs are full, therefore neither program is accepting applications at this time. When applications open again, there will be announcements in local papers and at local social service agencies. You may call to inquire about the waiting list status at 512-480-8245.

Both the conventional public housing and the housing voucher programs fill vacancies from separate waiting lists of applicants.

(512) 480-8245 Fax: (512) 480-8248

Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)

Address: 100 N. IH35, Suite 1003, Austin, TX 78701

Email: info@austinecho.org

Website: <http://austinecho.org/>

The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is a collaborative funding and planning nonprofit that is fiercely committed to ending homelessness in Austin, TX. As the lead agency for the Austin/Travis County continuum of care, our organization is charged with bringing together other nonprofit resources and making them accessible to the homeless population. We support agencies that bring together opinion leaders, volunteers, other nonprofits and service agencies to make meaningful, lasting changes in our community.

There are a number of non-profit and faith-based housing providers in the Austin area. These providers have various eligibility policies. Most can be reached through calling 2-1-1 (<https://www.211texas.org/cms/search-veterans-assistance-in-texas>) and discussing your specific situation with the telephone counselor. Some specific programs include:

Caritas of Austin

<http://www.caritasofaustin.org/programs-and-services/veterans-assistance>

Caritas of Austin's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program (SSVF) is designed to increase the housing stability of veteran families that are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

To learn more about the Veterans Program at Caritas of Austin, you may contact our Screening & Assessment line at 512- 472-4135 or attend a Veterans Orientation meeting. SSVF orientation meetings are held at Caritas of Austin every Monday at 2:00pm except January 20, February 17, May 26, September 1, and October 13.

Helping A Hero

P.O. Box 890786, Houston, TX 77289

888-786-9531

www.helpingahero.org

Services: The Wounded Hero Home Program and Helping A Hero have merged as a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to meeting unmet needs of wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Criteria to apply: •Minimum 70% permanently Disabled •Injured IN THEATER during Operation Enduring Freedom/IraqiFreedom

Homes For Our Troops

866-787-6677

www.homesforourtroops.org

Eligibility: Injured Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Services: Builds new homes or adapts existing homes for handicapped accessibility at no cost.

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)

500 East Seventh Street, Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 512-978-9920 Fax: 512-901-9762

Patient Comment Line: 512-978-9918

Services at the ARCH are reserved for patients experiencing homelessness. Please note that the clinic is located within the ARCH Shelter.

Front Steps

Physical Address: 500 East 7th Street, Austin, TX, 78701

Mailing Address: PO Box 684519, Austin, TX 78768-4519

Client Mailing Address: PO Box 2509, Austin, TX 78768

Phone: (512) 305-4100 Fax: (512) 482-0071

Website: <http://www.frontsteps.org/>

Front Steps is committed to providing a full range of services to support our clients in moving from homelessness to safe, affordable long-term housing. Front Steps operates supportive housing programs for chronically homeless individuals and closely coordinates with other homeless services providers in the community to access both transitional and permanent housing options.

Please contact us for more information or to get involved.

Green Doors

Physical Address: 1503 S. I-35, Austin, TX 78741

Mailing Address: PO Box 685065, Austin, TX 78768

Telephone: 512.469.9130 Toll Free: 1-866-412-6591 Fax: 512.469.0724

Website: <http://www.greendoors.org/>

Transitional Veterans Re-Entry Housing

Green Doors also coordinates supportive services through a partnership with the Veterans Administration. Intensive case management services ensure veterans are pursuing a path towards self-sufficiency. Case management services include: outreach, creating and maintaining a service plan, referral to counseling, job and life skills training, and continuing education. Through the case management process, residents can access classes designed to improve independent living skills, including job readiness, life skills, money management, conflict resolution and decision-making.

Salvation Army

<http://www.salvationarmytexas.org/austin/housing/>

Austin Area Command: 10711 Burnet Road Ste. #231, Austin, TX 7875

Phone and Fax: 512-782-8800 / 512-719-4495

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

Downtown Shelter and Social Service Center: 501 East Eighth Street, Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 512-476-1111

Austin Shelter for Women and Children: 4523 Tannehill Lane, Austin, TX 78721

Phone: 512-933-0600

Offers two emergency shelters in Austin and also houses Veterans through the SSVF Program. They have group homes, emergency shelters, and transitional living centers that provide housing, food, and overnight lodging for varying amounts of time to those in need. In addition, they provide educational, counseling

and vocational services to homeless, destitute individuals and families, and youth where family care is undesirable or unavailable. For those families with temporal needs, family service programs help families and needy individuals with emergency food, housing, and utility assistance. Salvation Army programs and services vary with local needs. For information on specific programs and locations, contact your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center by using the location search on this page.

Texas Homeless Network

Address: 1713 Fortview Road, Austin, TX 78704

Phone: 512-482-8270

Fax: 512-478-9077

Website: www.thn.org

Texas Homeless Network (THN) is a non-profit membership-based organization helping Texas communities prevent and end homelessness. We are a 501(c)3 organization that is partially funded through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Texas Department of State Health Services.

THN provides training and technical assistance around the state of Texas helping service providers and communities better serve the homeless population with the end goal of preventing and ending homelessness.

Family Endeavors

San Antonio nonprofit that connects vulnerable populations to a wide range of helpful services. Work centers around homelessness, unemployment, child abuse, disabilities by connecting individuals and families to services like education, crisis intervention, case management, homeless prevention services, parent training, practical life skills and vocational support, training and employment.

- **Website:** <https://www.endeavors.org/state/texas/>
- San Antonio Corporate Headquarters: 6363 De Zavala Rd, San Antonio Texas 78249

American GI Forum

Currently serves Veterans with employment, housing and training services in the four general metropolitan areas of Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso and San Antonio Texas.

Services

- **Veterans Service Center:** Located in San Antonio where a continuum of care is available to veterans in need with several optional programs including the Veterans integration program and the homeless veterans Reintegration Program. Additional ancillary services are provided through NVOP's basic skills upgrade learning lab, clothing closet and food pantry. Assistance is provided as a single service or as a combination of services as dictated by each individuals case management plan.
 - 611 N. Flores Ste 100, San Antonio, Texas 78205
 - Phone: 210-354-4892
 - Fax: 210-472-2248
 - Email: giform@agif-nvop.org
- **Texas Veterans Outreach Program:** Targets recently discharged veterans, veterans with a physical or psychological disability that creates a barrier to employment, homeless veterans and

veterans that are ex-offenders now trying to regain a role in society.

- **Homeless Veterans:** Residential center for homeless veterans with 80 transitional beds and 60 single room apartments dedicated to the needs of America's warriors who have been living on the street.
- **Disabled Veterans:** One option for disabled veterans is employment through the organization's sheltered workshop facility called Veterans Enterprises of Texas (VETS) that employs a minimum of 75% disabled individuals.
- **Housing for Elderly:** Three apartment complexes providing 170 affordable apartments for the independent living of senior citizens. The Villa Alegre, Casa De Amistad, and Cas De Eperanza are subsidized projects that provide affordable apartments for seniors on low, fixed incomes.

Website: <https://www.agif-nvop.org/>

Administrative Headquarters: 611 N. Flores Ste 200, San Antonio Texas 78205.

Phone: 210-223-4088

Fax: 210-223-4970

Email: nvopweb@agif-nvop.org

HOUSING SERVICES

Operation Finally Home

Mission is to provide homes and home modifications to America's military heroes and the widows of the fallen who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedoms and values creating a solid foundation for them to move forward with their lives. Operation Finally Home provides custom-built, mortgage free homes to wounded, ill and injured veterans and the widows of the fallen from all branches of the military and all military campaigns. Applicants are considered case by case and those considered to receive a home should meet the following criteria.

- Combat related injuries rated 70% or more by DoD and/or VA
- Received an honorable discharge
- Clear criminal background check
- Acceptable credit rating
- Demonstrated financial need

Should a potential applicant own a home, an explanation is needed as to why they should receive a new home. In addition, prior to being awarded a home, it must be sold with proceeds donated to Operation Finally home to help cover the constructions costs of the new home.

- Demonstrated ability to accept responsibilities of home ownership' suitability determined through application process
- Demonstrated ability to take on financial responsibilities of home ownership which include, but are not limited to, property taxes, homeowners, insurance, utility bills, maintenance, homeowners associate dues where applicable and moving expenses.

- **Website:** www.operationfinallyhome.org/veterans

- Corporate Office: 1659 State Highway 46 West Ste 115-606, New Braunfels, Texas 78132
- Phone: 806-441-5712

Foundation Communities

Website: <http://www.foundcom.org/>

Main Office: 3036 S. 1st Street, Austin, TX 78704

Phone: (512) 447-2026 Fax: 512 447-0288

Foundation Communities provides first class, affordable homes and free onsite support services for thousands of working families with kids, as well as veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. We offer an innovative, proven model that empowers our residents and neighbors to achieve educational success, financial stability, and healthier lifestyles. We own and operate 17 properties in Austin and North Texas.

Mobile Fishes and Loaves

General email address: info@mlf.org

Mailing Address: 903 S. Capital of Texas Highway Austin, TX,
78746

Physical Address: 5524 Bee Cave Road, BLDG M, Austin, TX 78746

Telephone number: (512) 328-7299 Fax Number: (512) 328-7223

Website: <http://mlf.org/community-first/>

Community First! Village, a program of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, is a 27 acre master-planned community that will provide affordable, sustainable housing and a supportive community for the disabled, chronically homeless in Central Texas. The Community First! Village will radically transform and renew our community as the men and women living on the streets are lifted up into community and home.

A New Entry

Website: <http://www.anewentry.org/index.html>

“A new start, a new life, a new entry.” We offer a sober, structured and supportive home that is equipped to encourage positive personal growth and development. Our family-style recovery supportive housing is for veterans; those in post-treatment and individuals navigating community reentry. We offer hope and a hand up to those who have served our country; and those who need to get back on their feet.

6633 E. Hwy 290, Suite 212, Austin, TX 78723

(888) 625-4440 toll free

(512) 464-1250 local

services@anewentry.org

Texas Veterans Land Board

Part of the Texas General Land Office, the organization finances land, home loans and home improvement loans for Texas Veterans and active Military members who are eligible under VLB requirements. VLB also owns and manages four Texas State Veteran Cemeteries and the Texas State Veterans Home Program where they provide skilled long-term care to veterans and their spouses in eight veterans homes across Texas.

Veterans Housing Assistance Program (VHAP) to aid Texas Veterans in purchasing a home. Eligible Texas Veterans and military members have an opportunity to purchase a home with a competitive, low interest loan with little or no down payment. Veterans, Military Members and their spouses may receive up to \$510,400 on a fixed rate for 15,20- or 30-year terms. Veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 30% or greater qualify for a discounted interest rate.

Texas Veterans Home Improvement Program (VHIP) provides below market interest rate loans to qualified Texas Veterans for home repairs and improvement to their existing homes. VLB offers loans up to \$50,000.00 for a 2-20-year term or loans from \$7,500 - \$10,000.00 for a 2 – 10-year term. Veterans with a VA Service-Connected Disability rating of 30% or greater qualify for a discounted interest rate. No down payment is required, however the program does require the following

- \$10 flood certification fee, required at time of application
- \$125 title search fee, required at time of application
- Closing costs

Service Members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) is where Reservists and National Guard troops with a VLB home or home improvement loan may be able to defer interest payments when called up for active duty. Eligible Reservist and National Guard members who want to reduce or defer loan payments should send a copy of their orders showing activation date with the loan number for proper identification to

Texas Veterans Land Board
Research Department
1 Corporate Drive, STE 360
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Texas State Veteran Homes

Texas State Cemeteries

Website <https://vlb.texas.gov/>

Property Tax Exemption for Texas Disabled Veterans

For residence homesteads owned by veterans or surviving families. Veterans with the specific service-connected disability is eligible for the following exemptions.

- 100% disability rating are fully exempt from property taxes.
- 70-100% may receive a \$12,000 property tax exemption.
- 50-69% may receive a \$10,000 property tax exemption
- 30-49% may receive a \$7,500 property tax exemption
- 10-29% may receive a \$5,000 property tax exemption

To apply: [Form 50-114](#) completed and notarized, VA disability letter showing disability, ID with address

matching residence homestead

- FAQ: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/exemptions/disabledvet-faq.php>
- Travis County: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/county-directory/travis.php>
- Find your local Appraisal and Tax information : <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/county-directory/>

Veteran Affairs Home Loans

VA helps servicemembers, veterans and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners. As part of our mission to serve you, we provide a home loan guaranty benefit and other house-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy. VA home loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms. Certificate of Eligibility (COE) can be found on [eBenefits](#) or you can apply by mail and send a [VA form 26-1880](#), Request for Certificate of Eligibility to the following address.

Atlanta Regional Loan Center
Attn: COE (262)
P.O Box 100034
Decatur, GA 30031

Types of Loans:

- **Purchase Loans:** Help you purchase a home at a competitive interest rate often without requiring a down payment or private mortgage insurance
- **Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loan (IRRRL):** Also called the streamline Refinance Loan can help you obtain a lower interest rate by refinancing your existing VA loan.
- **Native American direct Loan (NADL) Program:** Helps eligible Native American Veterans finance the purchase, construction or improvement of homes on Federal Trust Land or reduce the interest rate on a VA loan.
- **Adapted Housing Grants:** Help Veterans with a permanent and total service-connected disability purchase or build an adapted home or to modify an existing home to account for their disability.

Website: <https://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>

Veterans United Home Loans

Home loan specialists are industry experts on VA loan eligibility and qualification guidelines for all of Texas. Through extensive training and experience working with Veterans and military families, Veterans United knows the VA home loan inside and out.

- **Website:** www.austin.veteransunited.com
- Phone: 512-646-0800
- Branch Manager: Chad Bowman: Chad@veteransunited.com
- Address: 3415 Greystone Dr #301, Austin, Texas 78731
- Monday-Friday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Fisher House

Hotels for Heroes: Provides hotel rooms to the families of wounded, injured and ill military service members who are undergoing treatment at authorized medical centers when a Fischer House is not available. Rooms are made possible through the donation of rewards points by the hotel's rewards members.

Eligibility: Two categories of eligible recipients:

- Service men and women with military authorization may be given a free hotel room while receiving medical care if they are not eligible for government-funded reimbursement.
- Qualifying service men and women may be given a free hotel room to enable their family or close friends to visit them while they are being treated at the medical center if they are not eligible for government-funded reimbursement.

Houses: A Fisher House is *"a home away from home"* for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 86 Fisher Houses located on 25 military installation and 37 VA medical centers. There is never a charge to stay at a Fisher House. Typically, the houses are 5,000 to 16,800 square foot homes donated by the Fisher family and Fisher House Foundation. Each house is designed to provide 8-21 suites. All are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region. The houses can accommodate 16-42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library and toys for children. Newest house is 100% handicap accessible and include elevators. A Fisher House is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility, hospice or counseling center. The program began in 1990 and has offered more than 8 million days of lodging to more than 350,000 families.

Eligibility and Cost:

- Criteria established locally by hospital or installation commanders. Families do not pay to stay at a Fisher House. Fees at Army, Navy, Air Force Fisher Houses are underwritten by Fisher House Foundation.
 - If you have a loved one receiving treatment at a DoD or VA medical center, our best advice is to reach out directly to the local Fisher House to learn the status at that location. Contact information can be found at our [House Directory](#).
- Website: <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/>
 - Address: 12300 Twinbrook Pkwy STE 410, Rockville, MD 20852
 - Phone: 888-294-8560

LEGAL SERVICES

The Travis County Veterans Court Program

The Travis County Veterans Court Program is a pre-trial diversion program for Veterans who are charged with non-violent misdemeanor offenses that may be related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or other mental health problems resulting from their military service.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

Veteran or current member of the United States Armed Forces, including a member of the Reserves, National Guard, State, Guard or Coast Guard.

Discharge from the military must be Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions.

Also, the veteran must have or receive a clinical diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a traumatic brain injury (TBI), or mental disorder that resulted from military service in a combat zone or other similar hazardous duty area, and materially affected the veteran's criminal conduct for which they are being charged. Only non-violent misdemeanor charges pending in Travis County are currently eligible.

PROCESS

Applications for admission must be submitted to the Veterans Court Manager by the defense attorney representing the veteran. Once a referral is received, the Veteran's Court Manager will screen the applicant for eligibility, schedule the veteran for assessment and staff the case with the County Attorney's Office. If the veteran meets the program criteria and is accepted into the program, their case will be transferred to the Veterans Court docket. If the attorney is Court-appointed, the case will be turned over to the Veterans Court contract attorney. If the attorney is retained, then the attorney will have the option of remaining on the case for the duration of the program.

PROGRAM LENGTH

The Veterans Court Program is a 9 to 24-month program. The exact length of time in the program is determined by each participant's needs, progress toward successful implementation of the SAP and the nature of the offense.

Phone: 512-854-6629, 512-854-3829

Travis County Criminal Courts

509 W 11th St Suite 2.700

Austin, TX 78701

Texas Veterans Legal Assistance Project (VLAP)

Texas legal services center statewide project to expand the availability of legal assistance to low income Texas Veterans and their families with a focus on outreach to the disabled Veterans who live in rural areas of the State. There is no charge for the service which is provided by telephone to eligible veterans at 1800-622-2520, option 2. VLAP welcomes most civil legal questions including those that relate to military benefits, federal and state public benefits and disability benefits. Provide information for most civil (non-criminal) legal questions, including those that relate to military benefits, federal/state public benefits, disability benefits, employment and bankruptcy. They also provide consumer protection from creditors and creditor abuses such as predatory lending, deceptive trade practices and debt collection violation.

Eligibility to receive services, you must be a Texas resident, veteran (or spouse, dependent or surviving spouse of Texas Veteran) and have a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Website and Veteran Intake Form: <https://www.tlsc.org/veterans>

The Lawyer Referral Service of Central Texas

The Lawyer Referral Service of Central Texas (LRS) offers a discount on legal fees to Veterans. LRS makes referrals to lawyers and other community resources in all areas of the law, including criminal, family, consumer, real estate, etc. <http://www.austinlrs.com/home>

Call the LRS at: 512- 472-8303 or 866-303-8303

Send mail to the LRS at: Lawyer Referral Service

P.O. Box 218, Austin TX 78767

LegalLine

Sponsored by LRS, LegalLine, a free telephone legal hotline on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Free

Legal Advice

On every first Tuesday of the month, obtaining good, simple legal advice is easy--just call 512-472-8303 for LegalLine, the free legal advice hotline. Phones are answered between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lawyer Referral Service of Central Texas, LegalLine is staffed by attorney volunteers who answer legal questions and give brief legal advice. Questions concerning many areas of the law— family law; criminal; matters; traffic problems; consumer issues; landlord/tenant issues; employment law, and more...

Texas Veterans Legal Assistance Hotline

1-800-622-2520

<http://www.tlsc.org/>

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VLAP welcomes all civil legal questions, including those that relate to military benefits, federal and state public benefits and disability benefits. Common legal issues we address:

- Family law
- Employment
- Housing
- Consumer protection
- Bankruptcy
- Probate
- Department of Veterans Affairs benefits
- Expunction
- Military discharge upgrades

Eligibility Guidelines:

To receive services, you must be a Texas resident, a Veteran (or the spouse, dependent, or surviving spouse of a Texas

Veteran) and have household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

Eligibility: Must meet all of the following criteria:

- You are a veteran (or qualifying family member of a veteran)
- You have received an adverse decision from the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA)
- You have appealed that BVA decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the court)
- You do not have an attorney to help you
- You ask us for our assistance, and you meet our program's financial eligibility guidelines

Description: The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program provides free attorneys to veterans and their qualifying family members who have an appeal pending at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court). If an appellant has filed an appeal with the Court, he or she can request assistance from The Veterans Consortium. Each appellant who requests Pro Bono Program assistance receives a thorough review of his or her Veterans Affairs claim file. Approximately 40% of the cases evaluated by the Program are accepted for referral to a volunteer attorney. An appellant whose case is not accepted into the Program receives substantive legal advice about his or her case and an explanation as to why the Consortium cannot place the appeal with a volunteer attorney.

- Address: 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Ste 131, Washington, D.C. 20004
- Phone: 202-628-8164; Toll Free: 888-838-7727; Fax: 202-628-8169
- Email: mail@vetsprobono.org
- **Website:** www.vetsprobono.org

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans

Address a specific need to provide pro bono civil legal assistance to brave veterans and their families who otherwise cannot afford legal services. TLTV is a collaborative effort with not only bar associations, but also with legal aid organizations and veteran service providers to host legal advice clinics throughout the State.

TLTV provides essential resources that enable local bar associations and legal aid organizations to set up free civil legal advice clinics for veterans and their families who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The State Bar of Texas does not provide direct legal services, represent individuals in legal matters, maintain a list of pro bono attorneys or match individuals with pro bono attorneys.

Website: [Click here](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Capital Area Rural Transportation System

(CARTS) Phone Number: (512) 478-7433

Website: <http://www.ridecarts.com/>

Toll Free: (800) 456-7433

Serving the Texas counties of Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, and non-urbanized areas of Travis and Williamson. CARTS delivers transportation tailored specifically for each of the one hundred and sixty-nine communities it serves. The service frequency in or to the various locales range from many times a day to once a month.

United for the People

Website: <http://unitedforthepeople.org/>

Veterans can schedule transportation by calling the call center at 512-298-2532.

Members: 2 trips per calendar month and a rate of \$10 for each additional trip regardless of distance. Non-Members:

- A. cost of \$10 from 1-20 miles from the VA clinic.
- B. cost of \$20 from 21-40 miles from the VA clinic.
- C. cost of \$30 from 41-60 miles from the VA clinic.

All mileage is calculated one way only. The return trip is always free.

The purpose of this program is to provide safe and timely transportation to and from the Veterans medical appointments. A driver will pick up the veteran from their home address and transport them to the nearest V.A. Clinic for their medical appointments. Once completed, the veteran will be transported back to their home address.

What cities are within the service area? Austin, Cedar Park, Georgetown, Hutto, Leander, Pflugerville and Round Rock. Who's eligible? All Veterans are eligible to receive transportation from their home address, to the VA clinic and back to their home address.

Vetrides

VETRIDES will assist veterans and their families with transportation to and from VA hospitals, clinics, veteran's services offices, pharmacies, grocery, and retail stores. Eligibility for VETRIDES will be limited to veterans residing in Burnet, Llano and Lampasas counties.

Honorably discharged veterans, their spouses, and caregivers are eligible for VETRIDES. Burnet County defines a veteran as anyone who honorably served in the armed forces and veteran's family as spouses, and any caregivers (whether related or not).

No fees will be charged for any services to qualified individuals.

To request a RIDE call 830-613-9982 or toll free 877- 851- 8VET(838)

VA Outpatient Clinic Shuttle

A Daily shuttle is available that travels from the Outpatient Clinic to the Temple Medical Facility at 7:30 AM and returns when the last patient is finished.

An appointment must be made by calling 512-823-4010

Drive a Senior

Provides free rides for seniors who sign up and schedule their rides ahead of time. They concentrate on medical and health – related travel and tries to customize their rides

- ***curb to curb*** for riders who are fairly agile
- ***door to door*** for those who need assistance
- ***door through door*** when passengers request that the volunteer stay with them.

Vans are also available in most regions that make grocery store, bank, pharmacy and other group trips.

Seniors are eligible if they are:

- over age 60 (65 in some regions)
 - non-driving or limited driving
 - live in their own homes or with family members
 - within the boundaries of one of the service areas
 - able to walk on their own or with walkers or cane (Volunteers cannot transport wheelchairs or provide assistance with passengers who need wheelchairs).
- Website: <https://driveasenior.org/need-a-ride/#>
 - Regions served : https://driveaseniorcentraltexas.org/drive-a-senior/#_netmap

Austin North Central:

- Phone: 512-453-2273
- Email: nc@driveasenior.org

Austin West:

- Phone: 512-472-6339
- Email: westaustin@driveasenior.org

Central Texas (South/Southwest Austin and Dripping Springs)

- Phone: 512-364-6501
- Email: ctx@driveasenior.org

Elgin:

- Phone: 512-281-6065
- Email: elgin@driveasenior.org

NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION RESOURCES

American Legion

WASHINGTON OFFICE
National VA & Rehabilitation Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006
202/ 861-2700

HOUSTON REGIONAL OFFICE

The American Legion
6900 Almeda Rd
Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 383-2755; (FAX) 713/ 383-2759

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
The American Legion
P.O. Box 140527
Austin, TX 78714-0527
512/ 472-4138; (FAX) 512/ 472-0603
Web: www.txlegion.org
Email: txlegion@txlegion.org
Mike Simon - Director of Internal Affairs

WACO REGIONAL OFFICE

The American Legion
701 Clay Avenue
Waco, TX 76799
254/ 299-9960; (FAX) 254/ 299-9965
Eligibility: Veteran or dependent

Explanation of Benefits: Veterans Rights Group – assists all veterans including active duty personnel and their families or dependents in securing governmental benefits, service pension, and hospital and outpatient medical /psychological care.

AMVETS

4647 Forbes Boulevard
Lanham, Maryland 20706-4380
Toll Free: (877) 726-8387
301/ 459-6181
(Fax) 301/ 459-5578
Web: www.amvets.org
Email: amvets@amvets.org

DALLAS OFFICE

Location: 4900 S. Lancaster, Dallas
Mailing: 4500 S Lancaster Mail Stop 29
Dallas, TX 75214-7167
214/742-8387, Ext. 27821 or 27893
(FAX) 214/462-4996

HOUSTON REGIONAL OFFICE

6900 Almeda Rd

Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 383-2757; (FAX) 713/ 383-2758

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

928 S. Buckner Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75217-4505
214/ 309-1980; (FAX) 214/ 391-6176
Email: amvetsdept@sbcglobal.net
AMVETS Thrift Stores www.amvetsnsf.org/stores.html

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

VA Service Center
5788 Eckhert Rd, Room 2A102
San Antonio, TX 78240
210/ 699-5087; (FAX) 210/ 699-5088

Disabled American Veterans

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
Disabled American Veterans
National Headquarters
3725 Alexandria Pike

Cold Spring, KY 41076
859/ 441-7300
Toll-Free: 1-877-426-2838
Mailing Address
P.O. Box 14301

Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301
Phone: (859) 441-7300
Web: www.dav.org

DALLAS VA MEDICAL CENTER
Disabled American Veterans
VA Medical Center
4500 S. Lancaster Rd., Ste 1C-420A
Dallas, TX 75216
214/ 857-1119
(FAX) 214/ 302-1317

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Disabled American Veterans
3003 N Medford Dr.
Lufkin, TX 75904
936/ 634-1792 or
936/ 414-5469 (Cell)
Web: www.davmembersportal.org/tx

HOUSTON VA REGIONAL OFFICE
Disabled American Veterans
6900 Alameda Rd, Room 1033
Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 383-2715; (FAX) 713/ 383-2719

HOUSTON VA MEDICAL CENTER

2002 Holcomb Blvd., Rm 2A-110
Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 794-7198

SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL OFFICE
5788 Eckhert Rd., Room 2A112
San Antonio, TX 78240-3900
210/ 699-5064; (FAX) 210/ 699-5082

SAN ANTONIO VA MEDICAL CENTER
Disabled American Veterans
South TX Veterans Health Care System
Audie L. Murphy Division
7400 Merton Minter Blvd.
1B Area, Rooms B105, B106
San Antonio, TX 78229-3900
210/ 699-5064

WACO VA REGIONAL OFFICE
Disabled American Veterans
One Veterans Plaza
701 Clay Avenue
Waco, TX 76799
254/ 299-9932
(FAX) 254/ 299-9925
Website: www.dav.org
Hours: Mon Wed Fri 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Eligibility: Veteran or dependent

Explanation of Benefits: Disability Rights Groups for Veterans – assists all veterans including active duty personnel and their families or dependents in securing governmental benefits, service pension, and hospital and outpatient medical /psychological care.

Military Order of the Purple Heart
Military Order of the Purple Heart
5413-B Backlick Rd
Springfield, Virginia 22151-3960
703/ 642-5360; Toll-Free: 888-668-1656
(FAX) 703/ 642-1841
Web: www.purpleheart.org

HOUSTON REGIONAL OFFICE
Military Order of the Purple Heart
6900 Alameda Rd, Room 1024
Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 383-2752; (FAX) 713/ 383-2753
Email: donald.hubbard@va.gov

EL PASO

VA Health Care Center
5001 N Piedras
El Paso, TX 79930-4211
915/ 564-6166; (FAX) 915/ 564-6166
Email: enis.hart@va.gov

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Military Order of the Purple Heart
P.O. Box 2872
Harker Heights, TX 76548-0872
254/ 628-1323
Email: rhernandez7@hotmail.com

FORT SAM HOUSTON
ATTN: MCCS-BHR-HR
2284 Stanley Rd, Ste 18, Room 200A

Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
210/ 221-2587; (FAX) 210/ 221-2599
Email: mophg1@yahoo.com

Gilbert M. Ochoa, National Service Officer
Military Order of the Purple Heart
902 FSS / FSFR Bldg. 693
555 F Street West
Randolph AFB, TX 78150
210/ 652-5321, Ext. 235; (FAX) 210/ 652-3166
Email: mophrafbtx@yahoo.com

WACO REGIONAL OFFICE
Military Order of the Purple Heart
One Veterans Plaza
701 Clay Avenue
Waco, TX 76799

254/ 299-9985
(FAX) 254/ 299-9539
FORT WORTH
VA Outpatient Clinic
2201 SE Loop 820
Room 2S-307
Fort Worth, TX 76119
817/ 730-0400
(FAX) 817/ 730-0604

Website: www.purpleheart.org
Eligibility: Veteran or dependent
Explanation of Benefits: Veterans Rights Group – assists all veterans including active duty personnel and their families or dependents in securing governmental benefits, service pension, and hospital and outpatient medical /psychological care.

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

WASHINGTON OFFICE
Paralyzed Veterans of America
801 Eighteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-3517
1-800-424-8200
Email: info@pva.org
Web: www.pva.org

DALLAS VAMC OFFICE
Dallas Spinal Cord Injury Center
4500 S. Lancaster Rd
Room 1A102, SCI Unit
Dallas, TX 75216
214/ 857-0105
(FAX) 214/ 371-5552

SAN ANTONIO VAMC OFFICE
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.
Audie L. Murphy Division
7400 Merton Minter Blvd., Room C-014
San Antonio, TX 78284
210/ 617-5300, Ext. 6819

HOUSTON REGIONAL OFFICE
National Service Officer
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.
6900 Almeda Rd
Houston, TX 77030-4200

713/ 383-2727; (FAX) 713/ 799-1335

HOUSTON VAMC OFFICE
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcomb Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 794-7993

WACO REGIONAL OFFICE
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc.
One Veterans Plaza
701 Clay Avenue
Waco, TX 76799
254/ 299-9944; (FAX) 254/ 299-9943

TEXAS PARALYZED
VETERANS ASSN.
Chapter Office
2807 Spanish Trail, Ste. A
Houston, TX 77054-2207
713/ 520-8782; (FAX) 713/ 520-8217
Email: info@texaspva.org
Web: www.texaspva.org

AUSTIN THRIFT STORE PICK UP: (512)
443-3336

Eligibility: Veteran or dependent

Explanation of Benefits: Assisting our spinal Cord injury's Veterans with their hospitalization Rehab. We specialize in filing claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs for Organic Brain Syndrome, MS, for Veterans and their Dependents.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

WASHINGTON OFFICE
Veterans of Foreign Wars
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
202/ 543-2239

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Veterans of Foreign Wars
P.O. Box 14468
Austin, TX 78761
512/ 834-8535; (FAX) 512/ 834-9232
Web: www.texasvfw.org

HOUSTON REGIONAL OFFICE

Veterans of Foreign Wars
6900 Almeda Rd
Houston, TX 77030-4200
713/ 383-2750; (FAX) 713/ 383-2760
Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday
Email: Houston@tvc.texas.gov

WACO REGIONAL OFFICE

Veterans of Foreign Wars
701 Clay Avenue
Waco, TX 76799
254/ 299-9959; (FAX) 254/ 299-9970
Hours: 7:45 am – 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday
Email: waco.vfw@tvc.texas.govwww.vfw.org

Eligibility: Veteran or dependent

Explanation of Benefits: Veterans Rights Group – assists all veterans including active duty personnel and their families or dependents in securing governmental benefits, service pension, hospital, and outpatient medical /psychological care.

For additional information about veterans organizations in Texas go to:

https://www.nrd.gov/other_services_and_resources/veterans_service_organizations

NONPROFIT RESOURCES

AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSN.
Division 610 (Serves TX, AR, LA, & MS)
4800 Angelina Ave
Wichita Falls, TX 76308
940/ 337-2723
Web: <http://www.afsa610.org>

AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR
1101 E. Arbrook Apt 209
Arlington, TX 76014-3360
292 Van Zandt CR 3727
Wills Point, TX 75169-6907
903/ 560-1734

AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF THE U.S.
American GI Forum of Texas, Inc.
1000 Brazos Suite 200
Austin, TX 78701
512/ 225-5888
Web: www.agiftx.org

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS
605 Laguna Dr.
Richardson, TX 75080-6929
972/ 231-5464
Email: ammv.info@gmail.com

AMERICAN MILITARY RETIREES ASSN.
2212 Daisy Dr.
Killeen, TX 76542
254/ 526-4006 (Home); 254/ 449-0686 (Cell)

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF CENTRAL TX
Service to Armed Forces Program
2218 Pershing Drive
Austin, TX 78723-5842
512/ 928-4271
(FAX) 877/ 813-6811
Web: www.redcross.org/tx/austin

THE ARMY & NAVY UNION
13256 Harbor Drive

Temple, TX 76502
254/ 986-2369

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION
4500 S. Lancaster Rd., Rm. 1E327
Dallas, TX 75216
214/ 857-1119; (FAX) 214/ 371-2337
Web: www.bva.org

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION
2002 Holcombe Blvd., Visor-Bldg., 120
Houston, TX 77030
713/791-1414, Ext 4958

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS
3625 Hamilton Ave.
El Paso, TX 79930-5411
915/ 565-4656
Web: www.freewebs.com/cwvdepttx

DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM ASSN.
2316 W. 49th St.
Odessa, TX 79764-3929
432/ 770-6754

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION
Capitol Area Branch 201
P.O. Box 723
Austin, TX 78767-0723
361/ 865-2832

GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA
South Central Region Gold Star Wives of America
Web: www.goldstarwives.org

IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICA
2311 Bernice Circle
Copperas Cove, TX 76522-4820
978/ 276-9253
(Cell) 254/ 630-4098
Web: www.iava.org

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Department of TX, AR, LA and OK (TALO)
6616 River Bend Rd.
Fort Worth, TX 76132-1120
817/ 294-7626
Web: www.dtalojvw.net/main/home.php
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSN.
6544 Grand Ridge Dr.

El Paso, TX 79912-7472

915-581-4725; (FAX) 915-581-4727
Web: <http://www.kwva.org>

LONE STAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION
832/ 408-0411
Email: tony@lonestaroveterans.org

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Department of Texas
515 Hall Street
Graham, TX 76450-1412
Web: www.mcltexas.org/

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSN OF AMERICA
Texas Council of Chapters
9022 Antietam Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78239- 3557
972/ 225-4646 or Cell: 214/ 869-8381
Web: www.moaa.org

NATIONAL AMPUTATION FOUNDATION
40 Church Street
Malverne, NY 11565
Phone: (516) 887-3600
Fax: (516) 887-3667
Web: <http://www.nationalamputation.org>

NATIONAL ASSN FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES
National Board Member & President, Chapter 10
5007 Parell Path
Austin, TX 78744-3809
512/ 443-8072

NATIONAL GULF WAR RESOURCE CENTER, INC.
8605 Cameron St, Suite 400
Silver Spring, MD 20910
1-800-882-1316, Ext. 162
Web: <http://www.ngwrc.org>

NATIONAL GUARD ASSN OF TX
3706 Crawford Avenue
Austin, TX 78731-6308
512/ 454-7300
Web: www.ngat.org

NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSN.
12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps
NCOA International Headquarters
9330 Corporate Dr Ste 701

Selma, TX 78154-1257
210/ 653-6161; (FAX) 210/ 637-3338
Web: www.ncoausa.org

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSN.
4946 Yarwell Drive
Houston, TX 77096
713/ 723-0728

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSN. OF THE U.S.
Department of Texas
10019 Glen Canyon Dr.
Dallas, TX 72543-4609

TEXAS ASSN. OF VIETNAM VETERANS
P.O. Box 40036
Austin, TX 78704
Web: www.tavvaustin.org

TX COALITION OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS
1100 Sycamore Creek Dr
Dripping Springs, TX 78620-3321
Web: www.texascoalitionofvetsorganizations.org

THE RETIRED ENLISTED ASSN.
1004 Harris Drive
Euless, TX 76039-3330
Web: www.trea.org

UNIFIED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
1730 Jefferson St Ste 240
Houston, TX 77003-5028
713/ 650-8282, Ext. 20 or Ext 21
Email: vethelp@uvainc.org

UNITED STATES VETERANS INITIATIVE
4640 Main Street, Suite 213
Houston, TX 77002-9714
832/ 203-1626; (FAX) 832/203-1630
Web: www.usvetsinc.org/houston/

US NAVY ARMED GUARD WWII VETERANS
4128 N Summerscrest Loop

VETERANS COUNTY SERVICE OFFICERS ASSN OF TEXAS
Web: www.vcsoat.org
1505 E. McKinney, Suite 183
Denton, TX 76209-4525
940/ 349-2950; (FAX) 940/ 349-2951
Monday-Thursday, 8:00-12:00; 1:00-5:00;
Friday by appointment only, 1:00-5:00
Web: <http://dentoncounty.com/veteran>
Hidalgo County Veterans Service Officer
2816 S. Bus. 281
Edinburg, TX 78539
956/ 318-2436; (FAX) 956/ 318-2439
Email: hcveterans@co.hidalgo.tx.us Monday-
Friday, 8:00-5:00

VIETNAM VETERANS FOUNDATION OF TX, INC.
P.O. Box 742315
Dallas, TX 75374
972/ 881-3062
Email: info@VietnamVeteransFoundationTexas.com
Web: www.vietnamveteransfoundationtexas.com

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Texas State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America
P.O. Box 1860
Fritch, Texas 79036
806/ 857-0409

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT
www.woundedwarriorproject.org
Eligibility: Severely wounded and injured OEF/OIF
veterans
Services: To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid
for the needs of severely injured service men and
women, to help severely injured service members aid
and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct
programs and services to meet the needs of severely
injured service members.

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