FALL 2018

With the Fall semester and 2018 coming to a close, we wanted to share with you details on the awesome growth we’ve experienced this semester and year.

From the reformation of a student group, to the current population of military affiliated students, and of course the approval of the Veterans Resource Center (VRC), and a few other things we have been very busy with!

There are great things happening at the School level, too! School of Nursing Veterans Liaison, Kyle Chapman, shares a monthly VBSN newsletter and can be reached at kyle.chapman@ttuhsc.edu if you are interested.

Contact us at 806-743-7549 or sara.henly@ttuhsc.edu if you any questions at all! Please do follow us on Facebook, also.
The Military Medicine Interest Group (MMIG) has revised their constitution to include all student veterans, and is now a recognized chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA).

Sara Henly and group President Katie Miller met with Dr. Annette Sobel, faculty advisor, to discuss the future of the group. Stay tuned for collaborations, events, and trainings in the new year.

Compared to Fall 2017, HSC saw an 18% increase in students using VA, Hazlewood, or a combination of the two. We had 126 student veterans utilizing benefits, and 245 total, which includes family members. Tracking and reporting efforts show HSC had 346 total military affiliated students across all of our 5 Schools.
VETERANS DAY 2018

HSC celebrated Veterans Day on November 12th. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I. Here on the Lubbock campus we had special guests in attendance, like Dr. Bernhard Mittemeyer. Dr. Mitchell gave his usual warm introductory speech, Raider Red got his new white coat, there was a resource fair, and lunch courtesy of our friends at United. We also had a panel of veterans; Dr. Debbie Sikes (VBSN Director), Eric Childress (Dept. of Public Health), and Chris Riggs (DPT student, Class of 2020).

Toys for Tots

Once again, HSC participated in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Toys for Tots, which began in 1947, aims to deliver a message of hope to those in need. We were able to collect 74 toys this year, so thank you to all faculty, staff, and students who supported this program and helped us make a child’s Christmas memorable, by donating a new toy.
HSC Space Committee approved the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) on October 18, 2018! The HSC Veterans and Military Advisor/School Certifying Official, Sara Henly, has relocated to the VRC to continue assisting students with their needs, particularly pertaining to the often confusing and time-sensitive benefits processes.

The VRC is a part of the Division of Academic Affairs and the Office of Student Services. It also offers space for our military affiliated students to meet, study, and relax. We are pursuing grant options and hope to see some beautification done in 2019. A huge Thank You to everyone who supported this endeavor!
LOOKING TO 2019

While anticipating the completion of all the construction and the growth of the Health Sciences Center, here are a few things we are working on providing our students:

1. Priority enrollment – The Registrar, Amanda Mcsween will assist us in offering this beginning Summer 2019.
2. Launching electronic form submittal for students using benefits.
3. Veteran designation on student IDs – We partnered with Joann Wright at the TTU ID Card Office to place our logo and a Veteran designation on student IDs, replacing them at no cost for existing students.
4. We should be notified of the results for the 2019-2020 Military Friendly® Schools Survey on 1/22/19.
5. Speaker series coordinated with local Veteran Services Organizations.

Wishing you and yours the very best of the Holiday Season.