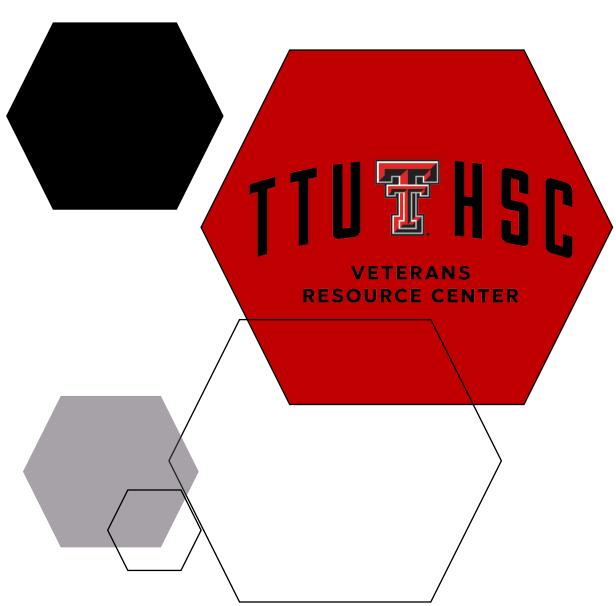
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FOURTH EDITION

FALL 2019

Here we are in another exciting Fall semester at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center! We are working on programs, events, partnerships, and outreach for student veterans and their families! Please check the <u>Veterans Resource Center website</u> for upcoming events, as well as previous newsletters.

This Fall we have been busy certifying benefits and attending events both on and off campus such as the Senior Link Magazine wreath laying, Medal of Honor Character Development Program training, New Student Orientations, TTU and HSC Welcome Events, hosting yoga, CALM training, and speaking to groups such as Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), VetStar, and Hospice of Lubbock.

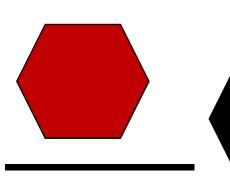
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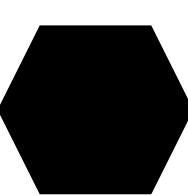
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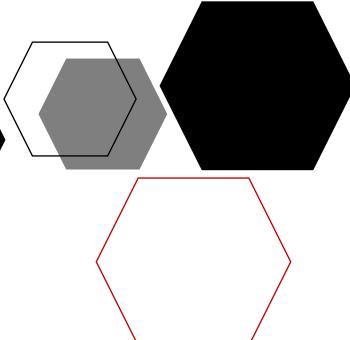
MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENT POPULATION

HSC has 250 students utilizing federal and/or state benefits, 127 of which are veterans or military.

We have 350 military affiliated students across all of our five schools, with 199 veterans or military.









VETERANS DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 11AM-1PM, AEC

Our annual Veterans Day Recognition will be at our new Academic Events Center. Here is look at what else you can expect to see that day, with a few other surprises in the works.

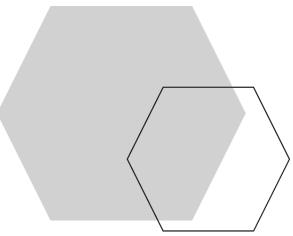
TTU Air Force ROTC Honor	Lunch
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MusiCare's Serotonins	Resource Fair
Wade Gordon Academy Haircuts	Red Cross



VETERAN DAYS

AT THE BARN

A wonderful, and FREE, opportunity for TTU/HSC students, faculty, and staff military veterans! Take a break this Fall and go to the TTU Equestrian Center and bond with the horses in mind/body awareness exercises. Sessions will be Monday afternoons at 3pm and 4pm. Contact Dr. Katy Schroeder at katy.schroeder@ttu.edu or 806-834-5894.



ATTENTION STEM SCHOLARS!

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

The VA has launched the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program and application, which will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying veterans and Fry Scholars. This program is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Forever GI Bill).

Please visit the VA website for additional information, qualifying fields of study, and the application.

If you are not sure your program qualifies, check out the STEM Designated Degree Program List on the <u>VA website</u>. You will need your HSC Program CIP code, which is on the <u>HSC website</u>.

VIRTUAL VRC

The VRC will offer virtual office hours the following Fridays from 11am-12pm Central Time to assist incoming HSC student veterans and families with navigating benefits process and website applications.

No registration is required; simply attend the Zoom session of choice.

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December 6th, 13th, 20th January 3rd

Anyone can join via **Zoom meeting**.

BEST FOR VETS: COLLEGES

Military Times, by Sightline Media Group, surveyed hundreds of colleges and universities from across the country on issues important to veterans, such as policies related to military and veteran students, academic outcomes, military-supported cultures, and other factors. HSC was among the top finishers for 2020. Schools were evaluated in five categories: university culture, academic outcomes/quality, student support, academic policies, and cost and financial aid. University culture and student support were weighted the highest, respectively.



FACEBOOK FRAME





For those veteran and military graduates that have checked in with the VRC, your camo stole will be at your ceremony.

We created a Facebook frame to share with all HSC veterans, especially those graduating this year.

Try the frame out on Facebook!

Don't forget to tag us!

#TTUHSCgrad

#TTUHSCveteran



SALUTE

VETERANS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Service, Academics, Leadership, Unity, Tribute, Excellence.

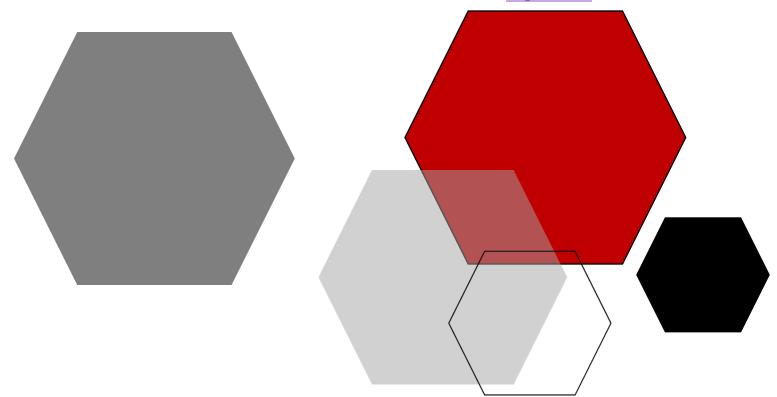
TTUHSC has become a Chapter of the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society, which recognizes and honors the service and scholastic achievements of our veterans.

Thirty-four new members were inducted this semester, and Biomedical Sciences student Rachel Washburn was selected as a recipient of the SALUTE National Veterans Honor Society 2019-2020 Scholarship. Congratulations Rachel!

Eligibility criteria is located on the **SALUTE** website.

If you were a SALUTE member at a previous institution, you can request a transfer to the HSC, if interested.

Contact the Staff Advisor at vrc@ttuhsc.edu.



STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

DIRECTOR, TAMARA MANCINI

The mission of the Office of Student Disability Services at TTUHSC is to provide support and services for students with disabilities and encourage accessibility within the learning experience by education the campus community on related issues. More information can be found by visiting the <u>Student Disability Services website</u>. If you would like to inquire about accommodations, please contact Director, Tamara Mancini, at 806-743-1926 or <u>disabilityservices@ttuhsc.edu</u>.

4 U.S CODE § 8. RESPECT FOR FLAG

The Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in no such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." If you have a flag that should no longer be displayed, please feel free to drop it off at the VRC so that we can see it properly retired.

TRANSLATING MILITARY EXPERIENCE

The HSC Writing Center holds monthly Resume Workshops for all students. We have collaborated with the Texas Veterans Commission, to assist our veterans and military students in translating military experience for their civilian resume. Please email vrc@ttuhsc.edu for more information.

COUNSELING ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS (CALM) TRAINING

In November, Erin McGann, Justice Involved Veterans Coordinator at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) will join us again in Lubbock to provide CALM Training on the dates/times below. Only one training is needed, and worth 3 CEUs.

Monday, 11/4, 5:30pm-8:30pm in ACB 120

Tuesday, 11/5, 2pm-5pm and 5:30pm-8:30pm in ACB 120

STILL ON THE WAY...

Green Zone Training expansion, which has been months in progress with Dr. Debbie Sikes, Dr. Pat Francis-Johnson, and Brian Nordstrom, will be launching at the end of 2019.

Heroes to Healthcare: Veteran Career Series for resume/cover letter writing/critiquing, interviewing, networking, financial planning, etc..

Alumni relations with HSC veteran and military alumni with the HSC Alumni Association.

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter,

Regards,

Sara Henly

Veterans and Military Advisor

Veterans Resource Center