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THIRD EDITION - SUMMER 2019

Here we are, approaching the end of another exciting Summer semester at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. We have been busy working on a lot of programs, events, partnerships, and outreach for student veterans and their families!

The Fall semester is starting soon. We are busying certifying benefits and looking forward to Welcome Back events both at the HSC and TTU. Once we know those dates, we will let you all know!

Contact us at 806-743-7549 or sara.henly@ttuhsc.edu if you any questions at all! Please do also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENT POPULATION

SUMMER 2019

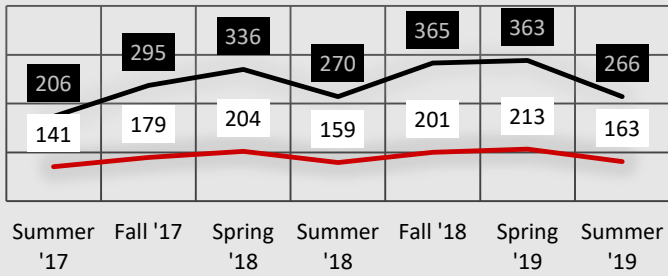
HSC had 126 student veterans utilizing benefits, and 206 total, which includes family members. Reporting efforts show HSC with 266 total military affiliated students across all of our 5 Schools.



GROWTH CHARTS

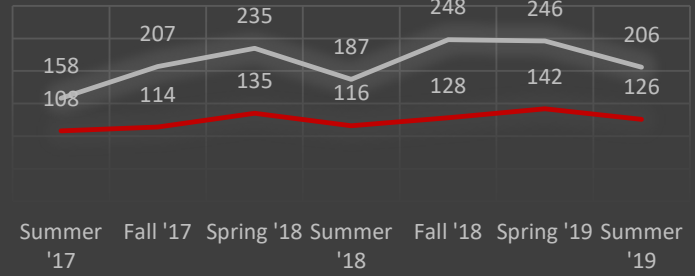
Total Enrolled

— Veterans — Total Military Affiliated



Students Using Benefits

— Veterans — Total Military Affiliated



MILITARY APPRECIATION

We appreciate all of our military all year round, but May is designated Military Appreciation Month. We asked our military students to share with us some information about them and their military service, as well as a picture of them in uniform, and how they feel their military service has shaped their lives and experiences. Meet Kristi Gouge, Clinical Mental Health Counseling student

MILITARY APPRECIATION

We sent cards to deployed unit, USS Mason DDG 87, DESRON 2, who got underway in April to join the USS Abraham Lincoln, Carrier Strike Group 12 on deployment. Be safe family! Proudly We Serve.

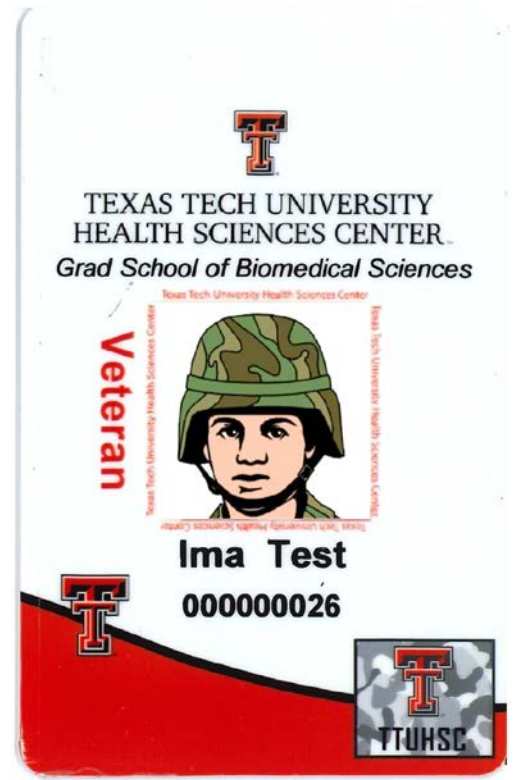


VETERAN ID CARD DESIGNATION

Student veterans can now visit the ID Card Office on the TTU campus, in the Student Union Building, Room 103. Their hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. A new PD c-cure requisition form is required, which are available at each School's Student Affairs office.

Distance Ed students go to raidercard.ttu.edu

- Click Distance Education
- Click TTUHSC under "What do you need?"
- Complete HSC ID Verification Form
- Submit photo online under "Student" tab



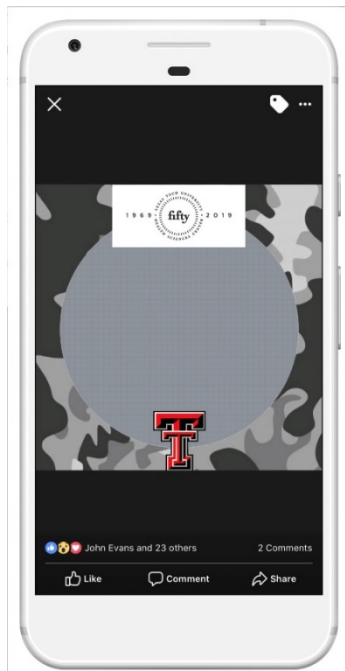
50th

FACEBOOK FRAME

In the spirit of celebrating HSC's 50th, we created a Facebook frame to share with all HSC veterans, especially those graduating this year. Test it [here!](#)

For those student veterans graduating in August, your camo stole will be at your respective ceremony. Don't forget to tag us!

[#ttuhscgrad](#)
[#ttuhscifty](#)
[#ttuhscveteran](#)



PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

To the greatest extent possible, we will allow student veterans to register early for upcoming semesters. In turn, those utilizing VA Benefits can be certified so that these students can receive any eligible books and supply stipend as early as possible and other payments such as housing allowances begin on time. Being able to certify students early will be particularly helpful for when provisions of the Harry Colmery Act, also known as “Forever GI Bill” are implemented by VA at the end of 2019. This benefit is now reflected on the GI Bill® Comparison Tool.

WOMEN VETERANS DAY

In 2017, Texas Senate Bill 805 established June 12th as Women Veterans Day in Texas. It was on that day in 1948 when President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act, enabling women to serve as permanent members of the armed forces. The HSC VRC, TTU MVP, VATT, and TTU Body Project held an event at J&B Coffee on Wednesday, June 12th, to celebrate and honor women veterans on our campuses and in our community. The theme of the event was “Challenging Negative Body Talk” with Zohal Heidari of TTU Body Project.

TRANSLATING MILITARY EXPERIENCE

The HSC Writing Center holds Resume Workshops and we have partnered with Cynthia Lendof, Veterans Career Advisor with the Texas Veterans Commission to assist those students with military service in translating that experience for their civilian resume.

COUNSELING ACCESS TO LETHAL MEANS (CALM) TRAINING

We partnered with the Mental Health Institute, StarCare/VetStar to invite Erin McGann, Justice Involved Veterans Coordinator at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to join us in Lubbock and provide training on June 20-22. Stay tuned for trainings soon at our Regional Campuses and back again in Lubbock.

HOW TO READ A DD-214

The VRC created a short video presentation to assist in how to read a DD-214. The video can be found [here](#).

TRAVEL/OUTREACH

We spent some time off-campus this Summer!

May – 5/10 we were invited to Refuge Services for a wonderful activity showcasing a portion of their veteran program, 5/15 visited with Nursing students at the Abilene campus, 5/16 we attended an event at the Overton for a presentation “*Leading in a Complex Environment*” with General (Ret.) Stanley A. McChrystal, on 5/20 we had lunch with Vietnam veteran Tom Frame and his daughter, who made the film “*I Will Go Back Tonight*”.

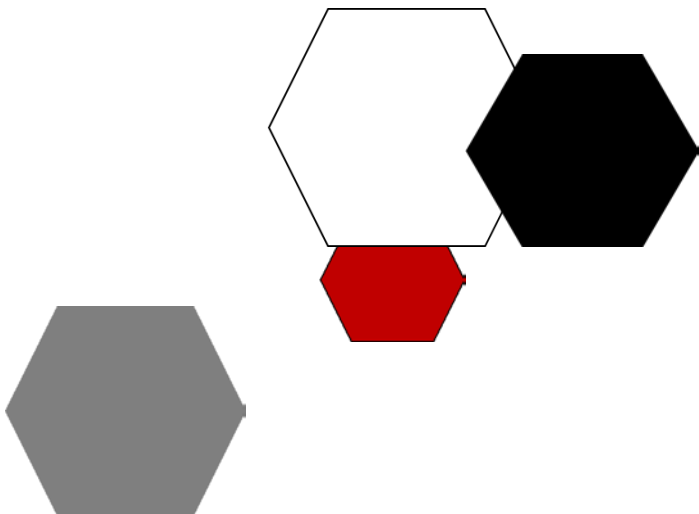
June – 6/8 TTUHSC staff was on the planning committee and a vendor at the 5th annual West Texas Salute to Veterans at Silent Wings Museum, 6/12 Women Veterans Day event at J&B Coffee, 6/25 TVC’s West Texas Collaborative meeting at South Plains College on 6/25.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE STUDENT GROUP?

The Interprofessional Military Healthcare Group (IMHG), HSC's Student Veterans of America (SVA) Chapter, is looking for new officers and opening membership to all TTUHSC schools and programs. We are a group of future military and student veterans that participate in military related volunteer events and host speakers. If you are looking to get involved or are interested in serving as an officer for the group, please fill out this survey [here](#).

E-FORMS AVAILABLE!

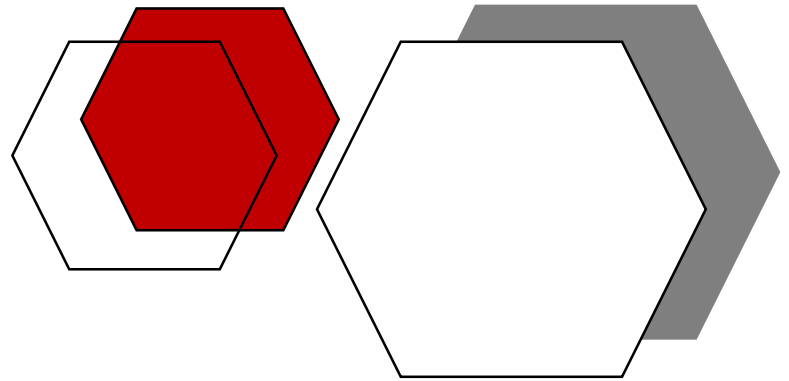
We are pleased to now offer electronic form submittal for student using VA and/or Hazlewood benefits. Information and instructions can be found at the HSC Veterans and Military website [here](#). Please let us know if you need a little help, as we know new processes can be tricky sometimes. Contact Sara Henly, School Certifying Official, at va@ttuhsc.edu.



EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

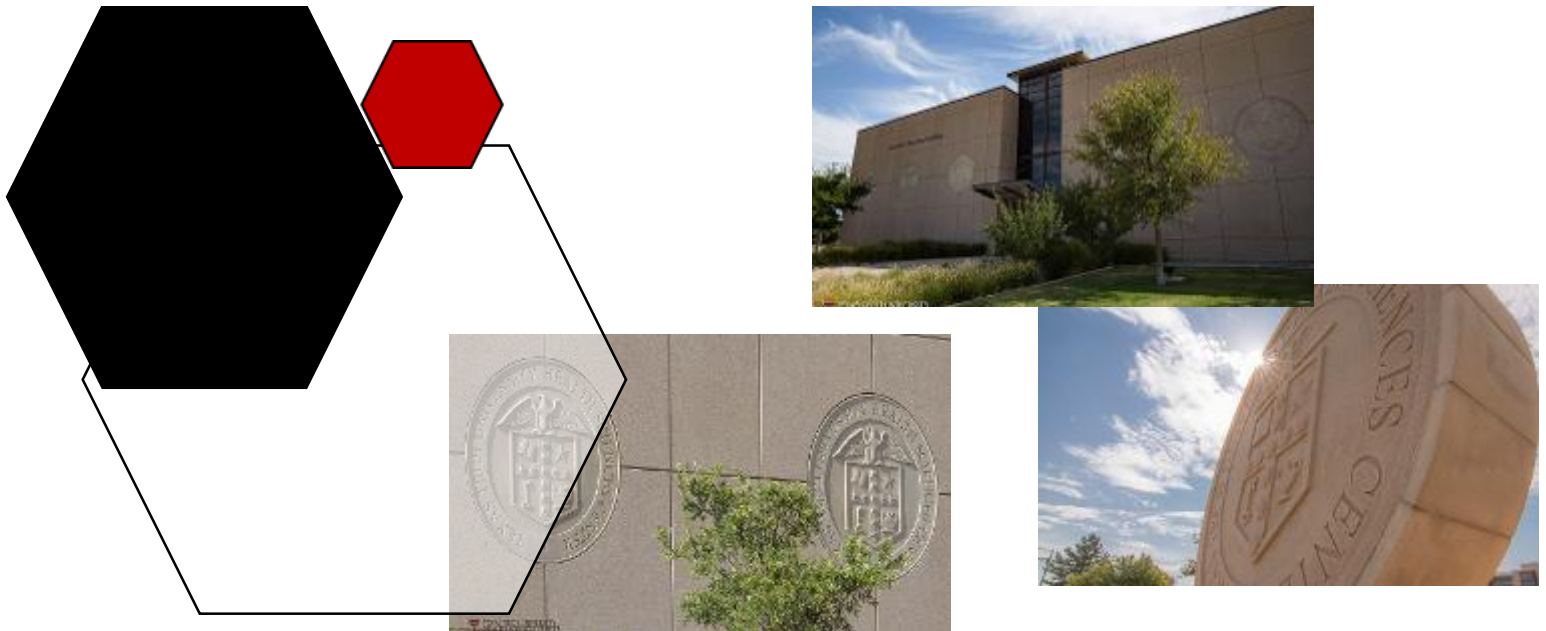
On August 1, 2019, VA is launching the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program and application, which will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying veterans and Fry Scholars. This program is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Forever GI Bill). Please visit [here](#) for additional info and qualifying fields of study.



VA RECORDS HUB

The VA has a new records hub, where you can now access and manage VA records online in one place! This includes getting Veteran ID cards, requesting a DD-214, search historical military records, and more. Click the icon below to begin.





STILL IN THE WORKS FOR 2019 AND BEYOND...

1. HSC-wide Green Zone Training expansion launch with Dr. Debbie Sikes, Dr. Pat Francis-Johnson, and Brian Nordstrom.
2. Activities – More 3-D printing and Semester Survival Kits, as well as Vinyasa for Veterans yoga in the HSC Tranquility Room, Preston Smith Library.
3. Stole recognition ceremony for HSC veteran graduates.
4. Career services program to include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, networking, etc.
5. Alumni relations with HSC veteran and military alumni with the HSC Alumni Association. If you are interested in being involved in the process, please reach out.

We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter. Have a safe and wonderful 4th of July!

Regards,

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