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SIXTH EDITION

SUMMER 2020

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

We are working on programs, events, partnerships, and outreach for student veterans and their families! Please check the Veterans Resource Center website, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter for updates.

We have been busy with certifying benefits for Summer and Fall while connecting and collaborating with our friends at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), VetStar Veterans Resource Coalition Group (VRCG), Women Veterans of Lubbock, City of Lubbock Veterans Advisory Committee, TTU Military and Veterans Programs (MVP), Military Friendly® Advisory Council, U.S. Navy Medicine.
GROWTH CHART

MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENT POPULATION

HSC has 206 students utilizing federal and/or state benefits, 115 of which are veterans or military.

We have 267 military affiliated students across all of our five schools, with 160 veterans or military.

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ATTENTION STEM SCHOLARS!

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Last year, 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 VA website. You will need your HSC Program CIP code, which is on the HSC website.

VETERAN TO VETERAN MENTORSHIP AND NETWORKING

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center’s (TTUHSC) Vet-to-Vet Mentorship Program connects student veterans with TTUHSC’s veteran faculty and staff members for mentorships. Mentors and student veterans define the goals of their mentorship together. The program focuses on supporting student veterans in their transition from the military into higher education, in their academic success, and future civilian careers.

Please also visit the HSC Veterans Resource Center website for additional information on how to get involved.

VETERANS CAREER SERVICES

This exciting and developing service encourages all HSC veteran and military students to utilize career services such as resume/cover lettering writing/critiquing, interviewing, networking, and financial planning that are available to them both on campus and in their communities. Stay tuned for updates.

Please visit the HSC Veterans Resource Center website for additional information.
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. We are sending out invitations via for those eligible. 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. Contact the Staff Advisor at vrc@ttuhsc.edu.

For current members, the 2020-2021 SALUTE national scholarship application is open until September 30!

VIRTUAL VRC

The VRC offers virtual office hours any time during normal operating hours Monday-Friday Central Time to assist incoming HSC student veterans and families with navigating benefits process and website applications.

Anyone can schedule an appointment via Zoom.

GREEN ZONE TRAINING

The School of Nursing implemented Green Zone Training (GZT) in 2016. GZT aims to increase awareness and understanding of military culture, and provide resources to assist military-affiliated students, and also proves informative for those in patient care. In an effort to increase overall military and veteran awareness, GZT has been updated and is now available via ACME to all HSC faculty, staff, and students. Those who complete all six Green Zone Training modules will receive a decal for public display, indicating support for our military-affiliated population. Please see the Veterans Resource Center website for instructions.
**CALM TRAINING**

Over the last few months, we hosted five Counseling Access to Lethal Means training sessions with Erin McGann, Justice Involved Veterans Coordinator at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). We provided them via Zoom for 164 attendees as most of us transitioned to working remotely. This free training is worth 3 CEUs for mental health practitioners, but anyone can attend. Stay tuned for future training sessions, posted on the HSC Announcements.

**CAMO STOLE DESIGN**

The HSC Printing Center helped us to design a new camo stole for our veteran and military graduates. Our Spring graduates were the first to receive this new design.

*We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Sara Henly*

*HSC Veterans and Military Advisor*

*Veterans Resource Center*