

Summer 2024: News from the Veterans Resource Center!

Hello and happy summer! The Veterans Resource Center continues to partner with the HSC community and Veteran Service Organizations who can provide top-notch programs and services for our military-connected students.

To learn more, visit our website at <u>Veterans Resource Center</u>. Don't forget to connect with us on social media via <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.







WHAT HAS HAPPENED? MONTHLY RECAP:

January was filled with meaningful events and accomplishments that we're proud to recognize. From honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. to celebrating National Popcorn Day and recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day. In addition, we congratulated Ms. Padgett on her swearing-in ceremony as she joined the U.S. Navy. Finally, we're thrilled to have raised \$69.52 through our successful fundraiser at Woody's Brick Oven Pizza!







February, we gathered together and organized Fishtail Friday, crafting some stunning paracord bracelets. In addition, we celebrated the USO's 83rd birthday, collected Valentines for Veterans, recognized Washington's Birthday, and even held our very first Book Club!

Month of **March**, we had a lot going on! We provided CALM training to interested students, welcomed the new season by planting seeds, and additionally, we held another successful fundraiser at Chipotle. We raised \$215.40 - yay! Navy Healthcare Recruiter HM1 Glenn Nazareno visited TTUHSC to talk about Navy healthcare fields.





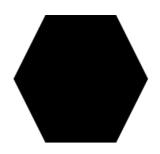
In **April**, we showed our support for our youngest military members. We acknowledged military children and their families.

May was a significant month for us! We had the chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and bid farewell to some of our fantastic students. We also took the time to observe Armed Forces Day, followed by Memorial Day, to honor those who have died serving our country. Additionally,we recognized the extraordinary women who have shaped our lives and created beautiful poppy flowers for National Poppy Day.

We also added a new item to our store for your youngest heroes!







Meet an ALUMNI

We would like to recognize our Alumni!

If you are an alumnus and interested in being part of our next newsletter, please email Maria.Muller@ttuhsc.edu with the following information:

- What did you major in, and what did you think of the program?
- How did the University prepare you for your future career?
- What advice would you give to someone just starting out in this field?

Please provide a short bio about yourself, where you work, and a picture.

Post-9/11 GI Bill Recipients





Don't forget about the VA Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program, 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 <u>VA website</u> 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>.

VETERAN-TO-VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Vet-to-Vet Mentorship Program connects student veterans with TTUHSC's veteran faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni for mentorships. Mentors and students define the goals of their mentorship together. The program focuses on supporting student veterans in their transition through higher education and future civilian careers.

Visit <u>Vet-to-Vet Mentorship | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (ttuhsc.edu)</u> for additional information and to see our mentors. We encourage all faculty, staff, current students, and alumni with military service to get involved as mentors!



Veterans Career Services



HEROES TO HEALTHCARE

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER.

We're thrilled to offer an evolving service that encourages all HSC veteran and military students to access career services. These services include

- career assessments
- resume/cover letter writing
- networking and dining etiquette
- interviewing
- professional dress
- job fairs
- career webinars



Want to be selected to receive a brand-new suit? Visit our webpage Career Services to find out about eligibility and how to apply!

SALUTE



VETERANS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The honor society recognizes and honors the service and scholastic achievements of our veterans. Eligibility criteria is located on the <u>SALUTE</u> 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.

Green Zone Training: Raising Military Awareness and Understanding

Green Zone Training (GZT) is designed to increase awareness and understanding of military culture, providing resources to assist military-affiliated students. It's informative for those working in patient care and available through ACME to all HSC staff, faculty, and students. Completing the six GZT modules earns a decal for public display, showing support for our military-affiliated peers, students, and patients.

For instructions, please visit the <u>Veterans Resource Center website</u> or email <u>vrc@ttuhsc.edu</u> to get started.



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Graduation Preparation for Veterans and Military Students

If you're a veteran or military student planning to graduate Summer 2024, don't forget to contact vrc@ttuhsc.edu to secure your **CAMO STOLE** for the ceremony.

Reimbursement for Licensing, Certification, and Testing

For those graduates who plan to take certification or licensing exams, check out the <u>VA website</u> to learn how you can use your GI Bill benefits to cover certain testing fees. Keep in mind how your benefit entitlement is charged, especially if you plan to continue your education.



Residency and Fellowship Information

TTUHSC offers a variety of fellowships and residencies. Whether you are interested in any of our programs, our faculty and staff are dedicated to a shared goal: providing outstanding, life-changing care to patients in various healthcare sectors, particularly in areas facing critical shortages and needs. Click the link for more information Residency & Fellowship Programs

Student Veterans Survey February 2024

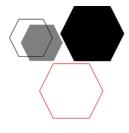
Scan the QR Code to view the complete results of our most recent student survey. Feel free to share any suggestions or additional feedback with us. Let's work together to make a difference!







Food Insecurity



Can you access the food you need? If you experience food insecurity, take a look at these listed resources!

TTUHSC Helping Hands Food Pantry

Meals For Vets

Combined Arms

SUPPORT SALES

Do you want to help support veterans and military students at TTUHSC?

Head to our <u>store</u> to see our collection of t-shirts, coins, and more!

Thank you for your support!



Veterans Crisis Line

24/7, confidential crisis support for veterans and their loved ones. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits. How to reach the crisis line:

* Dial 988, then press 1

* Chat online

* Text 838255

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter.

Kind Regards,

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