#### **Nueces County Veterans Quarterly Newsletter**













OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2025

#### DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO FILE A CLAIM

#### DISABILITY CLAIM

DD214,
Bank Information
(Name of bank,
Routing number,
Accounty number),
any medical
evidence you would
like to submit.

### SPOUSAL SURVIVORS BENEFITS

DD 214,
Death Certificte,
Marriage
Certificate,
(list of previous
marriage/s you and
spouse have had,
date of marriage and
date marriage
ended, county you
married in and
county marriage
ended, bank account
information)

#### Nueces County Veterans & Social Services Department

901 Leopard St. Room 302.01 Corpus Christi, Tx 78401 **Office:** (361) 888-0820 **Fax:** (361) 888-0818

#### Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm

**Wednesday** 8:00am-12:00pm

#### VETERAN OF THE QUARTER

Casimiro I. Arriola Jr. - U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

I was born on September 26, 1986 in Corpus Christi, Tx, and I am the oldest of 3 children. My mother raised myself, brother and sister working 2 jobs throughout our childhood. We were taught to

give manners and respect to others, and today we still hold that lesson strong.

I graduated from Ray High School in 2005, and went to boot camp on November 28, 2005. I was with Fox Company, Platoon 2154 at MCRD San Diego, California. I went in as a 3521 Diesel Mechanic, and went to training at Camp Johnson, North Carolina. After graduation, I got stationed in 29 Palms, California with 3rd Battalion, 7thMarines.

Being attached to an infantry battalion was a major challenge. We trained along side our fellow grunts as much as we could. 3/7 was a unit that constantly was in the field training for our next deployment, and when we weren't training, we were at the motor pool turning wrenches, sometimes up to 16 hours a day.

In March 2007 we deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq, and returned back to 29 palms in November 2007, right before thanksgiving. In March 2008, I was attached to 7th Marines Regiment, and went to South Korea to take part in Operation Foal Eagle. This was a 29 day joint training mission with 7th Marine Regiment and the Republic Of Korea (ROK) Marines. In August 2008, we were back in Iraq at Al Assad. We then convoyed up to Al Ubaydi and spent the rest of our deployment by the Syrian border. We then returned in April 2009. I honorably discharged on November 27th, 2009.

During my time with 3/7, I had awesome Senior Marines, and also great Junior Marines., Without them our missions in Iraq would be unsuccessful. I have Junior Marines now who are Staff NCO's and I'm very proud of them.

After returning home, I worked many jobs from an armored car officer, to an auto mechanic, an NDT inspector, and a production machinery mechanic at CCAD. In 2014 I landed my career at Valero Refinery as an operator. After a 3 month training class, I was assigned to Complex 2, Powerhouse in the West Plant and have proudly been there over 11 years.

I became an active duty member of VFW post 2397 in 2007 after returning from my first deployment. Before I left, Mr Juan Saenz (past commander) and Larry Velasquez (past quartermaster) came to my going away party and told me about their mission, and also gave me 2 VFW challenge coins which I still have today. My great grandmother and my grandmother were avid bingo players at Vfw2397, and got to know all the officers at the post.

I am a Life Member of VFW Post 2397 and of DAV Chapter 150 E. G. Perales. I am an annual member of American Legion Post 364, and also of Marine Corps League, Detachment 430.

## 2025

CORPUS CHRISTI MAYOR COMMITTEE FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Cherrill Veterans Memorial Park

#### SCHEDULE OF PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES

DATE	CEREMONY	HOST UNIT
2/22/25 (SAT)	Iwo Jima	CBD MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
03/08/25 (SAT	VIETNAM VETERANS DAY	UNITED VIETNAM VETS OF TEXAS
5/ 17/25 (SAT)	ARMED FORCES DAY	AMERICAN LEGION POST 28
5/26/25 (MON)	MEMORIAL DAY	DAV CHAPTER 150
6/14/25 (SAT)	FLAG DAY/WOMEN VETS	ASSOCIATION OF THE US ARMY
7/4/25 (FRI)	INDEPENDENCE DAY	CITY/CCMC4VA
8/2/25 (SAT)	PURPLE HEART	ALANIZ/VALENTINE CHAPTER 598
9/20/25 (SAT)	POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY	VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CH 910
9/27/25 (SAT)	GOLD STAR CEREMONY	VETERANS BAND OF CORPUS CHRISTI
11/11/25 (TUE)	VETERANS DAY	STAAC, 82D ABN DIV. ASSN., INC
12/6/25 (SAT)	PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRAN	ICE DAY U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS

ALL CEREMONIES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT SHERRILL VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AND WILL START AT 10:00 AM



#### WHAT DO I DONATE?

#### **ATHLETICS**

Gently used or new Winter Clothing (Coats, Scarves, Hats, etc.)

#### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Snack Packs (Trail Mix, Chips, Jerkey, Water, etc.)

#### WHEN AND WHY SHOULD I DONATE?

Organizations will collect your donations from
September 2<sup>nd</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>
On November 1<sup>st</sup> VMHS will host a Fill the Truck event
from 9 am - 12 pm
Donations will benefit Veterans Affairs Homeless
Program and the MSD Honor Guard

## LEGION

#### The Islander Post 229

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>
1 pm to 5 pm
Island Presbyterian Church
14030 Fortuna Bay Dr, Corpus



donation per plate cash, debit or credit payment at location

#### **BBQ Chicken Sale**



## Chicken Leg quarter, BBQ beans and Mexican corn

For preorders contact

Ron Kurz - 361-446-1474

Stephen Armstrong - 361-655-3021

Bill Kreitzer - 219-742-6013

## AMERICAN LEGION HOLIDAY FAIR Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm

**Vendors Wanted** 

Inside \$25 - Non Profit/VA services \$10

Outside \$15 - Non Profit/VA services free

Contact/Registration information - Joy Roy
ejroy12@yahoo.com or message 980.258.4133

**Support your Local American Legion** 

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#### The Corpus Christi Chapter, NSDAR

requests the honor of your presence at the dedication of our

America 250! Patriots Marker

to commemorate the patriots of the American Revolution

**Artesian Park** 

524 Twigg Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Thursday, the twenty-third of October, two thousand twenty-five

at ten o'clock in the morning





COASTAL BEND FLAGS OF VALOR REBAR WORK PARTY!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JOIN US AS WE SET 1000 PIECES OF REBAR WHICH WILL

ANCHOR OUR FLAGS AT THE 5TH ANNUAL

COASTAL BEND FLAGS OF VALOR

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025 10 AM-FINISH

**WHERE:** 

RICHARD BORCHARD REGIONAL FAIRGROUNDS 1213 TERRY SHAMSIE BLVD. ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

TO JOIN THE VSO VOLUNTEER CORPS, CALL 361-888-0820 OR EMAIL DIANA.ACOSTA@NUECESCOUNTYTX.GOV



DEL MAR COLLEGE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3209 SOUTH STAPLES ST., ROOM 106 CC, TX 78411.



**2025-2026 COMPETITION** 

## PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Post 12160



"VFW made it possible for me to go to college."

- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**OCTOBER 31, 2025** 

#### **PATRIOT'S PEN**

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.



bit.ly/4kxguMo



bit.ly/4kuNYuH

#### **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY**

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
   This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000





https://scholarsapp.com

**Military VIP & Nueces County Partnership** 



## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



**COASTAL BEND FLAGS OF VALOR** 



#### **NOVEMBER 6TH - DECEMBER 3RD, 2025**

Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd. | Robstown, TX 78380

#### **CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 6TH AT 4:00 PM**

Veterans of every era, whether living or deceased, will be honored.

For more information contact events@militaryvip.org or call (361) 906-3663.

100% of the proceeds will go to Coastal Bend Non-Profit Veteran Organizations.





#### **COASTAL BEND FLAGS OF VALOR**

Honoring All Who Served

November 6, 2025\* - December 3, 2025

Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd., Robstown, Texas 78380 \*Weather permitting.

SPONSOR INFORMATION (*INDICATES REQ	UIRED INFORMATION)
*First Name:	*Last Name:
Business Name (if applicable):	
*Email:	*Phone:
HONOREE INFORMATION (ONE FORM PER	FLAG)
Circle all that apply: In Memory of (Decea	ased) In Honor of (Living) KIA (Killed in action) WIA (Wounded in action)
POW/MIA (Prisoner of war/Missing in action	) Medal of Honor recipient
First Name:	Last Name:
Branch of Service:	Rank:
Other info, e.g. years served, conflicts serve	d, awards, nickname (Due to space some info may be left off or condensed)
PAYMENT: \$50 PER FLAG (ONE FORM	PER FLAG PLEASE)
Check # Total paid	for all flags
	MILITARY VIP 3232 IH-69 ACCESS ROAD ROBSTOWN, TX 78380
Organization Flag is being Purchased thr	ough (if applicable):
	KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

You, your family, and friends are encouraged to post your flag(s) at our Flag Posting Ceremony, on November 6, 2025 at 4:00 pm CST. For more information call (361) 906-3663.

Sponsors may keep their flags after field inactivation. Flags will be available for pickup at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds on December 3, 2025 between 4 pm - 6 pm. Flag poles and rebar remain the property of Military VIP, Inc.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING VETERANS!

#### ATTN: HOMELESS VETERANS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

311 N. Staples Corpus Christi, TX 78401 0900—1300



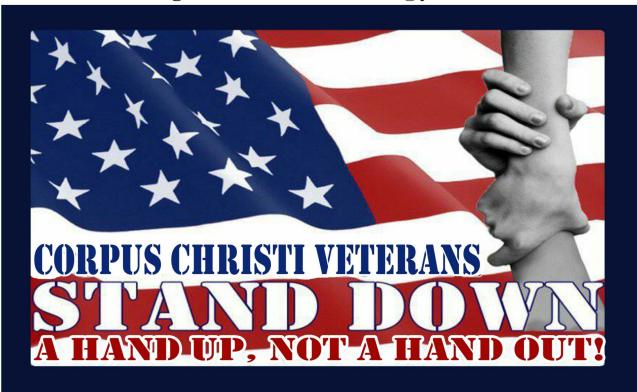




#### **COME JOIN US!!!**

One stop access to services that benefit you. We will also be providing some basic items for your immediate use such as a hot lunch, personal hygiene kit, hair cut, flu shots and more.

To Register Contact: tomlet53@yahoo.com







## FLEET WEEK HOUSTON in La Porte, TX



November

5

Welcome the Parade of Ships

9 AM Sylvan Beach November

8

Sylvan Beach Naval Showcase

9 AM- 1 PM Sylvan Beach November

8

Fleet Weekend on Main

1 PM-8 PM Main Street

VisitLaPorteTX.com/FleetWeek



## BARBECUE

BENEFITTING HOPE + HEALING IN
THE COASTAL BEND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

12:00PM - UNTIL WE SELL OUT

#### \$15.00 PULLED PORK PLATE

Plate will be served with a pulled pork sandwich, sausage, chips, and a drink

COME HUNGRY AND READY TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS

MADE BY THE COUNCIL AND THE BIG BERTHA FOUNDATION

This event will support recovery efforts in the Coastal Bend for individuals, youth, and families.

VFW Post 2397 John N. Timon - 4441 Ayers St, Corpus Christi, TX 78415

FMI or to donate please contact kthompson@coada-cb.org or 361-854-9199

Pete Trevino at bigberthafoundation@gmail.com

Hope & healing happens in the Coastal Bend

#### Robert Hurtado

Commandant Coastal Bend Detachment Marine Corps League 430, Corpus Christi, TX



GUEST SPEAKER
COLONEL
James Clifford Ford
Commanding Officer
MATSG-22 NAS,
Corpus Christi, TX

#### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

The Marines of the Coastal Bend Detachment, Marine Corps League
And The Auxiliary Unit, Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Requests the pleasure of your presence at the
250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Saturday 8, November. 2025

Holliday Inn 207 North Shoreline Drive Corpus Christ, TX 78401.

#### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Cocktails 6:00 pm
Presentations of Colors 7:00 pm
Followed by Cake Cutting Ceremony and Awards,
Dinner, Dancing, and Cheers, \$30.00 per person
Ceremonial Music By Corpus Christi Veterans Band
Dancing Music by D. J. Raul Gonzales.

**Attire** 

Military/ Veterans/Organizations/Civilian:

#### DINNER

Panke Breaded Fried Chicken w/white gravy Wild grain Rice Filef and County Style Green Beans

#### ADVERTISEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROGRAM AT THE FOLLOWING RATES

Full Page: \$125.00, 1/2 page \$75.00, Business Cards and Salutations \$25.00

#### FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT:

Raul Muñoz (361) 563-2182 Em: raulmunoz.dep@gmail.com or Amado Treviño Jr. (361) 960-0143 Em: atvt49@yahoo.com

HOLIDAY INN ROOM RATES:: \$105.00 PLUS Tax. Use Code USM+ (361)n 882-1700 Room Rates Available from 11/06/2025 Thru 11/11/2025

You are cordially invited to attend the **250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball**, hosted by Marine Aircraft Training Support Group 22

#### November 10th, 2025

The Hilliard Center, formerly known as the American Bank Center

#### Dinner, Ceremony, and Celebration

Hotel rooms blocked off at Omni Corpus Christi (shuttle provided)

#### Attire

Military - Dress Blue "A"/Evening Dress or Service Equivalent Civilian - Black tie

Scan here for your ticket(s)







10:00 AM - SHERRILL VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
222 SOUTH SHORELINE BLVD. CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78401

2:00 PM - USS LEXINGTON MUSEUM

2914 NORTH SHORELINE BLVD. CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78402

## 14th Hiring & Yed, White



Wednesday, **November 12, 2025** 



Henry Garrett Ballroom (ADA Accessible)

1901 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

**Opening Ceremony Begins @ 9:45 AM** 10:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M. Veterans Priority Entrance

11:00 A.M. - 2:00PM Open to the General Public

Join the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Veterans Commission, and Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend for the 14th Annual Hiring Red, White, & You! Statewide Hiring Event. This event connects transitioning service members, military spouses, veterans, and their family members to reputable employers.

For more information: wfscb.org/hrwy







TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER



Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

Auxiliarry aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Relay Texas: 1.800.735.2989 (TDD) and 1.800.735.2988 or 7-1-1(Voice).

For State Fiscal Year 2025 (Sept. 1, 2024 - Aug. 31, 2025), TWC funds 100% of Hirring Red, White & You! activities from \$407,222 of Employment Services federal funds

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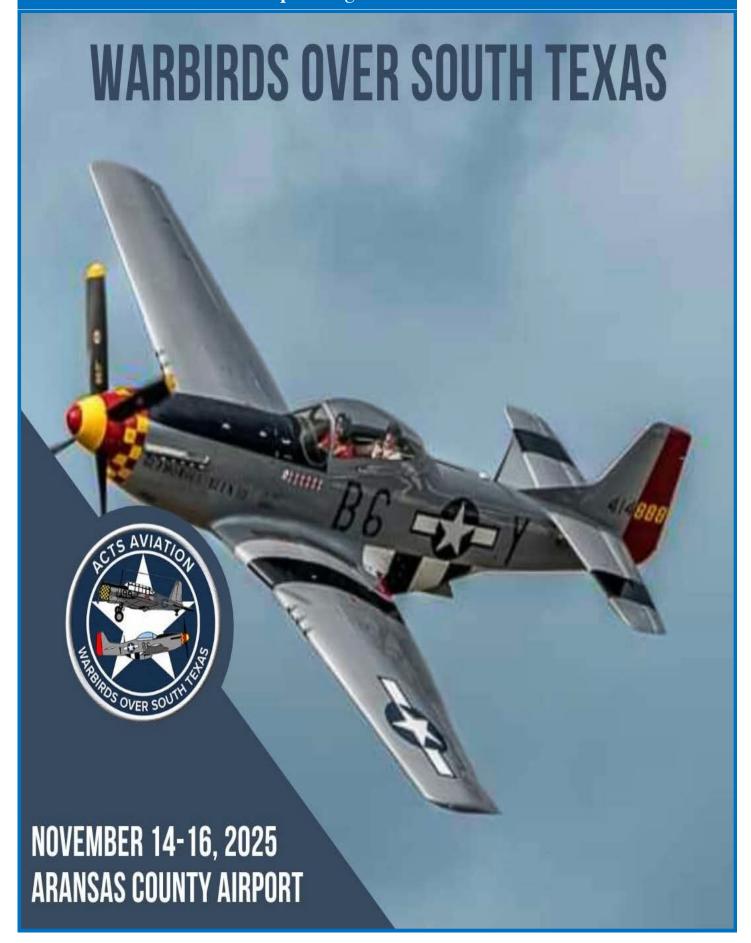


















### COASTAL BEND FLAGS OF VALOR

**DEACTIVATION AND FLAG PICK UP** 



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JOIN US AS WE DEACTIVATE THE
5TH ANNUAL COASTAL BEND FLAGS OF VALOR.
WE WILL PICK UP & SORT ALL FLAGS, PVC PIPE, AND
REBAR. WE WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE FLAGS TO
INDIVIDUAL FLAG SPONSORS AND HONOREES.

#### WHEN:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 10AM-FINISH

#### **WHERE:**

RICHARD BORCHARD
REGIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
1213 TERRY SHAMSIE BLVD.
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380



Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery
Wreaths for Fallen Heroes Ceremony



#### Where:

Assembly Area 9974 IH 37 Access Rd. Corpus Christi, Texas 78410

#### When:

Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

Formerly known as the "Wreaths Across America Ceremony"





#### Federal and State benefits for Veterans in the Great State of Texas

(eligibility based on Discharge & VA Disability Rating)

#### 100% PERMANENT & TOTAL - COMPENSATION or IU

**FULL MEDICAL BENEFIT eligibility** 

Waiver of national service Life Insurance premiums

Tax-Free Student Loan forgiveness (filed through the Department of Education)

#### 100% Service Connected Disabled or Individual Unemployability (IU)

**Dental Treatment** 

TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES (Texas Benefit - for homestead residence)

#### 70% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$12,000 (Texas Benefit)

#### 60% Service-Connected Disabled

Free TX Driver's License (with rating & Honorable Discharge)

Free TX State Park Admission (w/ TPWD passport)

#### 50% Service-Connected Disabled (if Retired, eligibility for Concurrent Retirement Disability Retirement Pay - CRDP)

VHA Healthcare Priority Group 1

Property Tax exemption for first \$10,000 (Texas Benefit)

Free TX Hunting & Fishing License Package

Special license plates: \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (Texas Benefit)

#### 40% Service-Connected Disabled (due to an amputation of a lower extremity)

Specialized (DV) license plates: \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (Texas Benefit)

#### 30% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$7,500 (Texas Benefit)

Dependents considered for compensation purposes and payment calculations

Non-Competitive Federal Employment (NCE) eligibility

Mileage reimbursement for VA Medical appointments

#### 10% Service-Connected Disabled

Medical care for rated disability/(ies) at no charge, Co-Pay for non-related prescriptions and Dr. visits

Hearing aids/glasses provided at no fee, no charge

Property Tax exemption for first \$5,000 (Texas Benefit)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling eligibility [Title 38, Chapter 31]

Clothing Allowance for SC prosthetic devices (see 38 C.F.R §3.810 for guidance)

Veterans preference on civil service [10%]

#### 0% Service-Connected, Purple Heart Recipients, Former POWs, and Primary Family Caregivers of Veterans

Access to Commissary, Military Exchange, and MWR privileges on U.S. military installations (under the Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018)

#### ALL VETERANS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guarantee

Home Loan funding fee exemption (if receiving SC disability compensation, Retired/Active duty pay, DIC pay, or a PH awardee)

SDVI – stopped taking new applicants Dec 31, 2022. If you have it, prior to this date, you can keep it.

VA Life Insurance - Veterans with service-connected disabilites.

Educational assistance under the Hazelwood Program (only applies "IF" initially enlisted within the state of Texas) Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) programs require 90-days of cumulative service, and any discharge other than Dishonorable

Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) housing assistance program

Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) home improvement program

DEPENDENT BENEFITS
[SPOUSE & CHILD(ren)]:

when 100% Permanent and Total
(P&T) Disability:

CHAMPVA

Chapter 35 Education Benefits Veteran Employment Preference



#### **Every 1st MONDAY of the month** from 10 am - 1 pm.

FREE haircuts for all active, retired, veteran, reserve military OR first responder personnel. MUST SHOW VALID ID or proof of service. First come, First served basis.





#### Chick-Fil-A Calallen & Rod 'N' Rolls

THANK YOU to our sponsor: Chick-fil-A Calallen & Rod 'N' Rolls for providing our warriors with sandwiches.

- Light lunch provided
- Snacks + Drinks



#### 2024 Program Stats

Our Haircuts for Heroes program has continued to grow over the years.

- 100+ haircuts provided
- 80+ Volunteer Hours
- 9 events held



#### Volunteer with Us

We would love to have you! Sign up at the QR code above to receive email updates on how you can help.

- Hrs. certification provided
- Various areas/ways to help!

PROGRAM DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Your donations towards our Haircuts for Heroes helps us continue the mission by providing FREE haircuts to our warriors alongside program necessities.





201 N. 4th St. Robstown, TX



d.molina@burnpits360.org

#### VA & ChampVa are eligible at any Physicians Premier Emergency Room location!

Saratoga 5521 Saratoga Blvd., Suite 101 361 - 980 - 0911

Parkdale 4141 S Staples St., Suite 106 361 - 991 - 0911 Ennis Joslin 7750 S Padre Island Dr 361 - 994 - 1911

Portland 1860 Us Hwy 181, Suite C 361 - 986 - 0911 Calallen 11158 Leopard St., Suite 103 361 - 980 - 0811

Please note that unfortunately, we <u>cannot</u> bill any CMS product (Tricare, Medicare, Medicaid). If you have a CMS product as your primary and VA or ChampVA as your secondary, then we <u>can</u> bill the VA for your visit. However, if you have a CMS product as your primary only or CMS primary with any other secondary, your visit would be <u>self-pay</u>.

Present your ID & either of these cards during your visit.





\*Physicians PremiER takes care of notifying the VA of your visit within 72 hours.

For more information on our services, please visit mdpremier.com







FILE YOUR
TRAVEL
CLAIM

#### Veterans Get Your Travel Support

**Beneficiary Travel Clerk**Available Every Wednesday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### **South Enterprize VA Clinic**

205 South Enterprize Parkway, Corpus Christi, Texas 78405





Explore more about the VA
Caregiver Support Program at
https://www.caregiver.va.gov or
by scanning the QR code.



## SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

Meet with fellow Veteran caregivers monthly in-person. <u>Contact POC to confirm schedules.</u>



#### **VALLEY COASTAL BEND**

### Veteran Mental Health Council



JJ DE LA CERDA USMC (OIF I / II B) CORPUS CHRISTI VA



JESSICA VILLARREAL ARMY OEF & OIF MCALLEN VA



JIM TABAK ARMY MAVC 68-69 MCALLEN VA



ROLANDO VERA ARMY OEF & OIF HARLINGEN VA



ISABEL RAMIREZ NAVY 10-14 MA3 LAREDO VA



ANTHONY BELTRAN
ARMY OIF
MCALLEN VA



DANIEL VILLARREAL ARMY OIF MCALLEN VA

WE ARE VETERANS FROM TEXAS VALLEY COASTAL BEND. OUR GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH AND REDUCE THE STIGMA. EXTENDING EFFORTS TO FIND, ASSIST, AND EMPOWER EVERY VETERAN AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE AIM TO ENHANCE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES AND HELP THEM REALIZE THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

#### CONTACT:



956-320-0850



## EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

A program of Operation Link, supported by the Texas Veteran Commission

#### WHAT WE OFFER:

Limited emergency financial assistance for housing and utility costs for eligible Veterans, Dependents and Surviving Spouses living in:

- Kleberg County
- Nuecess County
- San Patricio County

#### WHO QUALIFIES:

- Active Duty Military
- Veterans with any discharge status (including Honorable, General Under Honorable, OTH, Bad Conduct, Dishonorable, Dismissed

- Dependents of Veterans
- Surviving Spouses

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants are required to demonstrate financial hardships by presenting documentation of emergency circumstances or unexpected expenditures in addition to financial records, unpaid lease agreements and/or utilities bills with the following:

- Active Duty/Retiree/Reserve/National Guard present current military identification card; inactive Veterans present DD-214, VA ID Card, or Driver's License (with Veteran status);
- Dependents present current identification card or spouse DD-214;
- Surviving Spouses of Veterans present spouse DD-214, and/or VA award letter, marriage license, and death certificate.

This program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families.



# PROGRAM P.A.W.S

To support service members, veterans, family members and civilians, the American Red Cross Animal Visitation Program (AVP) brings dogs to workplaces to interact with personnel and offer healing and comfort.

#### **BENEFITS**



Lowering Blood Pressure and improve cardiovascular health



Releasing calling endorphins, lowering overall physical pain



Lowering feelings of isolation and alienation, provide comfort and reduce anxiety.

SAF/IS AMERICAN RED CROSS



Dr. Mitzy DeAguilera 832-374-0369





Texas RioGrande Legal Aid's (TRLA) Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) hosts a legal clinic for eligible veterans\*, widows and spouses of veterans, and current service members to speak with a lawyer about their civil legal needs including housing evictions, HUD-VASH, Social **Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), SNAP/food stamps, Medicaid, VA benefits, wills** & probate, advance directives, and much more!

#### **Every Other 1st Wednesay**

10 AM - 12 PM

2025 dates:

Feb. 5 Apr. 2 Jun. 4 Aug. 6 Oct. 1 Dec. 3

#### Corpus Christi VA Specialty Clinic

205 Enterprize Pkway Corpus Christi, TX 78405

#### **Every Other 1st Wednesday**

10 AM - 12 PM

2025 dates:

Mar. 5 May. 7 Jul. 2 Sep. 3 Nov. 5

#### Corpus Christi VA West Point Clinic

925 S. Padre Island Dr. Corpus Christi, TX 78416



TRLA provides free legal services to people in 68 Texas counties for various civil legal matters. Veterans in Corpus can find more information or get help in applying for services by calling (361) 880-5435. Eligibility guidelines apply.



#### Join Us!

#### **Become a Red Cross Volunteer Today!**

Volunteers carry out 90% of the humanitarian work of the Red Cross. Whether helping one displaced family or thousands, providing care and comfort to an ill or injured service member or veteran, or teaching others how to respond in emergencies, it's through the efforts of ordinary people that we can do extraordinary things. The Red Cross responds to an emergency every 8 minutes, and our vital work is only possible because of people like you.









#### **Volunteers Urgently Needed for the Following Positions in Your Community:**

#### **Shelter Associate**

Complete tasks necessary for shelter operations and interacts with clients to ensure their needs are met. Support the day-to-day activities within a shelter.

#### Disaster Action Team Member

Disaster Action
Teams (DAT) provide
emotional support,
financial assistance,
and information to
help families begin the
process of recovery.

#### **Duty Officer**

Duty Officers ensure timely activation and monitoring of DAT responses. Supports the DAT program either at the chapter/ territory or region level.

Volunteers applying for in-person position assignments must be fully vaccinated. Instructions on providing information and supporting documentation of vaccination will be provided once you submit your application.

To learn more, visit redcross.org or contact:

Victoria Martinez 361-500-5958



Scan with cell phone camera to apply.

#### 2025 VA DISABILITY PAY CHART **BASED ON DEPENDENT STATUS**

VETERAN

SPOUSE

CHILD

PARENT 1 PARENT 2 CHILD 18+

WITHOUT CHILDREN	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
VETERAN	\$537.42	\$774.16	\$1,102.04	\$1,395.93	\$1,759.19	\$2,044.89	\$2,297.96	\$3,831.30
VETERAN SPOUSE	\$600.97	\$859.24	\$1,208.64	\$1,524.05	\$1,907.81	\$2,215.04	\$2,489.63	\$4,044.91
VETERAN SPOUSE PARENT	\$652.22	\$926.89	\$1,293.71	\$1,626.55	\$2,027.74	\$2,351.36	\$2,643.38	\$4,216.35
VETTERAN SPOUR PARENT ARRENT	\$703.47	\$994.54	\$1,378.79	\$1,729.05	\$2,147.66	\$2,487.69	\$2,797.13	\$4,387.79
VETERAN PARKNET	\$588.57	\$841.81	\$1,187.11	\$1,498.43	\$1,879.11	\$2,181.21	\$2,451.71	\$4,002.74
VETERAN PARENT 2	\$639.92	\$909.46	\$1,272.19	\$1,600.93	\$1,999.04	\$2,317.54	\$2,605.46	\$4,174.18
IF SPOUSE REQUIRES AID & ATTENDANCE ADD	\$58.43	\$77.90	\$97.38	\$116.85	\$137.35	\$156.83	\$176.30	\$195.92

WITH CHILDREN	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
VETERAN (HOUSE) CHILD	\$648.12	\$921.76	\$1,286.54	\$1,617.33	\$2,017.49	\$2,340.09	\$2,630.06	\$4,201.34
VETERAN CHILD	\$579.44	\$830.54	\$1,172.26	\$1,480.26	\$1,858.61	\$2,158.66	\$2,426.08	\$3,974.15
VETERAN SPOUSE ARRENT CHILD	\$699.37	S989.41	\$1,371.61	\$1,719.83	\$2,137.41	\$2,476.41	\$2,783.81	\$4,372.78
VITEAN (POUR ARENT) PARENT? CHILD	\$750.62	\$1,057.06	\$1,456.69	\$1,822.33	\$2,257.34	\$2,612.74	\$2,937.56	\$4,544.22
VETERAN PARENTI CHILD	\$630.69	\$898.19	\$1,257.84	\$1,583.50	\$1,978.54	\$2,294.99	\$2,579.83	\$4,145.59
VETERAN MAINTE PARENT 2 CHILD	\$681.94	\$965.84	\$1,342.91	\$1,686.00	\$2,098.46	\$2,431.31	\$2,733.58	\$4,317.03
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD UNDER AGE 18	\$31.78	\$42.03	\$52.28	\$63.55	\$73.80	\$84.05	\$95.33	\$106.14
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOLCHILD OVER AGE 18 ADD	\$102.50	\$136.33	\$171.18	\$205.00	\$239.85	\$273.68	\$308.53	\$342.85
IF SPOUSE REQUIRES ADD ADD	\$58.43	\$77.90	\$97.38	\$116.85	\$137.35	\$156.83	\$176.30	\$195.92

## **Combined Rating System**

**Explained** 

The VA rates each injury or illness individually unless the two are connected. Once each disability has its rating, the VA will start with the one that has the highest rating, then combine the additional disabilities to it.



The VA combined ratings table is as follows:

	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
19	27	35	43	51	60	68	76	84	92	57	61	66	70	74	79	83	87	91	96
20	28	36	44	52	60	68	76	84	92	58	62	66	71	75	79	83	87	92	96
21	29	37	45	53	61	68	76	84	92	59	63	67	71	75	80	84	88	92	96
22	30 31	38	45	53 54	61	69 69	77 77	84 85	92 92	60 61	64 65	68 69	72 73	76	80	84	88	92	96 96
23	32	39	47	54	62	70	77	85	92	62	66	70	73	77 77	81	85	89	92 92	96
25	33	40	48	55	63	70	78	85	93	63	67	70	74	78	82	85	89	93	96
26	33	41	48	56	63	70	78	85	93	64	68	71	75	78	82	86	89	93	96
27	34	42	49	56	64	71	78	85	93	65	69	72	76	79	83	86	90	93	97
28	35	42	50	57	64	71	78	86	93	66	69	73	76	80	83	86	90	93	97
29	36	43	50	57	65	72	79	86	93	67	70	74	77	80	84	87	90	93	97
30	37	44	51	58	65	72	79	86	93	68	71	74	78	81	84	87	90	94	97
31	38	45	52	59	66	72 73	79	86	93	69	72 73	75 76	78	81	85	88	91	94	97
32 33	39 40	46	52 53	59 60	66 67	73	80	86 87	93	70 71	74	77	79 80	82 83	85 86	88	91 91	94	97 97
34	40	47	54	60	67	74	80	87	93	72	75	78	80	83	86	89	92	94	97
35	42	48	55	61	68	74	81	87	94	73	76	78	81	84	87	89	92	95	97
36	42	49	55	62	68	74	81	87	94	74	77	79	82	84	87	90	92	95	97
37	43	50	56	62	69	75	81	87	94	75	78	80	83	85	88	90	93	95	98
38	44	50	57	63	69	75	81	88	94	76	78	81	83	86	88	90	93	95	98
39	45	51	57	63	70	76	82	88	94	77	79	82	84	86	89	91	93	95	98
40	46 47	52 53	58	64	70 71	76	82	88	94	78 79	80	82	85 85	87	89	91	93	96	98
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43	49	54	60	66	72	77	83	89	94	81	83	85	87	89	91	92	94	96	98
44	50	55	61	66	72	78	83	89	94	82	84	86	87	89	91	93	95	96	98
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51	56	61	66	71	76	80	85	90	95	89	90	91	92	93	95	95	97	98	99
52	57	62	66	71	76	81	86	90	95	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
53	58	62	67	72	77	81	86	91	95	91	92	93	94	95	96	96	97	98	99
54	59	63	68	72	77	82	86	91	95	92	93	94	94	95	96	97	98	98	99
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#### When to retire a flag:

A flag ready for retirement may have rips or tears, holes, fading, discoloration, or frayed edges.

#### How to retire a flag:

If the flag is large enough to fold, it should be folded and then placed on a flame so that it burns quickly and none of the flag remains afterward.

#### Where to drop-off American Flags that need retirement:

When your American Flag shows any of the signs above, you may bring it to any of the 16 locations listed below. These locations will ensure that "Old Glory" is retired with dignity, honor, and respect.

#### **American Legion Post 185**

400 E. Texas St. Bishop, Tx 78343 361-584-3256

#### **American Legion Post 364**

5323 Kostoryz Rd. Corpus Christi, Tx 78415 361-852-9115

#### **CB State Veterans Cemetery**

9974 IH 37 Access Rd Corpus Christi, Tx 78410 361-248-4830

#### Corpus Christi VA Clinic

5283 Old Brownsville Rd. Corpus Christi, Tx 78405 361-806-5600

#### Fleet Reserve Association 94

1651 Flour Bluff Dr. Corpus Christi, Tx 78418 361-937-5384

#### Jim Wells County Veterans Service Office

200 N. Almond St. Ste. B-108 Alice, Tx 78332 361-688-5715, Press 9

#### Kleberg County Veterans Service Office

100 W. King Ave Kingsville, Tx 78363 361-595-8552

#### Nueces County Courthouse-1st Floor

901 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Tx 78401 361-888-0111

#### Nueces County Veterans Service Office

602 N. Staples St., Suite 180 Corpus Christi, Tx 78401 361-888-0820

#### San Patricio County Veterans Service Office

400 W. Sinton St., Room 105 Sinton, Tx 78387 361-364-9356

#### **VA Specialty Clinic**

205 South Enterprize Pkwy Corpus Christi, Tx 78405 361-939-6510

#### VFW Post 2397

4441 Ayers St. Corpus Christi, Tx 78415 361-855-3188

#### VFW Post 3837

12030 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Tx 78410 361-241-0600

#### VFW Post 6386

1452 State Highway 361 Ingleside, Tx 78362 361-776-5008

#### VFW Post 8932

702 Jester St. Corpus Christi, Tx 78418 361-937-9999

#### VFW Post 8967

311 N. Alister St. Port Aransas, Tx 78373 361-749-6534



#### Military Retiree & Dependent Services (RSO)

2400 Jessup Road, Building 4026, Room 109 Ft Sam Houston, TX

Customer Service Hours Monday - Friday 0730-1500 Thursday 0730-1100, Closed Thursday Afternoon

Phone numbers (210) 221-9004 or (210) 221-9793 Fax (210)-221-0953

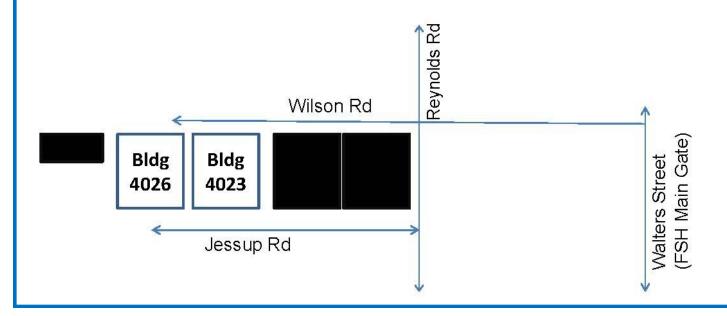
Website: http://www.jbsa.mil/RetireeActivitiesOffice/

JBSA Retiree Council Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FSHRetireeCouncil/

RSO Mr. Joe Silvas, Email: <u>joe.silvas3.civ@army.mil</u> or <u>joe.silvas@us.af.mil</u> ARSO Ms. Nadia Bebris-Pressley, Email: <u>nadia.bebris-pressley@us.af.mil</u>

#### **Post-Retirement Support**

- •Assistance with Retired Pay issues, Allotments, Direct Deposit, ID cards, Tricare, Retiree Dental Program, change of address, SBP elections, Medical Retirement questions
- Career Status Bonus/REDUX
- •Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Applications
- •Gray Area Retiree-retirement application (Reserve & National Guard)
- •Need an ID Card? Schedule an appointment at <a href="https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/">https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/</a>



# NEED HELP WITH YOUR TXU ENERGY BILL?

TXU Energy Aid provides electricity bill payment assistance to TXU Energy customers in financial crisis.

Whether your family is going through a medical emergency, loss of a job, or other crisis, Nueces County and TXU Energy can keep your home powered and safe.

# **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

\* MUST BE A NUECES COUNTY RESIDENT

\* BILL MUST BE UNDER AN ADULT HOUSEHOLD-MEMBER

\*BILL MUST BE PAST DUE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

NUCCES COUNTY DEPT OF VETERANS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

361-888-0820

901 LEOPARD ST. SUITE 302.01

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78401





Introducing My Health**e**Vet on VA.gov



# My HealtheVet is getting a new home on VA.gov.

The new My HealtheVet on VA.gov portal will provide a single place for you to manage your VA health care needs — on the same website where you manage your other VA benefits and services.

# Here's what you can expect from My HealtheVet on VA.gov:

- Use the same trusted health tools and information you use today—like secure messaging, prescription refills, and appointments—with improvements to make these tools easier to use and more helpful than ever.
- Manage your VA health care on the same website where you manage your other VA benefits and services.
- Protect your personal health information with enhanced online security.
- Access your medical records on the go from your smartphone or tablet.
- Access additional features to be added in the future, like the ability to manage your travel reimbursement claims.

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# Do you use the My VA Health portal instead of My HealtheVet?

My VA Health will also transition to the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov portal.

# When to expect changes?

We're making this transition gradually. We'll share with you when messaging, prescription refills, appointments, and other tools become available in the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov portal.

You'll have time to test each tool in the new portal and share your feedback before they move permanently.



#### Learn more:

va.gov/resources/my-healtheveton-vagov-what-to-know







# Prepare for VA's sign-in changes

In 2025, we're moving to two secure sign-in options: **Login.gov** and **ID.me**. Read on to learn how this change affects you and how to prepare.



# Why we're making this change

- To reduce the number of sign-in options Veterans need to choose from just as Veterans have asked us to do.
- To continue to protect all Veterans' information and benefits and meet the latest federal security standards.

# What this change means for you

- After January 31, 2025, you won't be able to sign in to VA websites and apps with a My HealtheVet user ID and password. Don't worry. Your My HealtheVet health portal isn't going away. We're just changing the way you sign in.
- After September 30, 2025, you won't be able to sign in with a DS Logon username and password.
- You'll need to use either a Login.gov or ID.me account to sign in to VA.gov, VA mobile apps, and other VA online services.
- You'll need to use a unique email address and add multifactor authentication (MFA) as an added layer of protection for your account.

# Not sure if you already have a Login.gov or ID.me account?

Try creating a new account with your email address. If you already have one, Login.gov or ID.me will help you reset your password.



Ready to <u>create your account or want to learn more?</u> **Go to www.va.gov/sign-in-changes** 

# What to do now to prepare

Create your Login.gov or ID.me account

If you don't have an account yet, we encourage you to create one soon:

- **Login.gov** is a government-provided account for accessing VA and other government services. Read Login.gov's privacy policy at www.login.gov/policy/.
- **ID.me** is a private account provider that partners with government and non-government organizations. Read ID.me's privacy policy at www.id.me/privacy.

Both options meet modern security standards, protecting your data and providing access to VA and other government services.

# Verify your identity and add multifactor authentication

Identity verification and MFA work together to protect your identity and personal information.

- **Identity verification** is a one-time process. You provide certain personal information and identification (ID). Verification helps us make sure only you can create your sign-in account and no scammer can create one in your name.
- Multifactor authentication (MFA) adds an extra layer of security when signing in. You set up an MFA method, like an authenticator app, on a device you control. Each time you sign in, you'll use a code sent to that device, ensuring only you can access your account and manage your benefits.



Ready to <u>create your account or want to learn more?</u> **Go to www.va.gov/sign-in-changes** 

# Need help?

We're here to answer your questions or help you create your account.

Contact:



# VA Health Connect is available in Texas Valley Coastal Bend.

# Call 855-864-0516

Press 3 to access our 24/7 Nurse Line



VA Health Connect

Get your health concerns addressed 24/7 by our team of nurses

# With VA Health Connect, you can also:

- Press 1 for Pharmacy
  - Refill, request medication renewals and check the status of your medications
- Press 2 for Scheduling
  - Schedule, cancel, verify or reschedule primary care appointments
- Virtual Clinic Visits available when appropriate via Nurse Line





# **Nueces County Veteran's Assistance Grant Program**



# Emergency Financial Assistance Program for Eligible Nueces County Veterans, Dependents, and Surviving Spouses

Nueces County Veterans and Social Services has received a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance. The program provides emergency financial assistance to eligible Nueces County veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses. Eligibility guidelines have been established using specific income brackets and other criteria to determine the need for emergency assistance. Emergency assistance includes basic life needs such as mortgage/rent, utilities (water, gas, electricity), food, and transportation.

This program was made possible by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance Program. The Fund for Veterans' Assistance provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families.

# To apply, please visit:

Nueces County Veterans and Social Services Department 901 Leopard St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 302.01) Corpus Christi, TX 78401 361-888-0820

Initial eligibility will be determined at the Veterans Services office. If you meet the minimum eligibility requirements, you will then be referred for final determination of eligibility.

Please note that this program is grant-funded and subject to the availability of funds. The purpose of the Nueces County Veteran's Assistance Program is to satisfy the unmet, emergency financial needs of Nueces County veterans, their families, and veteran's surviving spouses. It is not an entitlement program based on veteran status.

# Please bring the following items with you:

- Copy of your DD214, showing an Honorable Discharge (not related to misconduct)
- Valid picture identification such as Driver's License, State Issued I.D., or Military I.D.
- Social Security Card
- Marriage License (If applicable)
- Current mortgage statement, rent receipts, or copy of lease agreement
- Current utility bills
- Voter registration (to prove Nueces County residency)
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members, including but not limited to check stubs, letter from employer, Social Security, SSI and VA, unemployment, or worker's compensation, etc.
- Proof of work search for all employable members of household (if unemployed)
- If disabled and under doctor's care, you must provide a current medical report.

# Did you serve in the U.S. Military?

# Ask your attorney about the **Nueces County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)**



**For more information,** contact the 105<sup>th</sup> District Court VTC Manager at 361-888-0510 or





visit https://nuecesco.com/courts/specialty-courts/veterans-court













Justice-involved Veterans may also qualify for additional services and resources from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO). Program Services may include outpatient medical care, counseling services, substance use treatment (outpatient and inpatient), employment referrals, community referrals, and more.

# For more information, contact

Texas Valley Coastal Bend VA Health Care System 361-851-6900 or vhavcbveteransjusticeoutreachteam@va.gov at <a href="https://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp">https://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp</a>

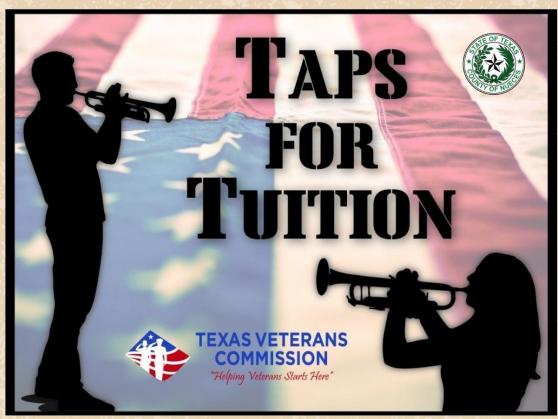


The Nueces County Veteran Treatment Court program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission *Fund for Veterans' Assistance*. The *Fund for Veterans' Assistance* provides grants to organizations serving Veterans and their families. For more information, visit <a href="TVC.Texas.gov">TVC.Texas.gov</a>



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For more information contact: Nueces County Veterans Services 361-888-0820 or 361-248-4830



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# FOR HEALTH CARE

# **Health Care Advocacy**

**Janet Franco** 

(361) 939-6510 ext. 62757 Cell: (361) 445-1733

<u>janet.franco@tvc.texas.gov</u> Hours: 7:30a – 4:30p / M-F

Corpus Christi VA Specialty
Outpatient Clinic (OPC)
205 South Enterprise Parkway
Room J277
Corpus Christi, TX 78405



# STARTING OR GROWING A Veteran-Owned Small Business?

Sign up for Boots to Business Reboot, an entrepreneurship training program for veterans and military spouses.

# **Owning a Small Business**

Veterans have the character, discipline and skills needed to succeed as small business owners and entrepreneurs. Wondering what it takes and how you can prepare? Enroll in Boots to Business Reboot.



# **About Boots to Business Reboot**

Boots to Business Reboot is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The course provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals. Veterans of all eras, Active Duty Service members (including National Guard and Reserve) and spouses are eligible to participate.

During Reboot, participants are introduced to the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to launch a business, including steps for developing business concepts, how to develop a business plan, and information on SBA resources available to help. The program is facilitated by subject matter experts from the SBA and their extensive network of skilled business advisors.

Participants that complete an in-person or online B2B Reboot course can elect to further their study through one of many B2B online courses, offered at no cost to Service members, Veterans and military spouses. If you've already attended an in-person or online B2B Reboot course, visit <a href="mailto:sba.my.site.com">sba.my.site.com</a> to sign up for one of the online B2B follow-on courses.















The Boots to Business program is provided through the coordinated efforts of the SBA and its valued partner network. All SBA services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

#### **Event Details**

Event Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

08/12/2025

Event Hours (start time - end time)

0815 - 1700

Event Location (name)

Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center

Event Location Address (street address, city, state, zip)

10201 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78418

# For more information, contact

Name

Joshua Patton

Title

SBA Veteran Business Dev Officer

Phone Number

956-261-4307

Email

joshua.patton@sba.gov

# **Additional Information**

Introductions will start at 0815. You don't need to arrive before 0800.

Please bring something to write with. Everything else will be provided.

# To join the B2B Community

sba.my.site.com/s/login/SelfRegister

#### **Registration Link**

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# **Contact Us**

Phone: (202) 205-8381 (VET1)
Toll Free: (844) 610-8381 (VET1)
Email: boots-to-business@sba.gov

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# Texas Veterans Land Board Contact List



# **VLB Outreach Specialist**

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Abilene Area: Glen Pugh (512) 701-2178

# **State Veterans Homes**

Amarillo (806) 322-8387 Big Spring (432) 268-8387 Bonham (903) 640-8387 El Paso (915) 751-0967 Floresville (830) 216-9456 Houston (346) 293-9600 McAllen (956) 682-4224 Temple (254) 791-8280 Tyler (903) 617-6150

# **State Veterans Cemeteries**

Abilene (325) 673-4446 Corpus Christi (361) 248-4830 Killeen (254) 616-1770 Mission (956) 583-7227 Lubbock (512) 913-7985

# **Government Relations**

Anna Lisa Montoya (512) 463-4688

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# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A BASE ID?



## Contact

NAS CORPUS CHRISTI Lexington Blvd. Building #1740 Corpus Christi, Tx 78419 (361) 961-3840 or 3848

https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil

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Corpus Christi Area: 361-884-4068 ext. 60100 | Rio Grande Valley: 956-383-0023 ext. 60100



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# **Nueces County Appraisal District**

# **Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans**

call (361) 881-9978

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

201 N. Chaparral Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

\*Awards letter required from VA regional office 1-800-827-1000

# **MEALS FOR** flagship program of **Honor Veterans Now**



## **Nourishing Texas Veterans**

Serving Texas Veterans 59 years and younger with limited income.

> 830 992 3375 800.676.1389

mealsforvets.org

# MEALS FOR VETS

MFV works to eliminate hunger in all Texas Veterans with low or no income, and are excluded from other meal programs. We provide funding for nutritious meals for all qualifying Veterans including student Veterans attending college. Meals may be delivered through a Veteran's local meal provider, school cafeteria, or shipped to their home.

# Apply online:

#### mealsforvets.org/apply/

Submit proof of service (at least 180 active-duty days in U.S. military) and income/benefit documents as per application.

#### Helping our Veterans is an honor.

MFV relies on donations and grants from generous individuals, organizations, and foundations.
Helping our Veterans is an honor! Providing at-risk
Veterans with an essential need such as food is a
duty we cannot deny.

#### mealsforvets.org







#### WANT TO BE A VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME CAREGIVER?

If you answer yes to the following questions, you may be a good candidate to become a VA Medical Foster Caregiver

- Do you have care giving experience? Do you live within the Valley Coastal
- Are you willing to provide 24 hour care, supervision, and living space to one or more Veterans living in your home?

#### HOME REQUIREMENTS

- Up to three Veterans per home Home owned/rented by caregiver
- Home is caregiver's daily place of
- Provide a home-like, safe care environment (via location, furnishings, and upkeep.)
- Pass an inspection by a VA team, com with state and local licensure and regulations, and meet current National Fire protection Association Life Safety

## CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete an application and interview with the VA MFH Program Coordinator
- Must be financially stable Must be at least 21 years old
- Experience providing care (formal or informal) Meet semi-annual training
- requirements Agree to a criminal history check Provide personal and work related
- Physical ability to provide care A written back up plan and list of
- relief caregivers who can provide Communicate with the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Team should
- significant changes occur (appearance, behavior, state of health) Accept and follow the Veteran's
- treatment plan Accept and follow the VA MFH rules and guidelines.

#### For more information, please contact Sandi Barnett, LCSW Medical Foster Home Coordinator

Sandi.Barnett@va.gov 361-756-1160

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# **VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME**

Welcome to VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System (VCB)















# Veterans Resources



The Thank a Vet Program was conceived as a way of giving back to the veterans who have served our country through the armed forces by offering discounts at participating merchants.

Nueces County Clerk's Office 901 Leopard, Ste 201 Corpus Christi, TX 78401 361-888-0862



The Community Based Services program offers
Homelessness Prevention & Stabilization Services to
Veterans and their families.

361-356-3649

602 N. Staples, Suite 190 Corpus Christi, TX 78401

# **Disabled American Veterans**

4646 Corona, Suite 250 Corpus Christi, TX 78411 361-854-9961 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-3:00 pm Fridays 8:00 am - 11:00 am Walk in Basis



# **Brenda Crawley**

Operation Homefront South Texas Corpus Christi Captain Volunteer 361-549-4401- Cell

# **Texas Veterans Leadership Program**

520 N. Staples St.

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

POC: Gina Brown 361-290-5924

Bookings Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/TVLP-Apt">https://tinyurl.com/TVLP-Apt</a>

Email: gina.brown@twc.texas.gov



darak tate Operation Link Outreach Specialist O: 361.854.9199 **F**: 361.854.9147 **W**: coada-cb.org 1801 S. Alameda St. Ste. 150 Corpus Christi, TX 78404



1-800-273-8255 PRESS healthevet

# Corpus Christi Vet Center Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

4646 Corona, Suite 250 Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 P: 361.854.9961

F: 361.854.4730

www.vetcenter.va.gov



1-877-WARVETS (927-8387)





# Attention all Veterans...Be your own boss!

If you are a veteran or service-disabled veteran, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has resources to help you start and grow your small business. From creating a business plan to finding your first customer, we're here to help you succeed.

For more information, please call the SBA's Corpus Christi Branch Office at 361-879-0017 or visit <a href="https://www.sba.gov/vets"><u>www.sba.gov/vets</u></a>

# **Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery**

9974 IH 37 Access Road Corpus Christi, TX 78410 **361-248-4830** 





# Veterans Roundtable & Radio Show



Every Thursday from 9:00-11:00a.m. Del Mar College Center for Economic Development 3209 S. Staples Street Corpus Christi, TX 78411

# Veterans Radio Roundtable

Every Saturday 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Call 361-882-5397 and join the conversation

# **Veterans Service Organizations**

# 40/8 Voiture 1134 Veterans Honor Society

Ricardo Hankerson 361-548-3892

# American Legion Paul G. Alaniz Jr. Post 28

Commander-Joe Barrientes 361-876-5065 Cell 361-265-0565 Home Ed.heskett@gmail.com

# **American Legion Post 185**

400 Texas St Bishop, TX 78343 Commander-Mike Denkeler

# <u>American Legion Post 0229</u> "The Islander Post"

Commander-Ron Kurz 361-446-1474 americanlegionpost0229@gmail.com

# American Legion Bill Roper Post 364

Commander-David Saucedo 5323 Kostoryz Rd. Corpus Christi, TX 78415 361-446-6588

# **Burn Pits 360 Veterans Organization**

LeRoy and Rosie Torres, Co-founders 201 N. 4th Street Robstown, Texas 78380 361-816-4015 www.burnpits360.org

# **Coastal Bend Heroes**

President-Kristy Jackson 361-834-7165 Coastalbendhereos.org

# <u>Coastal Bend State Veteran Cemetery</u> <u>Memorial Service Detachment</u>

Commander-Tony Acevado 9974 IH 37 Access Rd. Corpus Christi, TX 78410 361-728-4495

# <u>Combat Vets Motorcycle Association</u> <u>Chapter 23-8</u>

Commander— Julius Olguin chaptercommander238cvma@gmail.com 210-753-1377

# <u>Corpus Christi Mayor's Committee</u> <u>For Veteran Affairs</u>

Chairman-Martin Longoria 361-877-5146

# <u>Disabled American Veterans</u> Chapter 150

P.O. Box 7901 Corpus Christi, TX 78467 Commander-Wesley Thomas wthomas643@gmail.com

# <u>Disabled American Veterans</u> <u>Chapter 150—Ladies Auxiliary</u>

Commander—Velma Cano 361-877-2000

# Fleet Reserve Association 94

Corpus Christi Branch 1651 Flour Bluff Rd President—Jerry Shoemaker 361-937-5384

# **Heroes on the Water**

Coastal Bend Chapter 5310 Corpus Christi, TX Joseph Briones 361-739-0329 coastalbend@heroesonthewater.org

# Marine Corps League #430

Commandant-Robert Hurtado 361-739-3011

# <u>Military Order of the Purple Heart</u> <u>Alaniz-Valentine Texas Chapter 598</u>

Corpus Christi, TX Commander-Skyler Barker 949-923-9417 syler.je.barker@gmail.com

# **Redford Ranch Foundation**

Founder/President:
Doug Gresenz
361-944-5891
doug@redfordranch.org

# S. TX All Airborne Chapter 82nd Airborne Div. Assoc., Inc.

P.O. Box 4490 Corpus Christi, TX 78469 Chairman-Moses Leyba Jr 361-442-9957 mleybair@stx.rr.com

# The Patriots Band & Honor Guard of America, Inc

P.O. Box 271117 Corpus Christi, TX 78427 President-Eddie Franco efranco3@stx.rr.com 361-548-7054

# <u>United States Submarine</u>

Veterans Inc.

Sea Turtle Base, Corpus Christi, TX Commander-Glenn MacDonald 361-500-4298

# **United Vietnam Veterans of Texas**

P.O. Box 4490 Corpus Christi, TX 78469 President-Lazaro O. Camarillo, III 361-779-6456 loc111airborne@yahoo.com

# **Veterans Band of Corpus Christi, TX**

Band Director-Ram Chavez P.O. Box 8606 Corpus Christi, TX 78468 ramchavez74@gmail.com 361-728-7052

# VFW Post 2397 & Auxiliary

4441 Ayers St. Corpus Christi, TX 78415 Commander-Casimiro Arriola Jr 361-278-4806 ccvfwpost2397@gmail.com

# **VFW Post 3837**

12030 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, TX. 78410 Commander– Adrian Fernandez 361-241-0600

# VFW Post 8932

702 Jester Corpus Christi, TX 78418 Commander-Peter Bourgoin 361-937-9999 vfwpost8932@mygrande.net

# <u>Vietnam Veterans of American</u> <u>Chapter 910</u>

Commander-Ram Chavez Corpus Christi, TX ramchavez74@gmail.com 361-728-7052