

State Resources

Texas loves and supports its veterans. There is a wealth of programs to help veterans receive the federal or state benefits to which they are entitled. If you visit the Texas government website at www.tx.gov and search for veteran, you will find a great deal of information, some of which is included below. Please see the Texas government website for the most current information.

http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc_projects/abj/resources.shtml

The **Texas Health and Human Services Commission** provide the following Active Duty/ Veterans' Services, and links to other resources, which can be accessed through their website above. There is a wealth of information on this website, not all of which is listed here.

☒ **2-1-1** provides information about state and local human services resources, including food, housing, utility assistance, counseling and other services.

☒ **American Veterans with Brain Injuries:** AVBI.org provides a web based peer support network, is an information resource and provides on request a medical alert dog tag and a tri-fold credit-card sized brain injury identity card in a small carrying case to American Veterans who have suffered brain injuries.

☒ **Department of State Health Services (DSHS) veteran peer-to-peer support program:** In order to assist veterans in recognizing that the problems they are experiencing post-deployment are often very amenable to treatment, DSHS is creating a peer-to-peer program that involves veterans facilitating groups of their peers in a model that was created in Texas and has been supported by the Texas Veteran's Commission.

☒ **Texas Veterans Mobile App** gives Texas veterans quick access to the Veterans Crisis Line, the Hotline for Women Veterans, the Military Veteran Peer Network, and the Texas Veterans Portal. The app, which can be downloaded from both Google Play and the App Store, works on most iPhones and Android mobile phones.

☒ **Texas Online: Texas Veterans Portal** provides information from federal and state agencies in a comprehensive collection of links about veteran's benefit information. The website contains information to assist you and your family in buying a home or land, receiving education benefits, finding a job, finding health care resources and more.

☒ **TexVet: Partners Across Texas** is the collaborative effort of federal, state and local organizations, that focuses on bringing our military members and those that care about them a wealth of resources. The resources identified through TexVet are meant for anyone who is serving or has served in any branch of the military, as well as the others who care about a service member.

☒ **Brain Injury Association of Texas** develops programs for public awareness and education, supports research and rehabilitation programs, and provides family guidance.

☒ **Department of Veterans Affairs** provides a list and links to VA administration, medical centers, outpatient clinics and vet centers in Texas

☒ **America's Heroes at Work** is a U.S. Department of Labor project that addresses the employment challenges of returning service members living with brain injury or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

🔗 **Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center** serves active duty military, their dependents and veterans with traumatic brain injury through state-of-the-art medical care, innovative clinical research initiatives and educational programs.

🔗 **Texas A&M Veteran Scholarships** are offered for incoming freshmen.

🔗 **Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services** administers programs that ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity to live independent and productive lives.

Texas Workforce Commission: Texas Veterans Leadership Program Texas Veterans Leadership Program is a Texas Workforce Commission resource and referral network that connects returning veterans with the resources and tools they need to lead productive lives.

Links to other resources found on the HHSC website:

- 🔗 [Air Force-Wounded Warrior](#)
- 🔗 [Center of Excellence for Medical Multimedia \(CEMM\)](#)
- 🔗 [Defense Centers of Excellence in Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury](#)
- 🔗 [Department of Labor](#)
- 🔗 [Deployment Health Clinical Center](#)
- 🔗 [DisabilityInfo.Gov](#)
- 🔗 [Disabled American Veterans](#)
- 🔗 [Medline Plus: Veterans](#)
- 🔗 [National Resource Directory-Texas](#)
- 🔗 [Transition Assistance Program](#)
- 🔗 [Marines-Wounded Warrior Regiment](#)
- 🔗 [Military Treatment Facility Locator](#)
- 🔗 [Texas Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program](#)
- 🔗 [Army Post-Deployment Health Reassessment Program](#)
- 🔗 [Safe Harbor Program-Navy](#)
- 🔗 [Tricare \(South\)](#)
- 🔗 [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#)
- 🔗 [Warrior Gateway](#)

🔗 **Links to resources for children on the HHSC website:**

- 🔗 [Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- 🔗 [Military Child Education Coalition](#)
- 🔗 [Sesame Workshop](#)
- 🔗 [Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors](#)
- 🔗 [Zero to Three](#)

Veterans Service Office (by county) The Veterans Service Office (VSO) located in each Texas county is an advocate agency established to assist veterans, their dependents and survivors obtain earned benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The VSO also collaborates with local, state and federal government agencies, nationally chartered Veterans service organizations and non-profit agencies to assist clients in obtaining needed specialized services. Visit or contact your local county offices for more details.

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/vlb/>

Texans Veterans Land Board: Since the days of the Republic, Texas has always supported her Veterans in return for their military service. In the early days, it was in the form of land given by the state for military service in the Texas Revolution. In 1946, this tradition was formally recognized with the creation of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) to administer benefits exclusively for Texas Veterans. Since then, more than 200,000 VLB loans have been funded for Texas Veterans.

<http://www.tvc.texas.gov/>

The Texas Veterans Commission offers four program areas:

- ② **•Claims Representation and Counseling** serves veterans, their dependents and survivors, in all matters pertaining to veterans' disability benefits and rights. It is the designated agency of the state of Texas to represent the State and its veterans before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- ② **•Veterans Employment Services** offers employment services to Texas veterans and helps employers find qualified veteran job applicants. The goal of these services is to match veteran job seekers with the best employment opportunities available.
- ② **•Veterans Education Program** approves all programs for Chapter 30, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607 federal educational benefits. Through an approval process, the Texas Veterans Commission ensures that institutions and employers are in compliance with federal guidelines and are qualified to provide the type of training offered.
- ② **•Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance** is a program that makes grants available to eligible charitable organizations, local government agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations that provide direct services to Texas veterans and their families.

<http://veterans.portal.texas.gov/en/Pages/default.aspx>

The **Texas Veterans Portal** is a resource for veterans, their families, and their survivors. We have compiled helpful information from many government agencies here so you can find the assistance, services, and benefits you need. For immediate assistance, call 2-1-1 or 1-800252-VETS (8387) or contact us.

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/vetservices.htm>

The **Texas Department of Public Safety** offers the following veteran services:

- ② Free Texas vehicle license plates and lifetime registration for active duty members and veterans who have received certain decorations. See the DPS website for the full list of approved medals
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- ② Fee exemption for disabled veterans: a Texas driver license or ID card may be provided free-of-charge to a veteran of the United States Armed Forces if the veteran:
 - Was honorably discharged
 - Has a service-related disability of at least 60 percent
 - Receives compensation from the United States because of the disability
 - Is not subject to sex offender registration requirements

NOTE: The driver license fee exemption does not apply to commercial driver licenses. ☒
Veteran Designation for Driver Licenses and Identification cards: DPS offers a VETERAN designation printed on the face of driver licenses and identification cards for qualifying veterans. See the DPS website for more details.

<https://www.texaswideopenforveterans.com/twc-wofv/>

Texas Wide Open for Veterans: Texas values veterans. Your training, your skills, your experiences...Texas was built by people just like you, and our businesses and industries want what you have to offer. Explore our site, and see the resources available to veterans. Watch the video, and hear why civilian life in Texas is good for veterans. And when you're ready, learn about job opportunities in the state. If you have specific questions or needs, contact us and we'll be happy to help.