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Thank you, Veterans!

This year, I wanted to offer a special thank you to our service men and women currently serving and those who have returned home. It is because for your service that we as Americans are allowed the many freedoms we so frequently take for granted, like the opportunity to vote in an election, speak freely and bear arms. This issue of the monthly newsletter is dedicated to you and your families.

There are many programs available to our service members, current and past, and I wanted to be sure to highlight those accessible to you right here in Texas, and in House District 127.

Please take the time to read through our newsletter. We have included lots of items of interest for the residents of House District 127 from events that occurred over the last month to important upcoming dates. If you would like to learn more about any of the items listed in this newsletter, please contact my staff at either the District Office, 281-360-9410, or the Capitol Office, 512-463-0520. And remember you can always contact me through the House website at www.house.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty State Representative- District 127

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Texas Veterans Portal



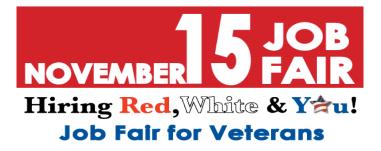
The Texas Veterans Portal is a link to service at the Federal and State level. It serves as a resource for veterans, their families, and their survivors. It is a compilation of helpful information from many government agencies to find the assistance, services, and benefits. For immediate assistance, call 2-1-1 or 1-800-252-VETS (8387). Click the logo above to go to the website, or visit http://veterans.portal.texas.gov/en/Pages/default.aspx.

College Credit for Heroes

Administered by the Texas Workforce Commission TWC, this workforce development initiative is designed to recognize the exceptional knowledge and skills gained by veterans and service members, award these individuals college credits for their military experience, and accelerate degree, workforce certificate, and licensing programs, allowing them to more easily re-enter the workforce. Click the logo below, or visit https://www.collegecreditforheroes.org/.



Red, White & You Job Fair



On November 15, the Texas Veterans Commission will join Gov. Rick Perry, Texas Medical Center surgeon Dr. James Henry "Red" Duke, Jr., and the Texas Workforce Commission to connect Texas Veterans with Texas employers who value the experience, discipline and other exceptional qualities inherent with a military background at the Hiring Red, White & You statewide job fair.

The initiative will address the employment needs of Texas Veterans returning to the workforce, and it is open to all Texas Veterans and employers. Each of the 28 Workforce Development Boards in Texas will host a Hiring Red, White & You Job Fair, which will feature an unprecedented statewide employment effort in hopes of serving those who have served for us.

Click the link below for a list of fairs near you or visit http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/vetsvcs/hiring-red-white-you.html#jobFairs for more information.

Find a fair near you!

Military Memorials On The Texas Capitol Grounds

On the grounds of your Texas Capitol, six monuments have been erected to honor our military heroes and a seventh, Vietnam memorial, is additionally slated to be completed in the fall of 2013. The Capitol Grounds are open at all hours and Texans are encouraged to visit the many monuments placed around the area. you can view a guide of all of the 18 different monuments here and find several photos below.



World War I

Erected 1961 by the membership of the Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Constructed of Texas "Sunset Red" granite, and listing the barracks and auxiliaries that participated in its erection, this monument is dedicated to the memory of World War I veterans.



World War II Memorial

Erected and dedicated 2007 by the Texas World War II Memorial Committee in cooperation with the State Preservation Board. The memorial was authorized by the 78th Legislature in 2003 to honor the 22,000 Texas men and women who died in service to the nation during World War II. More than 830,000 Texans served in the conflict.

Texas National Guard Monument

The Monument to the Texas National Guard, Veterans of the 36th Infantry, was erected in the shape of the "T-Patch", the shoulder insignia of the 36th Infantry. The Division is credited with freeing Rheims, France, during World War I, and was the first American division to invade Europe during World War II.



Korean War Veterans Memorial

The star-shaped memorial is dedicated to the more than 289,000 Texans who served in the Korean War, and incorporates the names of the 1723 Texans either killed in action or missing in action.

Help for Homeless Veterans



According to a count on a January night in 2011, there were 67,495 homeless Veterans. And an estimated 144,842 Veterans spent at least one night in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program in a recent year. In 2009, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced the federal government's goal to end Veteran homelessness by 2015. Together with partners and supporters nationwide, the VA is determined to meet that challenge through the Homeless Veterans Initiative. The VA provides a range of services to homeless Veterans, including health care, housing, job training, and education.

The National Call Center for Homeless Veterans hotline offers Veterans who are homeless or at risk for homelessness 24/7 access to trained counselors. The hotline offers information and assistance to Veterans and their families; VA Medical Centers; federal, state, and local partners; and community-based agencies, service providers, and others who work with or simply want to support our nation's Veterans.

The Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1**, chat online, or send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. More about the Veterans Crisis Line.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 14

7:00 PM House District 127 Town Hall Meeting

Atascocita Middle School - 18810 W. Lake Houston Parkway

Thursday, November 15

8:00 AM Kingwood Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast

S.T.E.P.S. Counseling - 2527 Chestnut Ridge Dr., Kingwood, TX

10:00 AM Family Promise of Lake Houston Annual Po-Boy Sale

Tin Roof BBQ

11:30 AM Crosby/Huffman Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon

May Community Center - Huffman

6:30 PM Humble Middle School "Civil War Club" Gettysburg Address Contest

Humble Middle School

Saturday, November 17

7:00 PM HAAM Empty Stocking Toy Drive Kick-Off

The home of Lynn & Jack Fields

Tuesday, November 20

11:30 AM Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon

Kingwood Country Club

Thursday, November 22
THANKSGIVING DAY