The Veterans Advisory Council has added two new members. First, Bianca Quiñones, Coordinator for Veteran Programs within Student Diversity and Inclusion. Second is Dr. Harlan Ballard (Army Retired) Assessment, Outreach and Retention Coordinator for Offices of Disability Services. Both are excited to be at Texas State and serving student veterans and military connected people.

VETERAN ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER (VASC)

This summer VASC was awarded funding from Department of Veteran Affairs. VASC is now a collaborative effort between the University and Department of Veterans Affairs to provide military-connected students a peer assistance program (Guides & Tutors) and resources to support academic success. To learn more click here: http://www.txstate.edu/vetsuccessctr/

VETERANS & FAMILY BBQ

Join us for FREE food and family-friendly fun for you and your family. Learn about resources, programs and services at the TXST and Round Rock Campus. Meet fellow student veterans and TXST faculty/staff members.

Saturday October 20, 2018 - 10am - 2pm - Sewell Park Pavilion (630 E. Hopkins, San Marcos TX 78666)

For food purposes please RSVP at: http://www.sdi.txstate.edu/Support-and-Empowerment/Veteran-Resources/BobcatVeteranFamilyBBQ.html

PROJECT HEALING WATERS - SAN MARCOS

Project Healing Waters provides FREE fly-fishing lessons for disabled veterans at Tip's Turf (12205 Hwy. 80 East Martindale TX 78655) every Friday morning this semester from 7-11am. To learn more click here: http://www.txstate.edu/vetsuccessctr/Events/Fishing.html

FINANCIAL AID (FAFSA)

The FAFSA application for the 2018 - 2019 school year opens October 1, 2018. The sooner you apply the better chances of you getting additional money for school. For more information go to: https://fafsa.ed.gov/

FOLLOW VETERANS ALLIANCE OF TEXAS STATE ON FACEBOOK FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND PROGRAMS: https://www.facebook.com/TexasStateVATS/
STEP UP FOR STATE - FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE
VASC is launching “Operation: Veteran Academic Success” to raise funds to support veterans transitioning from military service to college during the Step Up For State annual days of giving on October 3-4. To learn more click here: http://www.txstate.edu/vetsuccessctr/stepup.html

The interactive “Military-Connected New Student On-Line Orientation” has been improved and updated. The on-line interactive presentation will introduce you to Military-Connected Student friendly resources available at the University and in the surrounding community. Click here to learn more: http://www.txstate.edu/vetsuccessctr/new-student/orientation.html

VETERANS ALLIANCE OF TEXAS STATE (VATS)

VATS the student organization for Veterans on campus has hit the ground running. Drop by the lounge (LBJC 4-13.3) in between classes for a quiet study spot, to relax or for snacks. Thank you to HEB who has started donating snacks specifically for our student veterans. Follow them on Facebook at: @TexasStateVATS

REMINDERS FROM VETERAN AFFAIRS

- Students can submit for certification for a semester once registration opens (22 Oct 18 for Spring 2019)
- If you haven’t been paid, check with our office first and then you may need to call 800-442-4551
- The VA does not run on the same refund schedule as the University does.
- A student should notify our office of any changes they make to their enrollment for a semester (add, drop, withdrawal)
- When in doubt, contact our office first.
- All our current document and deadline requirements can be found on our website: va.txstate.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Veteran Monthly Lunch: Wed., October 24 11am-1pm LBJSC 4-1.6

Navy Birthday Celebration: Wed., October 10 10am-12pm VATS Lounge

In Honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will be honoring and highlighting Hispanic veterans. Come learn about how Hispanics have contributed to the military, and how their service has impacted the Hispanic community. Tuesday, October 9, 2018 LBJSC 4-1.6 12:00pm-1:30pm

STAY UPDATED WITH HAPPENINGS WITHIN STUDENT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
http://www.sdi.txstate.edu/Support-and-Empowerment/Veteran-Resources.html