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We hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

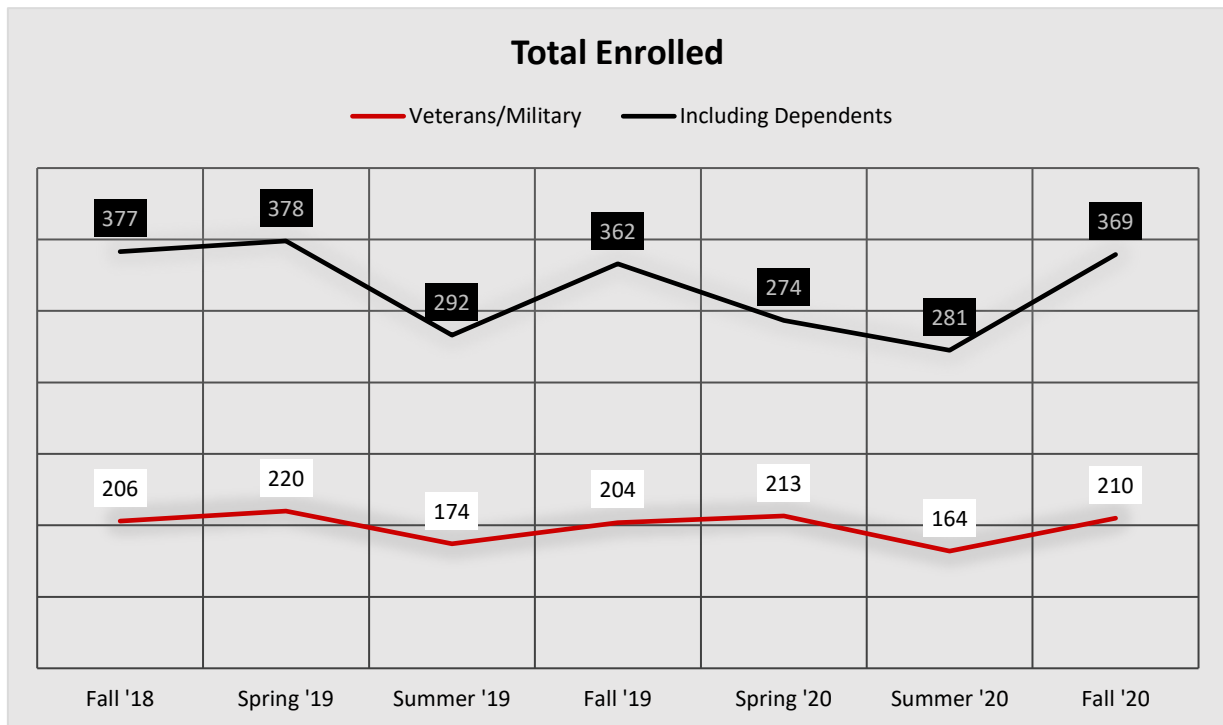
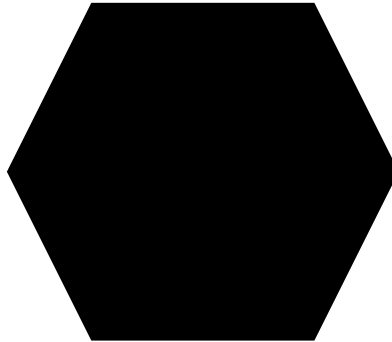
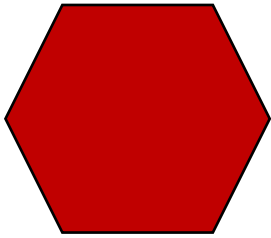
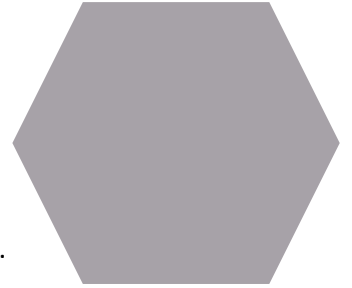
We have been busy connecting and working on collaborations with our friends at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), Lubbock Veterans Resource Coordination Group (VRCG), Women Veterans of Lubbock, City of Lubbock Veterans Advisory Committee, TTU Military and Veterans Programs (MVP), Military Friendly® Advisory Council, U.S. Navy Medicine and Navy programs, HSC Alumni Association, and TT Military and Veterans Alumni Network (MVN), as well as Combined Arms/Texas Veterans Network (TVN). Please check the [Veterans Resource Center website](#), and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for updates.

GROWTH CHART

MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENT POPULATION

HSC has 262 students utilizing federal and/or state benefits, 137 of which are veterans or military.

We have 369 military-affiliated students across all of our five schools, with 210 veterans or military.



POST-9/11 GI BILL RECIPIENTS!

EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP

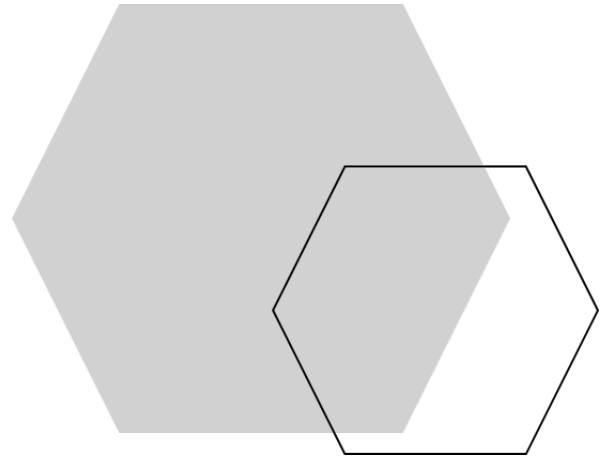
Don't forget about the VA Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program, which will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying veterans and Fry Scholars. This program is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Forever GI Bill).

Please visit the [VA website](#) 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 [VA website](#). You will need your HSC Program CIP code, which is on the [HSC website](#).

SPECIAL COVID RULES

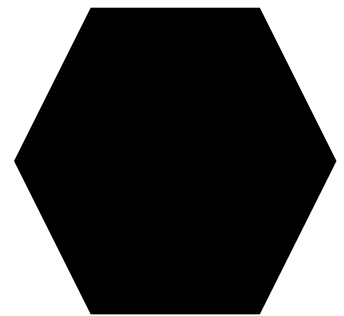
With the passage of H.R.8337 - Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act, the special COVID rules have been extended to December 21, 2021. Among other things, Post-9/11 GI Bill students who pursue resident courses converted to an online modality solely due to COVID 19 will continue to receive the MHA rate for resident training.



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 and staff members for mentorships. Mentors and student veterans define the goals of their mentorship together. The program focuses on supporting student veterans in their transition from the military into higher education, in their academic success, and future civilian careers.

visit the HSC [Veterans Resource Center website](#) for additional information. 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™

This exciting and developing service encourages all HSC veteran and military students to utilize career services such as resume/cover letter writing/critiquing, interviewing, networking, and financial planning that are available to them both on campus and in their communities. Stay tuned for updates.

Please visit the HSC Veterans Resource Center [website](#) for additional information.

SALUTE

VETERANS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Service, Academics, Leadership, Unity, Tribute, Excellence.

Twenty-three new members were inducted into the TTUHSC SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society on September 11, 2020. The honor society recognizes and honors the service and scholastic achievements of our veterans. Eligibility criteria is located on the [SALUTE 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

Green Zone Training (GZT) aims to increase awareness and understanding of military culture, and provide resources to assist military-affiliated students, and also proves informative for those working in patient care. In an effort to increase overall military and veteran awareness, GZT is available via ACME to all HSC faculty, staff, and students. Those who complete all six Green Zone Training modules will receive a decal for public display, indicating support for our military-affiliated population. Please see the [Veterans Resource Center website](#) for instructions or reach out to vrc@ttuhsc.edu to have training assigned.



GREEN ZONE TRAINING

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

COMMENCEMENT

CAMO STOLE

Veterans and military students expecting to graduate Fall 2020 should email vrc@ttuhsc.edu to ensure they reserve their camo stole prior to graduation.

LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND TESTING REIMBURSEMENT

For graduates taking licensing or certification tests, visit the [VA website](#) to learn how you can use part of your GI Bill entitlement to cover the cost of certain tests. Please pay special attention to how your benefit entitlement is charged, especially if you plan to pursue further education.



UPCOMING...

*LGBTQ+ VETERANS: TEXAS RESOURCES – VA AND COMBINED ARMS

Friday, October 9, 12-12:30pm

Reagan Maldonado, with the VA Healthcare System, will discuss the VA's LGBT Veteran Care Coordinator (VCC) role and services for LGBT veterans.

Linda Morales, will talk about her role as the Community Manager with Combined Arms and social/community support for Texas veterans.

Feel free to send questions ahead of time to vrc@ttuhsc.edu, by 10/7, especially if you are unable to attend.

Join via Zoom link <https://forms.gle/A98zkYpiZV8Y62BM7>

*12TH ANNUAL TEXAS VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Monday through Thursday, October 12-15

The Texas Veterans Higher Education Symposium convenes veterans, higher education administrators, state and federal officials, and others who offer services to veterans throughout the state in order to share best practices and facilitate communication. The goal of the Symposium is to connect local, state, and national support services for higher education institutions with student veterans and military-connected students. Additionally, the Symposium is an opportunity to increase communication and collaboration across the state, while bringing together institutions of higher education and the two largest systems of education in the state supporting veterans. Register via link

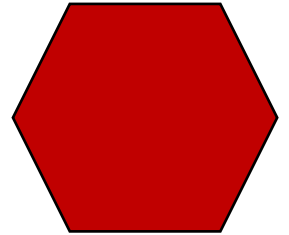
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*CALM TRAINING

Tuesday, October 20, 1pm-4pm

Each month we continue to host Counseling Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training sessions with Erin McGann, Justice Involved Veterans Coordinator at the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). This free training is worth 3 CEUs for mental health practitioners, but anyone can attend. Stay tuned for future training sessions, posted on the HSC Announcements.

Join via Zoom link <https://ttuhsc.zoom.us/j/96951759354>.



***VETERANS DAY**

Wednesday, November 11

Stay tuned to HSC Announcements and social media for programs and recognitions.

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter.

Kind Regards,

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