



TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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Media Alert

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Military Veterans to Receive Much Needed Support at Veterans Expo and Clinic and other events this Saturday

SAN ANTONIO – Saturday, May 18, 2013 – The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) is hosting a Veterans Expo, Seminars, and Clinics in San Antonio on Saturday, May 18, at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, 111 East Pecan Street. The day begins at 8:00 am with the Expo opening at noon.

During this all-day event, attendees will have the opportunity to attend specific, Veteran-focused seminars and clinics and learn about programs and benefits available to Veterans in Texas.

The Beating the VA Backlog, Veteran Entrepreneur and Employment Clinics are at capacity with over 400 Veterans registered online.

Veterans Benefit Fair and Expo will feature over 50 state, local, and federal agencies, Veterans organizations, nonprofits, colleges, and companies that provide Veteran-specific services for Veterans and their families. Participants include the Veteran Land Board (VLB), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), USAA, VFW, TexVet, U.S. Department of Defense, and more beginning at 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Clinics and Seminars include:

Beating the VA Backlog Clinic (Over 200 Veterans have registered for this event.) – For Veterans who need help with their disability claims with VA, members from the State Strike Force Team, as well as TVC Claims Counselors and County Service Officers (CSOs), will be on hand to provide direct and specific assistance to Veterans, family members and survivors.). TVC holds backlog events in order to serve Veterans through the State Strike Force Teams, which were created by Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, and House Speaker Joe Straus in July 2012. The teams' mission is to help reduce the backlog of disability claims in Texas since the number of backlogged claims has more than doubled since 2010 and the wait times for Veterans are continuing to increase. Services include: status on pending claims or appeals, information on VA and State Veterans benefits, receipt of new evidence on current

claims or appeals, submission of claims for increases on current service-connected disabilities, submission of a Notice of Disagreement (NOD) to appeal a VA decision. The clinic runs from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Veteran Entrepreneur Seminar (Almost 200 Veterans have registered for this event) – Veterans will receive information regarding business plan development, financial guidance, and management and marketing assistance. Participants include the Small Business Administration (SBA), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), People Fund, and Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). The seminar begins at 9:00 am and runs until 4:00 pm.

Employment Clinic and Workshops (Clinic and Workshops are at capacity.) – During the Employment Clinic, participants will receive a full range of services including one-on-one assistance with job applications, resume preparation, and job matching. Employment Workshops include interview techniques and dressing for success, and the federal employment process. The clinic begins at noon, and the workshops begin at 12 pm, 1 pm and 2 pm.

Women Veterans Seminar (Over 40 Women Veterans have registered.) – Women Veterans and their families will learn about current information on health care, housing assistance, and other benefit information unique to women Veterans in the San Antonio area. The seminar begins at 12:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm.

Education Assistance Clinic (All Clinic appointments are sold out.) - During the education clinic, Veterans and their family members will receive one-on-one assistance from program specialists about the education benefits available to them, including GI Bill, Hazlewood, and On-the Job Training. Services provided from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled.

For more information, go to www.tvc.texas.gov.

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