



VETERANS AFFAIRS

Welcome to the Fort Worth Veterans Affairs Newsletter!

We are excited to bring you the first edition of the Fort Worth Veterans Affairs Newsletter, designed to support and honor our veterans and their families. Through this newsletter, we will provide essential information and updates on the programs and services available to our veteran community.

2024 Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards: Distinguished Service to Veterans Award



This new award recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to supporting veterans and strengthening our Fort Worth community.

Deadline has been extended to January 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm, excuse the deadline date on application.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Community Engagement Department at 817-392-6201.

[Click here for the application!](#)

Veterans Resources Website

Veterans in need of assistance can find valuable resources on the Fort Worth Veteran Affairs website.

[Veteran Affairs Resources](#)

2024 VA News—Don't Miss Out!



If you've completed two enlistments, you may qualify for additional VA educational benefits. For more details [click here](#)

City of Fort Worth Programs for Veterans

This issue newsletter will spotlight two city programs geared towards veterans and their families.

Forward Home Program



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Open to veterans, military who are on active duty, and surviving spouses.

- Rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent Texas veterans and their families from becoming homeless.
- Preference will be given to discharged veterans versus active duty; if funds are running out, we will serve veterans first.

Please contact (817)-392-8255 for more information.

Priority Repair Program



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The Priority Repair Program helps Fort Worth homeowners in need of emergency or mechanical system home repairs. Repairs are limited to once every 12 months based on eligibility. Priority is given to veterans.

- Accessibility modifications such as ramps, grab bars, bathroom modifications, door widening, and handrails.
- Health and safety repairs such as heating and air, water and sewer, unstable rotten flooring, electrical system failures and leaky roofs.

Please contact (817)-392-8255 for more information.

Veteran Services

Veteran Events in Our Area

Jan. 23 - National Point-in-Time (PIT) Count [Tarrant/Parker County PIT Count](#)

Jan. 28 - Goodwill VetWorthy Job Fair 9am-12pm @ 4200 Airport FWY, Fort Worth.

Jan. 30 - Airpower Foundation 7pm- NTHSRA Area-6229 Windy Ryon, Fort Worth 76179 - Marine Mustangs- USA Only Marine Mounted Color Guard

Feb. 1 - Marriage Management Workshop at 10600 Dunham Road, Roanoke, Texas Register [here](#).

Feb. 1 - Valentines for Vets social hosted by Travis Manion Foundation to write Valentines Day cards for our veterans in our Texas VLB Skilled Nursing facilities. (North Dallas) Contact [Deanna Phillips](#) to RSVP or to volunteer.

Feb. 3 - Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Tarrant County Salutes Military Appreciation Day and Resource Fair begins at 12pm. Complimentary rodeo tickets (includes grounds admission) for Active Duty and Retirees and families w/ ID.

Feb. 7 - Valentines for Vets social hosted by Travis Manion Foundation to write Valentines Day cards for veterans in our Texas VLB Skilled Nursing facilities. (Fort Worth). Contact [Deanna Phillips](#) to RSVP or to volunteer.

Feb. 8 - Marriage Management Workshop at 1838 Desert Storm Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76127 (NAS JRB Ft. Worth) with childcare provided. Register [here](#).

RECURRING EVENTS

- [Center for Transforming Lives](#)
- [Cohen Clinic](#) - MVPN Dallas Peer Group every Tuesday @ Cohen Clinic 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Jan. 21st, 28th [Register Here](#).
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs - [VA North TX events](#)
- [Marriage Management](#)
- PTSD Foundation of America - Peer Group every Thursday @ Maverick Harley Davidson 6pm-8pm. Jan. 23rd, 30th [Register Here](#).
- [Stop One](#)
- [Veteran Spouse Network \(VSN\)](#)
- [Warrior Spirit Project](#).
- [Women Veteran Meetup](#) - 1st Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm @ Cohen Clinic. [Register here](#).

City Employee Veteran Spotlight: Abraham Gandarilla

City Department

"I work in Financial Management Services (FMS) in the Financial Reporting team. I prepare the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which is used by investors, creditors, legislative bodies and the general public."

Military Service

Texas Army National Guard from 2010-2015. (U.S. Army).

Military Occupational Specialties

"I was a 35F, Intelligence Analyst. The analytical skills that I learned from my intelligence analyst role still help me to this day in problem solving when unique situations come up in my work that require me to analyze a situation. As an Intelligence Analyst, you have to study how someone different from you thinks, so this has helped me understand the viewpoint of others when explaining financial information to a non-accountant."



Advice for Other Veterans

"The advice I would give to other veterans transitioning into civilian careers is to use your resources and to network. There are other people who have probably been in a similar situation as you, so it helps to ask questions and find guidance from someone who has been in a similar situation as you."

Please contact the Fort Worth Veterans Affairs Office if you have any veteran-related questions at veterans@fortworthtexas.gov