

A Message from the Texas Workforce Commissioners

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Texas Workforce Commission Celebrates Our Texas Veterans for Their Service

In recognition of Veterans Day, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) would like to thank all veterans for their sacrifice and service. TWC encourages Texas employers to hire our veterans and take advantage of the unique talents, skills and discipline that our nation's returning veterans provide in a variety of industries and occupations.

TWC also encourages veterans to seek out the [many programs and services offered by TWC](#) and its Workforce Solutions partners to assist them as they transition to the civilian workforce. The leadership skills, teamwork and discipline that our veterans gain through military service translate well to the civilian workforce in fields ranging from engineering to medicine.

TWC is committed to working with its partners to assist transitioning veterans by providing priority service at all [Workforce Solutions offices](#), job placement advantages and training through a variety of initiatives and programs [just for veterans](#). In addition, employers hiring veterans may benefit from a federal tax reduction through the [Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#) program.

TWC invites Texas employers and veterans to participate in the Fifth Annual [Hiring Red, White & You!](#) statewide hiring events on Thursday, Nov. 10. TWC sponsors these events in partnership with 28 local workforce boards, the [Texas Veterans Commission](#) and [Texas Medical Center](#). These hiring events connect veterans and their spouses with employers across Texas who have job openings and wish to hire veterans to fill those jobs. The hiring fairs have connected more than 42,000 veterans with over 6,500 employers.

Other TWC programs and services for veterans include:

[Texas Veterans Leadership Program](#)

TWC's Texas Veterans Leadership Program helps connect veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to networks and resources tailored to address veterans' needs ranging from employment and training to medical care, mental health and counseling, veterans benefits and more. These connections are made through peer advisors known as Veterans Resource and Referral Specialists that are located throughout the state.

[College Credit for Heroes](#)

TWC's College Credit for Heroes initiative allows veterans to apply the knowledge and experience gained in the military toward college credit, helping their transition into the civilian workforce. The program launched in 2011 with the goal of recognizing that veterans come equipped with knowledge and skills gained through military service that apply to the civilian workforce in many industries. To date, 47 colleges and universities have partnered with TWC on this initiative by awarding college credit and creating accelerated pathways to degrees and certificates in academic areas such as medical, security, energy, information technology, fire investigation and logistics.

[Texas Skills to Work](#)

TWC's online military to civilian occupation translator, www.texasskillstowork.com helps service members match military skills and experience to civilian occupations.

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WorkInTexas.com

Veterans are given priority access to certain jobs on TWC's comprehensive online employment resource, WorkInTexas.com. In addition, employers can post opportunities and request job applicants who are veterans.

Texas Wide Open for Veterans

The Texas Wide Open for Veterans website, texaswideopenforveterans.com spotlights available opportunities for veterans and their families who are considering remaining in or moving to Texas upon separating from the military. The site promotes the state's economic, educational and employment opportunities.

Please join us in honoring our veterans on Veterans Day and every day. For a full list of veterans services visit: texasworkforce.org/veterans.

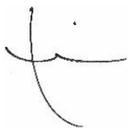
Sincerely,



Andres Alcantar, Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public



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