

VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER

Providing services, guidance and activities that enhance Veteran lives.



****Upcoming Event****

Thursday, June 20th, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm





Support Group For our many surviving spouses, we offer a space to connect and support one another. You may want to plan activities, service projects, or just visit and make new friends. You decide!



Coffee & Camaraderie

Every third Thursday of the month, Bring or meet friends and enjoy coffee and doughnuts.

New Service Provided at the VOC! Endeavors See 3rd page for details and contact information

Vietnam War Veterans Day Commemoration Pinning Ceremony 2024



Above, First Honor Wall recipient John D. Baines (at podium) is being presented a framed depiction of his many accomplishments and service to veterans, which has been hung on the VOC's Honor Wall.



Our expanded veteran's transportation service now offers two vans and additional volunteer drivers!

Pictured above are some of our volunteer van drivers; left to right, John Harrell, Velma Holm, Margaret Lopez, and Thomas Garcia. They selflessly offer their time and support driving local veterans to VA medical appointments.

Vietnam Veteran Attendees

Above: Vietnam War Veterans Day is a day to pay tribute, honor, and thank Vietnam Veterans. A pinning ceremony was conducted; each veteran was presented with a lapel pin as a lasting memento of our Nation's thanks, with the back of the pin stating "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You".



Velma recently received the Lifetime Presidential Volunteer Award from the VA for volunteering over 4,000 hours driving our veterans to appointments!! Congratulations and Thank you!!!

Our Mission

To provide services, guidance, and activities that enhance veterans lives, in one central location that offers a setting for camaraderie for Guadalupe County and surrounding counties.

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205 E. Weinert St., Seguin, Texas 78155

The seven organizations below are housed within the VOC on a weekly basis

VA BENEFITS, ADDITIONAL SERVICES, AND/OR REFERRALS:

Guadalupe County Veteran Services Office

Mon - Fri, 8am-5pm Provide assistance on all VA benefits as well as community resource referrals. We have 3 computers onsite with internet access, a printer, camaraderie events, a Purple Heart walking track, bbq grills, a kitchen and meeting room. We also have vans to help drive veterans to their VA doctor appointments, driven by volunteers- call ahead for assistance. For appointment call: 830-303-4188, ext. 1249, walk-ins are based on caseload.

Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)

Mon-Thu, 8am-4pm VA claims benefit advising, assist veterans, family members and survivors with services in obtaining benefits they may be eligible for in surrounding counties, including BDD claims, formal and informal hearings. For appointment call: 1-800-252-8387 or online <u>www.tinyurl.com/SouthwestClaims</u>

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Tue, Wed, Thur., 9am-1pm Their mission is to advise, instruct and counsel claimants and to provide assistance to homeless veterans. Their chapter service officers are certified annually to assist veterans in filing claims and other benefits for which they are entitled. For appointment call: 830-402-8103. Walk-ins are welcome.

ENDEAVORS

Tuesdays, 9am-5pm Endeavors' Veteran Supportive Services (VSS) rapidly re-houses and prevents homelessness among eligible Veterans and their families. Our programs offer one-on-one case management services, housing search assistance, and temporary assistance. For appointment call: 210-469-9664. Walk-ins are welcome.

MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS:

The Ecumenical Center

Mondays and Thursdays, 10am-4pm Mental health counseling; faith based if desired for active military, veterans, and local first responders, including families, spouses, and dependents. Provide specialty counseling programs and offer a balance between physical, spiritual, and emotional aspects of healing. No fee, no referral is needed. For appointment call: 830-496-1143

The Vet Center

Wednesdays, 9am-4pm Mental health counseling for veterans who meet the criteria of veteran or active duty who have experienced trauma due to combat, direct medical care of military casualties, or MST. They discuss the tragedies of war, loss, grief, and transition after trauma. There is no cost for those who qualify. For appointment call: 210-650-0422

Bluebonnet Trails

Wednesday and Thursday, 830am-430pm Veteran provided mental health counseling with a focus on suicide prevention, peer services, and other types of assistance. Supports Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court, and will also have Seeking Safety meetings at the VOC. No fee, no referral is needed. For appointment call: 1-844-309-6385

Access the VOC calendar on the Guadalupe County web page- Veteran Services or call (830)-303-4188 ext. 1249

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