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TF BDE CENTER



28 SEP 2023

Effective 01 September 2023. State Tuition Assistance (State TA) program Updates

1. Full funding of the State TA program has been restored.
 - Awards of up to \$4,500 for eligible tuition and fee expenses are available.
 - TMD Service Members enrolled in a graduate or professional degree are eligible to receive State TA.
2. AGR members are now eligible to receive State TA.
3. Application data is now more secure.
 - The new application form is in the Army 365 SharePoint environment, which requires CAC login.
 - If applicants have problems with the login, full-time unit personnel can login to the site and then allow the applicant to fill in the application form. Piggy-back login is NOT required.

The following previous rules still apply.

- Only Texas-based colleges are eligible for State TA.
- Applicants must continue to actively serve in the Guard through the end of the term for which aid is received.
- Applicants must have satisfactory participation in their military service (as determined by unit/component leaders).
- State TA can be used with Federal TA and GI bill, but the size of a State TA award may still be limited by other military aid and civilian grants or scholarships.

Visit the TMD public website for full information on the State TA program and on other education benefit programs (Federal TA and GI Bill). Click below:

- [Education](#)
- [State TA](#)
- [State TA SharePoint](#)

State TA Office Email: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.trp@army.mil
 POC: Manuel Flores, State TA Manager, 512-782-5270.

Business Expo Laredo 2023

Date: Sat, Sep 30, 11 AM – Sun, Oct 1, 8 PM

Location: Sames Auto Arena

6700 Arena Blvd, Laredo, TX

[Click here for details](#)



Rock show

Date: Sat, Sep 30, 10 PM

Location: Classic Tavern

120 W Village Blvd suite 103, Laredo, TX

Live music by Dreams of Nova
[Read more on AllEvents.in](#)

Ghoul Boss Vendors Market // Vinyl Nite - IV



Date: Sat, Sep 30, 8 PM – Sun, Oct 1, 2 AM

Location: The Dugout
 1301 Iturbide St, Laredo, TX
 Vendors: Retro, Tex Lechuzas
 Art By Buttonz Misfit Mysteries
 Lady Don Beauty La...
[Read more on AllEvents.in](#)



Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4
98° 75°	96° 75°	95° 75°	95° 75°	95° 76°	94° 77°

7 day forecast
 in your area

PAY DATES FY23

TASK FORCE	Period	Days	Date Paid	Period	Days	Date Paid
TF CENTER	01 Sep – 28 Sep	28	5-6 Oct	29 Sep – 29 Oct	31	6-7 Nov
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TXSG	01 Sep – 30 Sep	30		01 Oct – 31 Oct	31	

OLS Rally Point



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TF BDE EAST



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Becky G

Becky G: Mi Casa, Tu Casa US Tour McAllen, TX
 McAllen Performing Arts Center
 Click here for tickets for this event [ticketmaster](#).
 Or you can purchase ticket from [undercovertourist](#).

Date: Sun, Oct 1, 8 PM –

Mon, Oct 2, 12 AM

Location: McAllen

Performing Arts Center

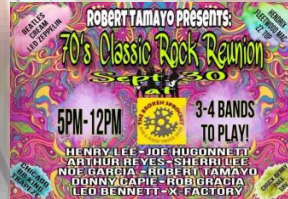
801 Convention Center Blvd,

McAllen, TX



70's Classic Rock Reunion

Party with us at a 70s Rock Reunion! Drinks, live music, games, and food trucks. Local food is the best food so get it right here in Brownsville [Read more on Visit Brownsville Texas](#)



Date: Sat, Sep 30, 5 PM –

Sun, Oct 1, 12 AM

Location: The Broken Sprocket

6305 Paredes Line Rd,
 Brownsville, TX

INAUGURAL FIRST STRIKE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Teams that sign up will get a limited edition challenge coin. Lunch and drinks will be provided to all the players. Call/text 956-348-9594 for more information or sponsorship opportunities. [Click here](#)



Date: Sat, Sep 30,
 10 AM – 1 PM

Location: Incredibowl
 2140 E U.S. Business
 83, Mission, TX

Oktoberfest 2023

Raise your steins, get your lederhosen, and get ready for our Oktoberfest 2-weekend event!

[Click here for details about this event this weekend](#)



Date: Sat, Sep

30, 4 PM – Sun,
 Oct 1, 12 AM

Location: 5x5
 Brewing Co.
 801 Bryan Rd ste
 174, Mission, TX

O'Reilly AUTO PARTS

Date & Time: Sat, Sep 30, 11 - 2PM

Location: O'Reilly Auto Parts, 4701 S. 23rd St., McAllen, TX

Free car show with door prizes and a hot dog / chips lunch. [Click here for more info](#)



Date & Time: Sat, Sep 30, 6 - 10PM

Location: McAllen Public Library, 4001 N. 23rd St., McAllen, TX

Prepare for an exciting night of casino games, photo booth and delicious taquiza. Tickets are \$100 each and all proceeds go towards the 2023 South Texas Book Festival. [Click here for more info](#)



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Fri 29	97° / 75°	Sat 30	97° / 76°	Sun 1	96° / 76°	Mon 2	97° / 76°
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7 day forecast in your area

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TF INFO



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

NEWS UPDATE

What the 10 Plagues Teach Us About Dealing with Difficult People (from a Jewish context): [Part 4](#)

Hail: Hail came down as a flash of ice and fire.¹¹

When we feel attacked, we may feel tempted to provide an icy reply. Instead of giving in to destructive instincts that will surely worsen and escalate tense exchanges, let's try to connect with our inner warmth and understanding and choose to communicate with courtesy, kindness, and love. On the other hand, there are also times that we need to temper our urgent and heated passionate response with the ice of coldness, by stopping and coolly considering our response.

Locusts: Locusts in Hebrew are *arbeh*, which means destruction, but the letters are similar to *harbeh*, which means abundance or bounty.¹²

When looking at our lives, do we focus on the negative instead of the positive? Do we focus on our challenges or difficulties? From *arbeh*, we can choose to see the good and adjust our attitudes, to reframe and see the abundance and bounty.

-CPL Marcello Liberona, RAS, TXSG; aka Colonel Marcello Liberona, Israeli Defense Force; Theologian in Jewish Studies

[This unit has the M4 and SAW replacement and begins testing soon | armytimes.com](#)

[82nd Airborne Chorus to compete in America's Got Talent finals | armytimes.com](#)

[US-made Abrams tanks arrive in Ukraine sooner than expected | stripes.com](#)

[Fort Drum soldiers train helicopter jumps on St. Lawrence River | stripes.com](#)

[Black teens learn to fly and aim for careers in aviation in the footsteps of Tuskegee Airmen | stripes.com](#)

ArmyTimes STARS AND STRIPES

Upcoming Releases



Disgaea 7: Vows of the Virtueless

Platform: Playstation 4|5, Switch & PC
Genre: Role Playing
Release Date: October 3, 2023



Infinity Strash: Dragon Quest the Adventure of Dai

Platform: PlayStation 4|5, Xbox Series X/S, Xbox One, Switch & PC
Genre: Action
Release Date: September 28, 2023



Bilkins' Folly

Platform: Playstation 4|5, Switch & PC
Genre: Adventure
Release date: October 2, 2023



Cyberpunk 2077: Phantom Liberty

Platform: Playstation 5, Xbox Series X/S, & PC
Genre: Role-Playing
Release Date: September 26, 2023

GAMEINFORMER
[2023 release dates](#)



Silent Hope

Platform: Switch & PC
Genre: Role-Playing
Release Date: October 3, 2023

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