

# ★ LONE STAR PULSE ★

TF INFO



7 NOV 2024

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Scripture: Luke 6:40** - "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher."  
Reflection:

Serving in uniform is indeed a unique calling, one that emphasizes leadership at every level. In the military, we understand that every Soldier has the potential to lead, just as every disciple of Christ is called to reflect the character of our Teacher. The scene from *We Were Soldiers* illustrates this beautifully: when faced with a training scenario by the chopper when Mel Gibson says, "he is dead, and now your dead, you are next man up." The reality of leadership, we must be prepared to step up, make decisions, and guide others. This readiness is not just a skill, but a mindset rooted in training and growth. In our Christian journey, being a disciple means committing to learn, adapt, and grow so we can effectively lead others in faith, much like we lead in our duties. Each of us is called to stand in the gap, not only for those we serve with but for our families and communities.

### Closing Thought:

As we navigate the challenges of our world, whether natural disasters or conflicts—let us remember that our true strength lies in our ability to lead and serve others. In every circumstance, may we rise to the occasion, embodying the qualities of our Teacher and empowering those we lead to do the same.

CH (LTC) GERBER

## Upcoming Releases



**Metal Slug: Tactics**  
PlayStation 4|5,  
Xbox Series X/S,  
Xbox One, PC  
& Nintendo Switch  
**Genre:** Tactics  
**Release Date:**  
November 5, 2024

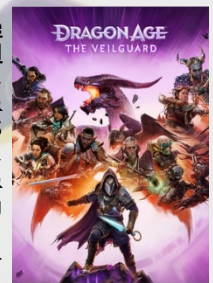


### Horizon Zero Dawn Remastered

**Platform:** PC & Playstation 5  
**Genre:** Adventure & RPG  
**Release Date:** October 31, 2024

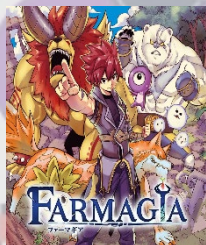
### Dragon Age: The Veilguard

**Platform:** PC,  
PlayStation 5 &  
Xbox Series X/S  
**Genre:** RPG,  
Adventure &  
Fighting  
**Release Date:**  
October 31, 2024



### Farmagia

**Platform:**  
Nintendo Switch  
**Genre:** RPG &  
Adventure  
**Release date:**  
November 1,  
2024



### Planet Coaster 2

**Platform:**  
PlayStation 5, Xbox  
Series X/S & PC  
**Genre:** Simulation &  
Strategy  
**Release Date:**  
November 6, 2024

## NEWS UPDATE

[US sending bombers, more warships to Middle East](#)

[Denis Leary returns to TV in Army comedy series](#)

[Best for Vets: Hiring veterans on the other side of the world](#)

[Global leaders congratulate Trump, whose victory could roil the world](#)

STARS AND STRIPES  
ArmyTimes MilitaryTimes

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**TF EAST**



**31 OCT 2024**

**WHO: All Tricare Beneficiaries that live in Texas**

**WHAT:** January 1st 2025, Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin will transition from TRICARE East to TRICARE West. To ensure you receive the most up to date and current information and prevent lapses in your current TRICARE coverage:

1. Log in to ID Card Office Online (osd.mil) to update your Profile and update Dependent Profiles
  2. Log into the Beneficiary Web Enrollment (BWE) milConnect - BWE (osd.mil) to ensure healthcare coverage is correct.
  3. Starting in early November you should create an account on the TriWest patient portal.
  4. To ensure you can make your payments to TriWest (if applicable), update your payment information (Note: If you pay by allotment, you do not need to do this. Allotment payments will transfer automatically).
  5. Search for providers in the new TriWest provider network directory on the patient portal. Note: these features will not be available on the TriWest website unit 2 November 2024.
- You will get more updates later this year to include website links and phone numbers to contact your regional contractor. For now, sign up for email updates and visit <https://usg01.safelinks.protection.office365.us/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tricare.mil%2Fchanges&data=05%7C02%7Cjames.m.nelson1.mil%40army.mil%7C91233e87fbbd4502c38608dcf2b46d24%7Cfae6d70f954b481192b60530d6f84c43%7C0%7C0%7C638652104471141987%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjCBjTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=w7WRINWbWutV87jP87tUujYz6lpoSSofzE2VHmy9fbs%3D&reserved=0> to stay informed.



**Harvest Bash - Kingsville**

- Saturday, November 9, 2024
  - 5:00 PM 7:00 PM
  - BT Church 2001 Trenton Road, McAllen, TX, 78504
- [Click here for details for this event](#)

**Date:** Sat Nov 09 2024 at 03:00 pm (CST)

**Location**

The Landmark on Tower - Alamo, Tx, 159 N Tower Rd, Alamo, TX



✓ **Rock the Holidays, Drive the Joy: A Night of Music, Cars, & Giving!**

[Click here](#)



[Click here for all the details on this concert](#)



**7 day forecast in your area**

PAY DATES FY24							
TASK FORCE	Period	Days	Date Paid	Period	Days	Date Paid	
TF EAST	1 Sep – 28 Sep	28	4-7 Oct	29 Sep – 29 Oct	31	6-7 Nov	
TF WEST	1 Sep – 29 Sep	29		30 Sep – 30 Oct	31		
TXSG	1 Sep – 30 Sep	30		1 Oct – 31 Oct	31		



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**TEAM HOUSING SOLUTIONS  
PRESENTS**

# **WADE BOWEN**

LIVE IN CONCERT

FOOD | DRINKS | PRIZES

**12TH NOVEMBER 5:30 PM**

AT THE PAVILION

Live And In Concert From FOB  
Eagle: Wade Bowen  
Please check out this superstar's  
website: [Wade Bowen - Texas  
Country Singer/Songwriter](https://www.wadebowen.com)

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TXARNG EDUCATION  
AMERICAN  
EDUCATION WEEK



# ED TALKS & TA APPLICATION WORKSHOPS NOV 18-22ND

TALK WITH PROGRAM EXPERTS & PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONLINE  
SCAVENGER HUNT TO WIN PRIZES!

MON: STA/GIBILL/FTA TALK: 10-11AM

TUES: FTA/GI BILL/STA TALK: 6-7PM

WED: APPLICATION WORKSHOP  
(WITH REFRESHMENTS AT CAMP MABRY BLDG 15 TESTING ROOM)

THURS: HAZLEWOOD TALK: 6-7PM

FRI: ED PROGRAMS & SERVICES TALK: 10-11AM  
(TESTING, DANTES, JST, TUTOR.COM, ETC)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN EACH TALK ON OUR TXARNG  
EDUCATION AND INCENTIVES TEAMS CHANNEL



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TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT ★ ★ ★ STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE

## Need Money for College?

### APPLY NOW FOR SPRING 2025!



Spring Application  
opens 01 Nov 2024  
closes 03 Jan 2025



<https://tmd.texas.gov/state-tuition-assistance-program>

### ABOUT US

State Tuition Assistance (STA) is an education benefit for Texas Service Members (TXARNG, TXANG, TXSG), funded by Texas for Texans. We believe in the power of education to transform lives and aim to support resourceful minds committed to making a positive impact through learning.

### WHY STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE?

- Awards up to \$10,000 per semester for Fall & Spring.
- Tuition paid up front.
- Covers 10 semesters or five years.
- Provides up to 12 semester hours of tuition and mandatory fees.
- For use exclusively at Texas colleges and universities.
- Ability to combine with other education grants, scholarships, and benefits.
- Applicable for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees, as well as vocational, technical & academic certificates, and credentials.

### ELIGIBILITY

- AGRs
- Active member in good standing with the TXARNG, TXANG, TXSG
- Enlisted (E1-E9), Officers (O1-O5), and Warrant Officers (W1-W3)
- Must have completed one: Basic training, Basic camp, OCS or first semester of MS1



Contact us & find out how we can help fulfill your educational goals: (512) 782-5515 Option 2

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**VETERANS DAY RESTAURANT DEALS AND FREE MEALS • 7-Eleven – Free coffee or Big Gulp, sign in or register with 7Rewards, for veterans, active-duty military members. • Applebee’s – Free meal off a special menu for veterans, active-duty military. • Buffalo Wild Wings – Free order of boneless wings and side of fries for all veterans, active-duty military, both dine-in and takeout, at participating U.S. locations. • Chili’s Grill & Bar – Free meal from a special menu for veterans, active-duty military. • Cracker Barrel – In-store specials on Nov. 11 for veterans, including free slice of double fudge Coca-Cola cake with their meal; promotions throughout November – Military Appreciation Month – to support military families, in partnership with Operation Homefront. • Denny’s – Free Build Your Own Grand Slam breakfast from 5 a.m. until noon for veterans, active-duty military. • Dunkin’ – Free doughnut, all locations nationwide, no purchase necessary, for veterans, active-duty military; veterans get 10% off doughnuts and coffee, year-round. • Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers – Veterans on Nov. 11 get a card for a free Freddy’s Original Double combo meal, valid through Nov. 30. • IHOP – Free Red, White and Blueberry pancakes for veterans, active-duty military, all locations, for dine-in customers. • Golden Corral – Veterans eat for free 5 p.m.-closing Nov. 14, Military Appreciation Night. • Huddle House – Free MVP breakfast platter for veterans, active-duty military. • Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut and coffee for veterans. • Little Caesars – Free Lunch Combo from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for veterans, active-duty military at participating locations. • Logan’s Roadhouse – Free meal from American roadhouse menu for veterans, active-duty military from 3 to 6 p.m. at all locations. • Macaroni Grill – Free Mom’s Ricotta Meatballs and Spaghetti for veterans, active-duty military. • Olive Garden – Free entrée from a special menu (all include breadsticks and choice of soup or salad) for veterans, active-duty military. • On the Border – Free pick-two combo for veterans, active-duty military. • Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt – 50% off cup of frozen yogurt for veterans, active-duty military • Outback Steakhouse — Free bloomin’ onion and Coca-Cola for veterans, active-duty military. • Red Lobster – Free appetizer or dessert for veterans; 10% discount for veterans, active-duty on Military Mondays throughout the year. • Shoney’s – Free all-you-care-to-eat breakfast until 11 a.m. for veterans, active-duty military. • Smoothie King – Free 20-ounce smoothie for veterans, active-duty military. • Starbucks – Free 12-ounce (tall) hot-brewed coffee for veterans, active-duty military, reservists, military spouses. • Texas Roadhouse – Free meal voucher for veterans 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Wendy’s – Free small breakfast combo, no purchase necessary, for veterans, active-duty military. • . SHOPPING DEALS 11/11/24 • Bed, Bath & Beyond – Veterans get 25% off their in-store purchases on Nov. 11. • Great Clips – Veterans and active-duty military can get a free haircut on Nov. 11, or a coupon for one at a later date. • Sports Clips – Free haircuts for veterans and active-duty military at some locations • Target – Target is offering a 10% discount covering your full basket, excluding certain items. You can use the discount twice during the promotional period of Oct. 30-Nov. 12.**

[Click here for additional details and a digital overview of the holiday deals.](#)