

# LONE STAR PULSE

TF WEST



12 December 2024

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## NEWS UPDATE

### TFW Christmas Prayer Luncheon

Everyone is invited to come share a delicious meal, hangout, and celebrate the holidays with the UMT. We would love to see you there!

When: Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 1130-1300

Where: Montana Armory Drill Hall, 11701 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas 79936

Hosted By: Task Force West UMT

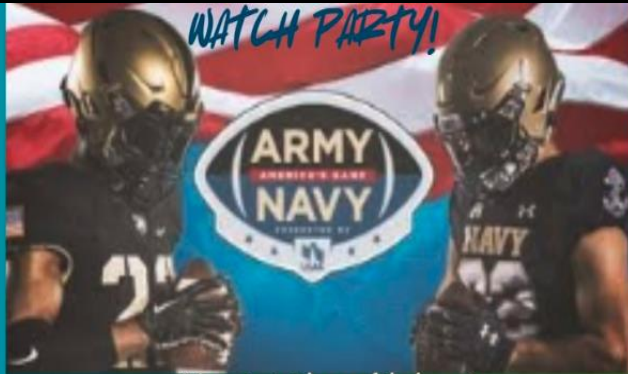
[Safety Brief: Do not leave romantic fires unattended](#)

[Your 2024 Military Times Pay and Benefits Guide](#)

[Army honors 'Screaming Eagles' with uniform for Army-Navy game](#)

[VA Secretary Underlines Importance of Access to Women Vets Reproductive Care](#)

## STARS AND STRIPES ArmyTimes MilitaryTimes



Join us to watch one of the longest running rivalries in college football! Enjoy a family and friendly event with FREE food and drinks!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH  
12:00PM TILL END  
10737 GATEWAY BLVD W  
SUITE 350**



### HOLLY JOLLY FAIR

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!  
THERE WILL BE:  
**FREE TOY GIVEAWAY, COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SANTA!!!!!!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST  
11:00AM TO 2:00PM  
10737 GATEWAY BLVD W  
SUITE 350**

The Internal Communications Team needs your feedback. Please let us know what you would like to see. We can be reached at: [ng.tx.txarnq.list.ols-info@army.mil](mailto:ng.tx.txarnq.list.ols-info@army.mil)

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## W2 Distribution Process

SMs supporting OLS, current and former, can receive their calendar year 2024 W2 in one of three ways:

3.b.3.a.1.a. Mail. W2s will be mailed out with a postmark date NLT 31JAN25 to the mailing address listed in CAPPs, which is also populated on each SMs earning statement.

Laserfiche. SMs can access their W2 via their Laserfiche account (now available through AVD). If a SM needs access to Laserfiche they will contact their S1 or the Laserfiche DISTRO at [ng.tx.txarnng.list.ols-jfhq-j1-pay-section@army.mil](mailto:ng.tx.txarnng.list.ols-jfhq-j1-pay-section@army.mil).



## El Paso SantaCon 2024

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## National Wreaths Across America Day!

National Wreaths Across America Day is an event held every December. During this day, millions of volunteers unite to place sponsored veterans' wreaths at the final resting place of millions of service members in thousands of participating locations across the U.S. and abroad. These wreaths are delivered through the generosity of hundreds of volunteer truck drivers and their companies and are sponsored by individuals and businesses. This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

## How You Can Support Our Mission

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

## How to Volunteer to place wreaths/Find a Cemetery near you that participates

Website: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

## A Season of Joyful Magic ✨

This beloved annual celebration transforms our vibrant city into a winter wonderland filled with festive cheer and unforgettable experiences.

You can enjoy the lights every day from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. the entire WinterFest Season, from November 24 through January 5.

Check out the holiday fiestas, watch holiday movies, attend special events, and see the unique products at the holiday market.

WinterFest Map: [View Map](#)

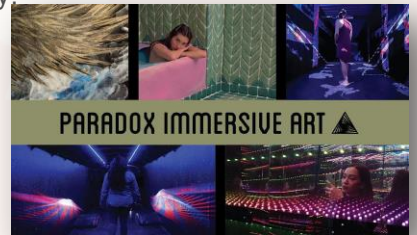


[CLICK HERE FOR THE ENTIRE LIST OF WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES GOING ON THIS MONTH](#)

Come and experience a mind-bending journey through a world of **artistic paradoxes** at our immersive art gallery. Get ready to be amazed by interactive installations, optical illusions, and thought-provoking exhibits that will challenge your perception of reality.

Date  
**Tuesday**  
**Dec 24, 2024**

Time  
**1000**



PARADOX IMMERSIVE ART ▲



Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
56° 38°	64° 37°	63° 40°	65° 40°	62° 42°	61° 42°	60° 40°

[7 day forecast in your area](#)

## PAY DATES FY25

TASK FORCE	Period	Days	Date Paid	Period	Days	Date Paid
TF WEST	30 OCT - 28 NOV 24	30	5-6 Dec	29 NOV - 29 DEC 24	31	6-7 Jan
TXSG	1 NOV - 30 NOV 24	30		1 DEC - 31 DEC 24	31	

OLS Rally Point





# LONE STAR PULSE

Tricare



12 December 2024



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

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**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.

[ID Card Office Online](#)

<p><b>ID Card Office Locator &amp; Appointments</b></p> <p>Find a RAPIDS ID Card Office</p> <p>Make an Appointment</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p> <p><b>CONTINUE</b></p>	<p><b>Common Access Card</b></p> <p>Update Email Address</p> <p>Add Joint Data Model Applet</p> <p>Extend Academy Student Certificate</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p> <p>For CAC Issuance/Renewal select ID Card Office Locator &amp; Appointments</p> <p><b>CONTINUE</b></p>	<p><b>Family ID Cards</b></p> <p>View Sponsor/Family ID Card</p> <p>Nominate Family Member</p> <p>Request Family Member ID Card</p> <p>Online USID Card Renewal</p> <p>Print Family List</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p> <p><b>CONTINUE</b></p>	<p><b>My Profile</b></p> <p>Update Contact Information</p> <p>Update GAL Information</p> <p>Opt-In TSA PreCheck (DoD Civilians Only)</p> <p><a href="#">More Info</a></p> <p><b>CONTINUE</b></p>
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2. Log into the Beneficiary Web Enrollment (BWE) milConnect - BWE (osd.mil) to ensure healthcare coverage is correct.

[milConnect - FAQ](#)

[Find a TRICARE Plan | TRICARE](#)

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.