

# LONE STAR PULSE

TF INFO



26 December 2024

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**How 'Merry Christmas' and 'Happy Holidays' reflect US military values** By Chaplain (Maj.) Jordan Henricks

The seasonal greeting "Merry Christmas" is made possible by the reality captured in the greeting "Happy Holidays."

This duality underscores a uniquely American commitment to the freedom of religious expression enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution. It is a reminder of the delicate balance between our secular status as a nation-state and the religious freedom that typifies our legal and cultural framework.

In the United States, the First Amendment protects both the free exercise of religion and guards against government establishment of religion. These twin protections ensure that citizens can freely express their beliefs — or choose not to — without fear of coercion or marginalization.

This commitment is not merely theoretical; it is the foundation of the Department of Defense's approach to religious accommodation within the armed forces...

[Read the full article here: How 'Merry Christmas' and 'Happy Holidays' reflect US military values](#)

## NEWS UPDATE

[NORAD Santa tracker started in the Cold War. Now it's a holiday staple](#)

[How 'Merry Christmas' and 'Happy Holidays' reflect US military values](#)

[Tabasco's new buddy: Pentagon urged to add creatine to MREs](#)

[Important TA/CA Policy Changes \(Information Sheet Download Link\)](#)

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Tricare



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**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.



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Special thanks to the Eagle Pass Fire Dept. for visiting the troops!



## FOB Eagle Brings "Hometown Christmas" Cheer to Service Members

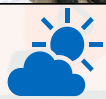


The holiday season can be a challenging time for service members stationed far from home. Knowing this, the dedicated morale teams at FOB Eagle went the extra mile to ensure a festive and memorable Christmas for all.



To bring the spirit of "Home for the Holidays" to the base, a variety of special events were organized. Service members enjoyed visits from Santa Claus, participated in festive activities like gingerbread house decorating, arts and crafts, and welcomed the traditional USO visit.

Photo opportunities and other holiday-themed events further enhanced the festive atmosphere, creating lasting memories for service members who were away from their loved ones during the holiday season.



Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
77° 47°	79° 50°	80° 50°	79° 54°	82° 57°	74° 53°	66° 50°

7 day forecast in [your area](#)

PAY DATES FY25						
TASK FORCE	Period	Days	Date Paid	Period	Days	Date Paid
TF EAGLE/LS	31 OCT - 29 NOV 24	30	5-6 Dec	30 NOV - 30 DEC 24	31	6-7 Jan
TXSG	1 NOV - 30 NOV 24	30		1 DEC - 31 DEC 24	31	

OLS Rally Point

