

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 \(Information Sheet Download Link\)](#)

STARS AND STRIPES
ArmyTimes MilitaryTimes

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ENTRY TIME: 10:45AM (MST)
START TIME: 11:00 AM (MST)

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ENTRY TIME: 12:45 PM (MST)
START TIME: 1:00 PM (MST)

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Tricare



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WHO: All Tricare Beneficiaries that live in Texas

[Home | TRICARE](#)

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>ID Card Office Locator & Appointments</p> <p>Find a RAPIDS ID Card Office</p> <p>Make an Appointment</p> <p>More Info</p> <p>CONTINUE</p>	<p>Common Access Card</p> <p>Update Email Address</p> <p>Add Joint Data Model Applet</p> <p>Extend Academy Student Certificate</p> <p>More Info</p> <p>For CAC Issuance/Renewal select ID Card Office Locator & Appointments</p> <p>CONTINUE</p>	<p>Family ID Cards</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>More Info</p> <p>CONTINUE</p>	<p>My Profile</p> <p>Update Contact Information</p> <p>Update GAL Information</p> <p>Opt-In TSA PreCheck (DoD Civilians Only)</p> <p>More Info</p> <p>CONTINUE</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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TF WEST



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DEADLINE APPROACHING!



TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT *** STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE

Need Money for College?

Plan for the 2025 Spring Semester!

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

- Active member in good standing with the TXARNG, TXANG, TXSG
- Enlisted (E1-E9), Officers (O1-O5), and Warrant Officers (W1-W3)
- AGRs
- 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

MAGIC of LIGHTS

DECEMBER 27, 2024

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

8804 S Desert Blv., Anthony, TX, 79821

Venue: Wet N' Wild Waterworld

Admission: \$18 - \$33



2nd Annual SUN BOWL SHOWDOWN

Dec. 30-31 | El Paso, TX

Play Rocket League 🎮, make friends 🤝, and watch the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl! 🐯🏈

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Thu



61° 45°

Fri



66° 42°

Sat



66° 37°

Sun



68° 41°

Mon



71° 38°

Tue



64° 36°

Wed



61° 36°

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

