



23 JANUARY 2025

# LONE STAR

## TF INFO

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# PULSE



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### DO-OVER

Do you ever wish you had another chance to re-address an old decision --- relationships, jobs, financial opportunities? What difference would it have made if you kept your mouth shut one more second? What course would your life be on today if you had spoken up or took a risk at that pivotal time? Split-second decisions, at life's crossroads, bring us to where we are or prevent us from reaching where we think we should've been. It's amazing no matter how well planned or anticipated life's turns may be, we sometimes end up in completely unexpected circumstances.

January is the crossroads each year where we reflect on events of the past and stand them up against expectations for the future. The gap between these two points can create great hope, or we can get bogged down with nagging regret. Current events, emotions, competitions can skew our interpretations and we can swing to extremes when trying to make sense of it all.

In high-risk/high-reward environments, stress also skews perspective. Job requirements; expectations of others; or demands we place on ourselves can not only influence us to misinterpret events of the past, but contribute to actions leading to more regret in the future.

Many say PTSD and Moral Injury hinge on our interpretation of involvement in a traumatic event. PTSD deals with trauma imposed on us by others. Moral injury may be more related to trauma we impose on ourselves when our moral compass is off and leads in a direction of inaction or on a course that collides with normal sensibilities.

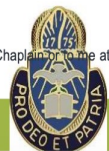
Being grounded in moral, ethical, and legal standards is vital to mission success. Second-guessing and second chances come at a price. Having these foundations of integrity going into a mission creates the groundwork for hope and healing after the mission. Too often society cultivates situational-ethics or a situational morality based on current fads or biased research. Moral ambiguity leaves us without a bearing. It can contribute to a condition where we get so focused on replaying past events or trying to change them in our mind that we end up walking in circles of despair.

Time-tested values of right and wrong provide a starting point for recovery after a traumatic event. Part of a leader's job is to set the conditions for Soldiers that enable them to conduct the mission with integrity and return home with honor. Although there may still be lingering feelings of things we could've done better, a clear moral compass before the mission can help better redirect our focus after the mission to keep us pointing north.

A passage I'm fond of this time of year says, "Behold, I make all things new..." Life is not about looking back caught in a cycle of regret wishing for a second chance, but trusting that right now, we have all we need to make the most of the day we've been given. And... regardless of our hopes and plans for the future or the agony of the past, there's One whose plans for newness far exceed any do-over we could ask for or receive.

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Prayer requests may be emailed to your unit Chaplain at: [patrick.v.maae.mil@army.mil](mailto:patrick.v.maae.mil@army.mil)

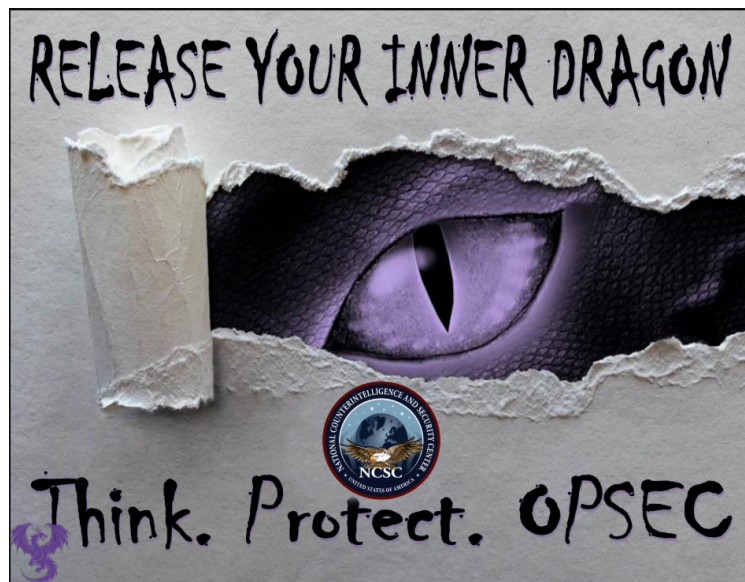


## NEWS UPDATES ArmyTimes MilitaryTimes

[Changes coming take lead in new Pentagon agenda.](#)

[Yes, it is normal for our brains to react to severe stress.](#)

[Military personnel swear allegiance to the Constitution.](#)

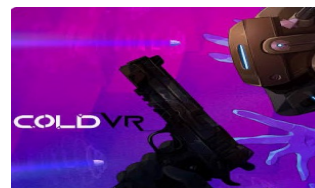


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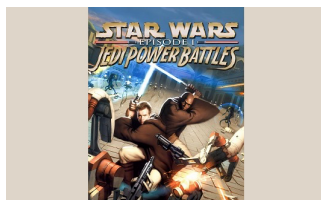


[HUMAN WITHIN \(Trailer\)](#)  
**Meta Quest:** [Available Now](#)  
**SteamVR:** [Coming Soon](#)  
**Genre:** Adventure

[Cold VR \(Trailer\)](#)  
 Steam VR | Meta Quest  
**Genre:** Simulator  
**Release Date:** January 21, 2025



[Star Wars Episode I: Jedi Power Battles \(Trailer\)](#)  
 Switch | PS4 | PS5 | Xbox One | Xbox Series X/S | PC  
**Genre:** Action  
**Release Date:** January 23, 2025



[Tails of Iron 2: Whiskers of Winter \(Trailer\)](#)  
 PS4 | PS5 | X/S | Xbox One | Switch | PC  
**Genre:** Action RPG  
**Release Date:** January 28, 2025



### **SPI MARKET DAYS** **24-26 JANUARY**

Join us at the South Padre Island Convention Center for 3 days of epic shopping. Vendors from across the US bring you the best in artisan jewelry, home decor, custom goods, shoes, home decor, clothing, fine art, gourmet food, health products and so much more! \$2 admission. Door prizes galore! Bring a friend and come get yourself some new stuff! 9am-5pm Fri and Sat, 10am-4pm Sunday.

**7355 Padre Blvd.**  
**South Padre Island 78597**

McAllen Public Library Presents:

# Local Author Showcase

**Saturday, Jan. 25th**  
Starts 10:00AM

**Join Us For a Celebration of the Rio Grande Valley's Local Talent!**  
Connect with amazing local writers, explore new stories, and purchase signed copies of their books!

**Featured Local Authors:**

- Stefan Sy
- Thomas Ray Garcia
- Celia Thrash
- Monica Velasquez
- David Mendoza III
- Rey A. Banda
- Suzanne Shepard

**Main Library**  
4001 N. 23rd, McAllen, TX  
(956) 681-3060  
www.mcallenlibrary.net



### **ULTRA GAMING EXPO** **SATURDAY 25 JANUARY**

Ultra Gaming Expo is a premier gaming convention that brings together gamers, developers, and enthusiasts for an unforgettable experience. Get ready for a day filled with gaming tournaments, cosplay, vendors, and more!

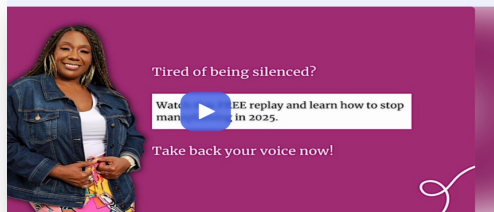
**700 Convention Center Blvd.**  
**McAllen, TX 78501**



### **SKYWARN** **Training** **Online**

#### **Role of the SKYWARN Spotter**

The goal of the "Role of the SKYWARN® Spotter" module is to provide baseline training for all spotters through multiple scenarios covering the procedures for spotting (including communication and storm report criteria), safety considerations for all hazards, and an overview of the national program and its history.



### **Don't Miss Out: Watch 'Stop the Mansplaining in 2025'**

(video linked above, everyone welcomed.)

**Approx 45 mins)**

Missed the live session? Don't worry—we've got you covered!

Catch the replay of *Stop the Mansplaining in 2025* and experience the transformative insights that had attendees buzzing. This isn't just a webinar; it's your ultimate guide to breaking barriers, reclaiming your voice, and mastering the art of confident communication.

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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**1-800-273-8255**

**DoD Safe Helpline**  
Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community  
safehelpline.org | 877-995-5247

**DOD Safe Helpline**  
**1-877-995-5247**

**The National Domestic Violence HOTLINE**  
1.800.799.SAFE (7233) • 1.800.787.3324 (TTY)

**Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**1-800-799-7233**

**MILITARY ONE SOURCE**

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**1-800-342-9647**

## 7 DAY FORECAST FOR YOUR AREA

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
53° 44°	62° 47°	75° 64°	80° 63°	71° 58°	73° 63°	78° 61°



OLS Rally Point

PAY DATES FY25							
TASK FORCE	Period	Days	Date Paid		Period	Days	Date Paid
TF EAST	1 Jan - 31 Jan 25	31	6-7 Feb	1	1 Feb - 26 Feb 25	26	6-7 Mar
TXSG	1 Jan - 31 Jan 25	30			1 Feb - 28 Feb 25	27	



JTF-LS Uniform Replacement Program Sign up





The final day for Uniform requests is 28 January 2025

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

Submit your uniform replacement request before it's too late. Scan the QR Code or [CLICK HERE](#)

**Deadline 28 January 2025!**

### Pepsi Frontline Career Opportunities


To apply for open roles please visit the <https://www.pepsicojobs.com> website.

Once you have applied for one of our career opportunities send an email to [nick.garner.contractor@pepsico.com](mailto:nick.garner.contractor@pepsico.com) including the following information so I can follow up on your application.

- Exact name of the position applied for, including the job number, as listed in the job description
- Exact location of the position applied for, as listed in the job description.
- The email address used on the job application.

Below are a few suggestions I give all our veteran candidates

- Make sure you meet the Basic Qualifications, in the job description, before applying for a position.
- Also make sure you meet 50% - 75% or more, of the Preferred Qualifications. This will improve your chances of getting an interview.
- Feel free to apply for more than opening
- Email me! This way I can notify hiring managers that I have a veteran applicant for their opening.



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United Rentals Open USA					1/6/2025
I.D. #	Job Title	Division	Region	City	State
70363	Equipment Associate	South Region	SO-NWTX	Abilene	Texas
58994	Diesel Mechanic	Fluid Solutions Region	FS-Central South	Austin	Texas
71446	Inside Sales Rep	Trench Safety Region	TS-Gulf	Austin	Texas
72558	Equipment Associate	Trench Safety Region	TS-Gulf	Austin	Texas
72344	Branch Manager - ROS	Onsite Services Region	SS-Gulf Coast District	Beaumont	Texas
70950	Branch Manager	South Region	SO-Central TX	Buda	Texas
72352	Outside Sales Rep.	Mobile Storage Region	MS-South District	Dallas	Texas
72789	Fence Installation Driver - ROS	Onsite Services Region	SS-South	Dallas	Texas
72342	Operations Manager - ROS	Onsite Services Region	SS-Gulf Coast District	Deer Park	Texas
64916	Branch Manager	Trench Safety Region	TS-Gulf	El Paso	Texas
70512	Branch Manager	South Region	SO-DFW North	Greenville	Texas
72182	Outside Sales Rep	Western Gulf Region	WG-South Houston Metro	Houston	Texas
70815	Outside Sales Rep- Power & HVAC	Power & HVAC Region	PH-Gulf	La Porte	Texas
72189	Structure Installer	Gulf South Region	GS-Temporary Structures	La Porte	Texas
72460	Branch Manager	South Region	SO-DFW North	Lake Dallas	Texas
69324	Outside Sales Rep	South Region	SO-Permian Basin	Midland	Texas
72809	Inside Sales Rep	Fluid Solutions Region	FS-Central South	Odessa	Texas
72819	Service Manager	Western Gulf Region	WG-Texas City	Texas City	Texas
72885	Diesel Mechanic	Western Gulf Region	WG-Texas City	Victoria	Texas
71451	Equipment Operator	Matting Solutions Region	MT-New South	Winnie	Texas
71666	Equipment Operator	Matting Solutions Region	MT-Matting Solutions	Winnie	Texas
72267	Field Diesel Mechanic	Matting Solutions Region	MT-New South	Winnie	Texas
72468	Operations Manager	Matting Solutions Region	MT-Matting Solutions	Winnie	Texas