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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Luke 1:57–66, 80

Troops, today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. From time immemorial, God has sent messengers, prophets, and spokespersons. Think of that whole line of prophets and the patriarchs of Israel.

John the Baptist sums up all of these figures. In the Gospel of John, the Baptist identifies himself as “the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’” The point John makes is that Jesus is not just one more biblical figure. He’s something altogether different—not just a speaker of the Word but the Word himself.

We are destined for union with the Word of God, but we don’t get it. Why do we run after everything but Christ? Because there’s something seriously off-kilter in us. But here’s the good news from John’s Gospel: “To those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.”

We can’t grasp this on our own. God must lift us up. The Word of God, with God from the beginning, does not remain in splendid isolation. It comes down, joins us, and lifts us up. That is the essence of the Christian message.

PULSE

NEWS **ArmyTimes** **MilitaryTimes** **AirForceTimes**

LEARN THESE NAMES:

Four big tech executives the Army directly commissioned to be LTCs, with no military background.

Largest Military Border Zone Yet to Be Created in Texas as Part of Air Force Base.

Updates on New Army Shaving Policy and Skin Conditions.

Mexican Drug Trafficker Caught with 84 Pounds of Methamphetamine and Thousands of Fentanyl Pills Sentenced to Federal Prison.

Four people sentenced for kidnapping and stealing \$7000 from 83-year-old veteran.

Orders Ended? You may be eligible for UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Your Next Mission:

Transitioning from military to civilian life can be a major shift, but you're not alone.

A variety of resources are available to support your next steps—whether you're exploring a new career, going back to school, or focusing on personal well-being.

From career counseling and resume assistance to job placement services, education benefits, and mental wellness programs, help is available when and where you need it. Connect with your local Transition Assistance Office to get started.

<https://tmd.texas.gov/next-mission>



STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE



TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT ★★★★★ STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE

Need Money for College?

Apply Now for the 2025 Fall Semester!

Fall Application
opened 01 Jun 2025
closes 03 Aug 2025



Application packet available at:
<https://tmd.texas.gov/state-tuition-assistance-program>



ABOUT US

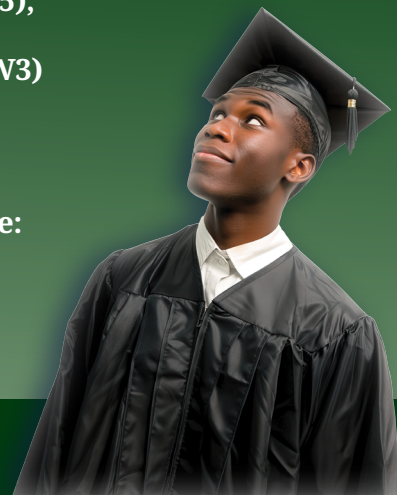
State Tuition Assistance (STA) is an education benefit for Texas Service Members (TXARNG, TXANG, TXSG), **funded by Texas for Texans**. We believe in the power of education to transform lives and aim to **support resourceful minds committed to making a positive impact through learning**.

WHY STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE?

- Awards up to **\$10,000** per Fall & Spring semesters.
- STA is no longer a reimbursement program; **you can register for your classes without paying up front**.
- Available for up to **10 semesters** or five years.
- Provides up to **12 semester hours of tuition and mandatory fees**.
- For use exclusively at **Texas colleges and universities, public and private**.
- 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 or OCS



Contact us & find out how we can help fulfill your educational goals: (512) 782-5270



MODERN STATES CLEP ASSISTANCE

MODERN STATES YOUR PATHWAY TO FREE COLLEGE CREDIT

Pass the Modern States free online class and get a voucher to take CLEP courses towards core college requirements.



WHAT IS CLEP?

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) lets you earn college credit by passing exams in subjects you already know—saving you money and accelerating your path to a degree. Over 2,900 colleges and universities accept CLEP credits!



MODERN STATES - FREE COLLEGE CREDITS ONLINE

- **Free Online Courses:** Modern States offers 32+ self-paced, online CLEP prep courses taught by college professors. All materials, textbooks, and resources are included—completely free!
- **Exam Fee Vouchers:** Complete a Modern States course and receive a voucher to cover your CLEP exam fee. Modern States will also reimburse your test center fee!
- **Flexible Learning:** Study on your schedule, at your pace, from anywhere.
- **Support for All:** Open to high school students, college students, adult learners, and anyone seeking affordable college credit.



HOW IT WORKS

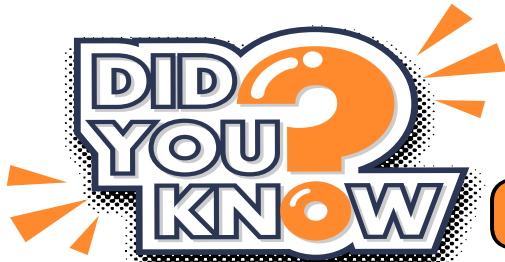
1. **Check CLEP Credit Policies:** Confirm your college accepts CLEP credits.
2. **Sign Up:** Create a free account at modernstates.org.
3. **Enroll & Learn:** Choose your CLEP course and complete the lessons and practice questions.
4. **Get Your Voucher:** Finish the course to receive your free CLEP exam voucher.
5. **Register for CLEP:** Sign up for your exam at clep.collegeboard.org and use your voucher to pay.
6. **Take the Exam:** Schedule and complete your CLEP test at a local center.
7. **Modern States pay for CLEP exam:** Modern States provides a CLEP exam voucher, which covers the cost of the CLEP exam, for students who pass a Modern States course.
8. **Earn College Credit:** Send your CLEP scores to your college and get closer to your degree!



Visit modernstates.org or clep.collegeboard.org/practice



COLLEGE CREDIT FOR FEMA COURSES



You can convert FEMA Courses to official college credits



Mid-Atlantic Center for
Emergency Management
& Public Safety

CREDIT CONVERSION: YOUR EDUCATIONAL BRIDGE TO THE ACADEMY

WHAT IS CREDIT CONVERSION?

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management & Public Safety at Frederick Community College (MACEM&PS|FCC) awards college credit for eligible FEMA course completions. This process is called credit conversion.

WHY CHOOSE FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

- Affordable at \$90/credit (60 credits = \$5,400)
- 3 easy steps to complete and convert eligible FEMA courses to college credit
- Official transcripts are readily available upon completion
- Relevant coursework in public safety
- Personal support Monday - Friday at 301.624.2854 or creditconversion@frederick.edu
- Credits awarded as quickly as 2 weeks

| | MACEM&PS FCC | Comparable Services |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Processing Time After Receiving Official Course Record | 1-2 Business Days | 5-10 Business Days |
| Transcript Services Cost | \$0 | \$495 |
| Transcript Service Renewal Fee | \$0 | \$295 |
| Cost Per Credit | \$90 | \$75 |
| Official Transcript Fee (per transcript) | \$8-\$10.50 plus sales tax | \$20 |



LEARN MORE:

FEMA Credit Conversion Program
Earn college credits for completion of eligible FEMA Courses

frederick.edu/femacc

creditconversion@frederick.edu

3 EASY STEPS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT



Step 1

Register for a FEMA Student ID.



cdp.dhs.gov/femasid



Step 2

Complete FEMA courses that are eligible for college credit.



macem.org/downloads/fcccourselist.aspx



Step 3

Request your eligible FEMA courses be converted to college credit at Frederick Community College.



macem.org/femais.aspx/



FOB EAGLE

This July, we're taking a stroll down memory lane—FOB Eagle style. Deployments come with all kinds of stories: the unbelievable, the unforgettable, and the kind that leave you saying, "You just had to be there." From mission milestones to unexpected laughs, and those strangely perfect days where everything just clicked—we're celebrating them all. Swing by the DFAC to check out the Memory Wall, featuring some of the best moments from the past year, and make a new memory with the photo props ready so you can snap a picture and become part of the next chapter.

- We made the memories.
- We've got the pictures.
- But you had to be there.
- You can't fake that kind of feeling.
- Megan Mahoney & Kenny Chesney said it best...**#YouHadToBeThere**



The

"You Had to Be There"



Memory Wall



**EAGLE
FOBLE**



7 DAY FORECAST FOR EAGLE PASS

| Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed |
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| 84° 75° | 87° 76° | 92° 76° | 93° 75° | 93° 76° | 95° 76° | 95° 76° |



OLS Rally Point

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TF HAWK

DESIGN CONTEST



Mystery prize for the winner.

Task Force Hawk

Deadline- July 9th

Visit **HARLINGEN** TEXAS

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
COUNTRY CLUB
HONORS OF AMERICA

**HARLINGEN
FREEDOM
FEST**

CAR SHOW & SHINE
FRIDAY JULY 4TH 2025 | 5P-10P
LON C. HILL PARK

LIVE MUSIC ♦ FOOD ♦ BEER
KIDS CARNIVAL ♦ FIREWORK SHOW

1000 SPORTS PARK BLVD BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78526

BROWNSVILLE Parks and Recreation Department VISIT BTX THE 25TH ANNUAL BSP BROWNSVILLE SPORTS PARK CAPRA

SALUTE TO FREEDOM

★ ★ C E L E B R A T I O N ★ ★

• CAR SHOW • MUSIC • FESTIVITIES • FIREWORKS

FRIDAY, JULY 4th, 2025

7 DAY FORECAST FOR MC ALLEN

| Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed |
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Freedom Bash
CITY OF ALAMO

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD 5 PM - 11 PM
ALAMO SPORTS COMPLEX, 600 E. RIDGE RD.

MESTEÑO DELTA BOYS DE PARRANDA LITTLE JOE

• KIDDIE RIDES • FOOD • BEER GARDEN • VENDORS •
• FIREWORK SHOW • TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

TIXPLUG.COM



4TH OF JULY
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND WEEKEND

Friday- Volleyball Tournament 1800
Coco Beach
Firework Show 2000

Saturday- Brunch- Yummies 1100
700 Padre Blvd



More information will be posted soon.



BEACH VOLLEY
2025 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY/ JULY 4 6PM

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR ALL SM
<https://forms.office.com/r/ddUPmzsbfd>

Coco Beach SPI, 2612 Gulf Blvd, South Padre Island



THE FALLEN OUTDOORS TEAM TEXAS

ENTRY \$20

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SURF FISHING VETERAN BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

Have plans for the July 4th weekend? Join The Fallen Outdoors Team Texas for a fun day of fishing! All proceeds from this fundraiser will support our efforts to provide veterans therapeutic outdoor adventures.

SATURDAY
5 JULY, 2025

START AT 1000 AM - 4:00 PM

SPI UFO @ MILE MARKER 6
20451 State Park Rd 100
(North of County Access 6)

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT
TONY MEDINA
(985) 202-2521

REGISTRATION OPEN TO PUBLIC

FREE CHILDREN 16 UNDER ENTER FREE

1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE
Longest combined stringer of 3 legal fish
(Shark & Stingray not included)

BIGGEST SHARK & STINGRAY CALCUTTA
\$10 Per Entry

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HOLIDAYS -AND- HEROES

Honoring Those Who Serve

Good Day..!!

Please share with your SM/FM.

Holidays and Heroes will soon be opening the registration for their Military Family Christmas Party. If you would like to participate, please reply to the link below and they will send you the link on 3JUL25. You must be E1-E6, and be assigned to a unit the DFW area.

The event will take place on December 7, 2025, 12:00 - 15:00. Approved applicants will be notified by October 1st. At that time, you will receive a wish list to fill out.

https://holidaysheroes.formstack.com/forms/2024_h_h_application_copy

"Holidays & Heroes primary purpose is to provide holiday assistance for military families in need".

<https://www.holidaysandheros.org/>

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— FOR A SCHOOL SUPPLY —
DISTRIBUTION EVENT

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Eligibility Category 5:

- Post 9/11 wounded, ill or injured service member of any rank, both currently serving and those no longer serving in the military, or
- All ranks, Active Duty, Guard and Reserves, any duty status, or
- Transitioning service members within 12 months of their discharge/retirement date

Friday, Aug. 1st | 9am-12pm

Dyess AFB Fitness Center

525 Avenue B, Dyess AFB, TX 79607

To register, scan the QR code or visit

MyOperationHomefront.org





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TEXAS MILITARY FORCES MUSEUM | CAMP MABRY

HANDS-ON HISTORY



JULY 5 **6 PM – 9 PM** **FREE**

SPECIAL

**EARLY ADMISSION AT 5:15 PM –
AGES 14 & UP: \$5 13 & UNDER: \$1**

- Climb in tanks and sit in a cockpit
- Hold muskets, bazookas and machine guns
- Learn about weapons and equipment used from 1812 to the present

Vehicles may be hot and challenging to climb.
Please dress appropriately.



www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org



FORWARD OPERATING BASE (FOB) EAGLE REFERENCE SHEET

Physical Address:

496 County Road 523
Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Mailing Address:

496 County Road 523 Suite A-01
Eagle Pass, TX 78852

SECURITY - ECP #1

MAIN ENTRY CONTROL POINT

- Open 24/7
- 100% ID Check

HOUSING & BASE CAMP OPERATIONS

A-01 MAYOR CELL

- Daily Office Hours: 0600-2000
- [MAYOR CELL WORK ORDER REQUEST](#)
- Mail pick up inside
- Phone: [512-987-8462](#)

A-03 LAUNDRY SERVICE

- Daily Full-Service: 0800-1900
24-Hour Turnaround
- Daily Self-Service: 0800-1900
Select machines only
- *10 lbs. per laundry bag. **TWO** bag limit.
- **Prohibited Items:** shoes, backpacks, military equipment (TA-50), and pillows.
- Ensure all pockets and equipment are checked for pens or other items before laundering.

Phone: [512-987-8462](#) (Mayor Cell)

A-04 DINING FACILITY (DFAC)

Breakfast: 0700-0900; Lunch: 1100-1300;
Dinner: 1700-1900; Midnight: 2300-0100;
Snacks / Drinks: 24/7 (**TWO** per item, per person)
*100% ID Check & Dress Code in effect.
Phone: [512-987-8462](#) (Mayor Cell)

MEDICAL

A-05 BASE AID STATION

- Office Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1600
- Sat-Sun & After-Hours: On-Call
- Phone: [512-897-5234](#)

BASE CAMP RESOURCES

B-01 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Office Open: Mon-Fri 0900-1700
- Daily On-Call: 0700-1900
- Phone: [512-542-4638](#)
- Crisis Line: 988

B-03 GYM

- Open 24/7
- Phone: [512-987-8462](#) (Mayor Cell)

B-05 MWR/LOUNGE

- Open Daily: 0600-0100
- Contact the Mayor Cell for reservations.
- Phone: [512-987-8462](#) (Mayor Cell)

B-08 FORCEPRO

- Office Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1600
- Phone: [512-470-3850](#) (24 Hours)

B-18 CHAPLAINS | EO

Chaplains:

- Office Open: 0800-1700

EO:

- In Office: 0800-1700
- Phone: 706-627-4395 SFC Evans

C-05 CONFERENCE ROOM

- Open 24/7
- Contact your unit S3 for reservations.

