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Denton County was established by the Texas legislature on April 11, 1846

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Commissioner Jim Carter, Precinct 4

Serving the Veterans of Denton County



Gettysburg National Military Park



Infantry Regiment Battle Flag

The 2nd North Carolina Volunteer Infantry regiment carried this battle flag. Men painted the names of the 7 battles they'd fought in, around the St. Andrew's cross. All the engagements predate July 1863, as this flag was captured at the battle of Gettysburg.



Ambulance Flag

The 1st Division of the 2nd Army Corps flew this flag on an ambulance. Each corps in the Union Army was assigned a distinctive badge. Usually composed of 3 divisions, the 1st division was assigned a red badge, the 2nd division white, and the 3rd division was assigned blue badges.

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/flags/gett5.htm>

This Bit of History will continue in the February issue with Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Comprehensive Homeless Center

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Fort Worth Homeless Veterans Program

The Fort Worth Homeless Veterans Program also includes outreach services, Social Security counseling and VA benefits/application assistance.

Veterans who are in need of any of these services are encouraged to contact the Comprehensive Homeless Center's Outreach Team at either of the following locations:

Dallas Day Resource Center

901 South Ervay

Dallas, TX

(214) 670-0183

Homeless Veterans Rehab Program

2320 Cypress St.

Fort Worth, TX

(817) 332-7786

"Voices Of Veterans" Oral History Program

The "Voices of Veterans" oral history program seeks to record the stories of Texas veterans and archive the transcripts in the Office of Veterans Records for future researchers and historians. Every veteran has a story to tell, and this program will ensure these stories of courage and service can inspire Texans for generations to come.

"Voices of Veterans" represents the first time a state agency has ventured into the field of veterans' oral histories. The Veterans Land Board is a natural host for the program, managing four existing Texas State Veterans Homes, and two more under construction. The homes currently provide long-term care for about 600 senior veterans, many of whom are eager to tell their story.

The "Voices of Veterans" program joins the ranks of other successful oral history programs, such as the Vietnam Archive Oral History Project at Texas Tech University and the Oral History Program at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredricksburg. While these programs focus on specific conflicts, the "Voices of Veterans" program is open to any Texas veteran who served in combat from WWI to the War on Terror. Any veteran interested in including his or her story in the "Voices of Veterans" program should contact the Veterans Land Board at 1-800-252-VETS (8387) or email vlbinfo@glo.state.tx.us. Full oral history interviews are normally conducted in person and can take up to an hour or more.

<http://www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/vov.html>

VA North Texas Health Care System

The Right Choice for Health Care

Comprehensive Homeless Center

In 1990, Dallas VA Medical Center introduced a Comprehensive Homeless Center (CHC), which helps mentally and physically ill homeless veterans rejoin the community as productive citizens.

Compensated Work Therapy (CWT)

This therapeutic work program provides vocational re-training for homeless veterans, allowing them to prepare to re-enter the workforce while earning income. The Transitional Work Experience program places veterans at industrial locations and functions

as a temporary employment service. The Transitional Residence program provides a home environment for veterans who are enrolled in the CWT program. This program is currently available in Dallas and Bonham.

Day Resource Veterans Rehabilitation Program

Combines a CWT program with substance abuse treatment and is located at the City of Dallas Day Resource Center, 901 South Ervay in downtown Dallas.

Domiciliary Care Program

VANTHCS has a comprehensive inpatient assessment, treatment and rehabilitation program specifically for homeless veterans.

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Military One Source - The Defense Department has established a "one stop" place to go whenever active duty service members or their family members need assistance with any kind of problem. It's called "Military One Source" and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, according to John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy. For information, go to http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jun2004/n06302004_2004063011.html.

Department of Defense

www.defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html

This Web site, like ours, was created as a way to help the thousands of Americans searching for information on what they can do to show their support for service members. Valuable information can be found directly from the DOD Web site on programs such as:

Armed Services Blood Program www.tricare.osd.mil/asbpo/ which is asking Donors with Type O blood to roll up their sleeves to support ongoing military operations worldwide and help replenish the military's frozen blood reserves.

Commissary Gift Certificate Donations
www.commissaries.com/certifichack/index.htm.

National Military Family Association www.nmfa.org is a national organization dedicated to identifying and resolving issues of concern to military families. Their mission is to serve the families of the seven uniformed services through education, information and advocacy. During the holidays they work with families to boost their morale through various partnerships, and the Home Front Cards campaign.



Military Relief Societies

Donations can be made to one of the military relief societies whose goal is to offer both financial and personal assistance to service members and their families. To learn more, visit the following links:

Army Emergency Relief www.aerhq.org

Navy/Marine Relief Society www.nmcrs.org

Air Force Aid Society www.afas.org

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance www.cgmahq.org

For Local Help

Denton County Veterans Service Office
306 N. Loop 288, Suite 146
Denton, TX 76209
940-349-2950
Fax: 940-349-2951
Monday through Friday
8:00 am to noon
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Comprehensive Homeless Center

Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program

An outreach program emphasizing assistance for mentally ill and chemically addicted homeless veterans which includes structured residential care focusing on compliance with prescribed treatment, sobriety, employment and independent living. Veteran benefits counseling is also available.

VA Supported Housing

This partnership between VA and Department of Housing and Urban Development assists homeless veterans in securing long-term housing through Section 8 vouchers. In addition, participants in the program receive supportive counseling, case management and other ongoing treatment services.

Veterans Affairs/Social Security Program

This program is designed to expedite Social Security and Supplemental Security Disability claims for homeless veterans and to ensure the veteran's needs for additional treatment services are met.

Fort Worth Homeless Veterans Program

This is a joint venture between VA and Fort Worth's Presbyterian Night Shelter, providing veterans an opportunity to work for pay while participating in a residential treatment program. Modeled after the Day Resource Veterans Rehabilitation Program, the Fort Worth program arranges for veterans to attend chemical addiction treatment groups to enhance their self-reliance through other special programs.

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