

THE DENTON COUNTY VETERAN

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Serving the Veterans of Denton County



Nicholson Praises SBA's Patriot Express Loans

June 13, 2007

Vets a "Great Resource" for Business, Secretary Says

WASHINGTON -- With nearly a quarter of newly discharged veterans considering starting their own businesses, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson praised a new Small Business Administration venture to make business ownership easier for all veterans. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has unveiled a program called "Patriot Express" that offers a wide variety of assistance to veterans interested in setting up or expanding their own small businesses.

"America's veterans are a great resource for the private sector," Nicholson said. "I commend Administrator Steve Preston of the Small Business Administration for his initiative in helping veterans transition back into the private sector."

Assistance under the new SBA program for veterans ranges from help writing a business plan and managing a business, to obtaining

financing and learning how to export goods. Participants may also qualify for loans between 2.25 percent and 4.75 percent over the prime interest rate.

Patriot Express is open to veterans, reservists and National Guard members, current spouses of eligible personnel, the surviving spouses of service members who die on active duty, or spouses of veterans who die from a service-connected disability.

Expanding veterans' eligibility to SBA's Patriot Express program was a key recommendation of a presidential task force on the needs of returning veterans that Nicholson chaired. Nicholson delivered the panel's report to the White House on April 23.

More information about the SBA program is available at the Small Business Administration's Patriot Express website:

<http://www.sba.gov/patriotexpress>.

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DENTON VA COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC
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DENTON, TX 76205

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Military Training & Experience-College Credit Go Hand in Hand

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Are you planning to go to college? If you are, you may want to think about applying the training you received in the military to help reduce the time and dollars required to pursue and obtain your educational goals.

As a veteran, active duty or reserve status member of the US Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, you may be eligible to receive an Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) or a Sailor/Marine/American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), at NO Charge! AARTS and SMART transcripts are fully automated documents, endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE) and generated by the services, that provide an official list of military courses, occupations, and college-level exam scores completed during active duty that have been evaluated by ACE for college credit. It is important for you to take advantage of these valuable tools that may add college credit to your program of study, at no cost to you.

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Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027-1373
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Commercial: 913-684-3269
Website: <http://aarts.army.mil>

For Navy and Marine personnel contact:

SMART Operations Center
NETPDTC, N2
6490 Saufley Field Road
Pensacola, FL 325509
Phone: 877-253-7122
Website: <https://smart.cnet.navy.mil>



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Denton County Veterans Service Office	Fax: 940-349-2951
1505 E. McKinney St. #183	Monday through Friday
Denton, TX 76209	8:00 AM to Noon
	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Need a Lift?

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The [American Legion](#), an organization of wartime veterans, wrote *Need A Lift?*, a college financial aid handbook, to spare you frustration and save you time as you plan your "after-high-school" education.

While the focus of this book is to help children of deceased and disabled veterans in their pursuit of higher education, all students can benefit from the information offered. *The American Legion wants to help all students go as far as they can.*

This handbook is filled with scholarships, grants, fee waivers, student loans, and the organizations that offer them. We've also included information to help you select a school, apply for student financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), learn about loan forgiveness, understand tax credits, and much more! <http://www.needalift.org/>



**Have a Safe and Happy July 4th,
Hank, Jim, Roger, Mylinda and Barbara**

