

RESOURCE GUIDE ^{for} VETERANS



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I offer this pamphlet, in conjunction with the Veterans Service Office, as a resource guide that will provide updated information about county resources pertaining to the veterans initiative within my office. It is an honor to serve the constituents of Hidalgo County by providing information that has been collectively gathered to help bring awareness to the public. I have continued to focus on certain areas that, in time, will change how Hidalgo County functions.

As we continue moving forward with veterans as a focus, my team and I will prioritize honoring all veterans that are currently employed with Hidalgo County, along with veterans within the county. Stay up to date with Hidalgo County initiatives by visiting our website at www.hidalgocounty.us.

*"It is our desire that
no veteran be
under served."*

With much gratitude,

Richard F. Cortez

Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE

- ✓ EDUCATION
- ✓ EMPLOYMENT
- ✓ HEALTHCARE
- ✓ MULTISERVICE
- ✓ ADDITIONAL SERVICES

HIDALGO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

 @HidalgoCountyVeteransServices

ADDRESS: 10213 N. 10th Street, Suite B, McAllen, TX 78504

PHONE NUMBER: 956.318.2436

OFFICE HOURS : Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CLOSED: Lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility for most VA benefits are based upon discharge from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions. Certain VA benefits require Wartime Service.



DISCLAIMER:

This guide is not a complete list of every resource in the county. If a resource is not listed, it does not mean that the resource does not exist or is not important. Reference herein to any specific commercial products, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by Hidalgo County Judge's Office. The material provided in this publication is presented in summary form, is general in nature and is provided for public informational purposes only. Visit the Hidalgo County Veterans Service Office to help narrow your search when inquiring about resource availability.

EDUCATION

It is important to make informed decisions on how to utilize your veteran benefits. Generally, public schools may cost less to attend than private non-profit or for-profit schools.

STATE FUNDED INSTITUTIONS

These public educational institutions have a dedicated office to assist veterans. In special circumstances, immediate family members may also qualify for assistance.

University of Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

WEBSITE: www.utrgv.edu/veterans

CONTACT: 956.665.7934 Edinburg, TX
956.882.8980 Brownsville, TX

South Texas College (STC)

WEBSITE: www.southtexascollege.edu/veterans

CONTACT: 956.447.6672 Weslaco, TX
956.872.6722 McAllen, TX

Texas State Technical College (TSTC)

WEBSITE: www.tstc.edu/veterans

CONTACT: 956.364.4387

Texas Southmost College (TSC)

WEBSITE: www.tsc.edu

CONTACT: 956.295.3683

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

There are several private institutions that offer education and/or training. Contact the institution of your choice to discuss all military/veteran educational resources and benefits available.

SELF-HELP EDUCATION

GI-Bill

WEBSITE: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

VA Educational Benefits Assistance

WEBSITE: www.va.gov

CONTACT: 888.442.4551

EMPLOYMENT

Workforce Solutions

(Priority Service for Veterans)

WEBSITE: www.wfsolutions.org

- **Employer Service** **CONTACT:**
- **Transportation** 956.380.0008 Edinburg, TX
- **Job Seekers** 956.519.4300 Mission, TX
- **Education** 956.969.6100 Weslaco, TX
- **Child Care**

Texas Workforce Commission

(Vocational Rehabilitation Services)

CONTACT: 956.661.5493

StaffForce

WEBSITE: www.staff-force.com/mcallen-staffing-agency

CONTACT: 956.928.1109

Select Staff

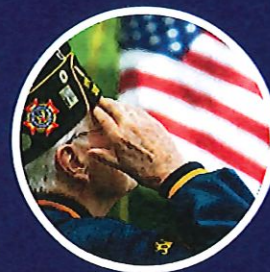
WEBSITE: www.select-staff.com

CONTACT: 956.631.8367

Manpower

WEBSITE: www.manpower.com

CONTACT: 956.630.9415



EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Texas Rural Water Association

WEBSITE: www.twa.org

CONTACT: 512.472.8591

Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement-VIDA

WEBSITE: www.vidacareers.org

CONTACT: 956.903.1900 x 100



SELF-HELP EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Hire Heroes

WEBSITE: www.hireheroesusa.org

Hire Veterans

WEBSITE: www.hireveterans.com

Texas Veterans Commission

WEBSITE: www.tvc.texas.gov

HEALTHCARE

McAllen VA Clinic

WEBSITE: www.texasvalley.va.org

CONTACT: 956.618.7100

Harlingen VA Clinic

WEBSITE: www.texasvalley.va.org

CONTACT: 956.291.9000

Hidalgo County Indigent Health Care Program

CONTACT: 956.318.2011

Health Care Advocate

WEBSITE: www.tvc.gov

CONTACT: 956.310.2405



A. Gonzalez Veteran Nursing Home

WEBSITE: www.vlb.texas.gov/veterans-homes

CONTACT: 956.682.4224

f @Alfredo Gonzales Texas State Veterans

Mesothelioma Guide

WEBSITE: www.mesotheliomaguide.com

CONTACT: 844.838.6376

f @Mesothelioma Guide

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Ecumenical Center

WEBSITE: www.echr.org

CONTACT: 210.616.0885

RECOMMENDATION:

Ask for Veteran Coordinator

f @The Ecumenical Center

Tropical Texas Behavioral Health

WEBSITE: www.ttbh.org

CONTACT: 956.289.7000

CRISIS HOT-LINE: 877.289.7199

Veterans Crisis Hot-Line

CONTACT: 800.273.8255

WEBSITE: www.veterancrisisline.net



VET2VET

WEBSITE: www.vet2vetusa.org

CONTACT: 203.623.0731

Alcoholic Anonymous

WEBSITE: www.aargvdist10.org

CONTACT: 800.930.3215

McAllen Vet Center

CONTACT: 956.631.2147

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER

Meals for Vets

WEBSITE: www.mealsforvets.org

CONTACT: 800.676.1389

Endeavors

WEBSITE: www.endeavors.org

CONTACT: 956.278.0751

Disabled American Veterans

CONTACT: 956.631.2147

Salvation Army

CONTACT: 956.682.1468

Food Bank RGV

WEBSITE: www.foodbankrgv.com

CONTACT: 956.682.8101

Loaves and Fishes of the RGV

CONTACT: 956.423.1014

WELLNESS & RECREATION

Heroes on the Water

WEBSITE: www.heroesonthewater.org

CONTACT: 956.244.2624

f @Heroes on the Water-Rio Grande Valley Chapter

Team RWB

WEBSITE: www.teamrwb.org

CONTACT: 956.720.9518

f @Team RWB McAllen-Edinburg

WOMENS HEALTHCARE

After Her Service

WEBSITE: www.afterherservice.org

Women Veterans Call Center

WEBSITE: www.va.gov/womenvet

CONTACT: 855.829.6636



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Military Caregiver Tele-health

Initiative UTHSA

CONTACT: 210.450.8673

FAMILY LOSS

Compassionate Friends

WEBSITE: compassionatefriends.org

CONTACT: 877.969.0010

MULTISERVICE

Veteran Peer Center

CONTACT: 956.520.8860 WESLACO
956.423.1233 HARLINGEN

Veterans Affairs

WEBSITE: www.va.gov
CONTACT: 956.618.7000

Texas Veterans Land Board

WEBSITE: www.vlb.texas.gov
CONTACT: 800.252.8387

American Legion

WEBSITE: www.legion.org
CONTACT: 956.682.7841
f @American Legion Post 408

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

CONTACT: 956.579.4258
f @CVMA RGV TX 23-15

Operation Homefront of Texas

WEBSITE: www.operationhomefront.org
CONTACT: 210.659.7756
f @Operation Homefront

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Visit the Hidalgo County Veterans Office to help narrow your search for resources available.

Hidalgo County Community Service Agency CSA-Bravo Zulu

WEBSITE: www.hidalgocsa.org
CONTACT: 956.383.6240

Area Agency on Aging

WEBSITE: www.lrgv.tx.networkofcare.org
CONTACT: 956.682.3481

Catholic Charities

WEBSITE: www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org
CONTACT: 956.702.4088
f @Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley

Valley Association for Independent Living

WEBSITE: www.vailrgv.org
CONTACT: 956.668.8245 x 325
f @VAIL Center for Independent Living

VFW-Veterans of Foreign Wars

CONTACT: 956.292.8416

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

RGV State Veterans Cemetery

WEBSITE: www.vlb.texas.gov
CONTACT: 956.583.7227
f @Rio Grande Valley State Veteran Cemetery

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid

CONTACT: 956.447.4840

Caption Call (Hearing Loss Assistance)

WEBSITE: www.captioncall.com
CONTACT: 877.872.7260

Veterans Business Outreach Center

WEBSITE: www.utrgv.edu/vboc
CONTACT: 956.665.8931



Veteran Spouse Resiliency Network

WEBSITE: www.sites.utexas.edu/imvfw/

Valley Metro (Transportation)

WEBSITE: www.lrgvdc.org
CONTACT: 800.574.8322

Texas Civil Rights Project (Legal)

WEBSITE: www.texascivilrightsproject.org
CONTACT: 956.787.8171

American Red Cross

CONTACT: 956.423.0523



211 (General Assistance)

WEBSITE: www.211texas.org
CONTACT: 211

United Way of South Texas

WEBSITE: www.unitedwayof-sotx.org
CONTACT: 956.686.6331

People Fund (Business Loan)

WEBSITE: www.peoplefund.org
CONTACT: 888.222.0017
f @Peoplefund

Lift Fund (Business Loan)

CONTACT: 956.299.2551

VETERAN DESIGNATION FOR DRIVER LICENSE & IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Visit your local DPS Office



DPS offers a Veteran Designation printed on the face of of driver license and identification cards for qualifying veterans.

TxDPS-Texas Veterans Portal

WEBSITE: www.veterans.portal.texas.gov
CONTACT: 800.273.8255

OFFICE OF HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE RICHARD F. CORTEZ

I.D. SERVICES

County Clerk's Office DD214

CONTACT: 956.318.2100
x 8410

Military ID

CONTACT: 956.969.1912
x 7754100