



The Denton County Veteran

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The Coast Guard has been continuously at sea since its inception, although the name Coast Guard didn't come about until 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service was merged with the Lifesaving Service. The Lighthouse Service joined the Coast Guard in 1939, followed in 1946 by the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection. Finally, in 1967, after 177 years in the Treasury Department, the Coast Guard was transferred to the newly formed Department of Transportation.

Coast Guard Day is primarily an internal activity for active

Coast Guard History



duty Coast Guard personnel, civilian members, reservists, retirees, auxiliaries, and dependents, but it does have a significant share of interest outside the Service. Grand Haven, Michigan, also known as Coast Guard City, USA, annually sponsors the Coast Guard Festival around August 4. Typically it is the largest

community celebration of a branch of the Armed Forces in the nation.

In addition to celebrating their own day every year, Coast Guard members also participate as equal partners in Armed Forces Day activities.

Happy 218th Birthday to the men and women of the United States Coast Guard!



Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF)



Welcome home and thank you for your service to our country in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom! Combat veterans are eligible for free medical care from VA for most conditions for five years after they separate from active duty. In addition to health care, other possible benefits include home loan guarantees, education, training and life

insurance.

If you are – or if you know – an OEF–OIF combat veteran who has not contacted VA to learn about these benefits, please contact VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000 or Denton County Veterans Service Office at 940-349-2950.



Operation Desert Shield began
August 2, 1990

U.S. Coast Guard established
August 4, 1790

Bombing of Hiroshima
August 6, 1945

Purple Heart Medal established
August 7, 1782

Japan surrendered ending
World War II August 14, 1945

AUGUST 2008

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O beautiful for spacious
skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain maj-
esties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Home of the Free Thanks to the Brave



The Purple Heart

The oldest of our military awards, the predecessor for the Purple Heart was George Washington's "Badge of Military Merit" (7 August 1782). Washington's award was resurrected in 1932 as the Purple Heart and is awarded to any person

wounded in action while serving in any of our Armed Forces. It is also presented posthumously to the next of kin of personnel killed in action or who die of wounds sustained in action.



Military Order of the Purple Heart
Membership Organization
Greater Denton Chapter 768
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 at Denton Bible Church, Building M7
Commander Marion Maddox
940-321-9269
Senior Vice President
Virgil Aldag
940-321-5852
Adjutant Gil Brown
972-219-2036

Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty

The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty, called "MGIB" for short, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- College
- Technical or Vocational Courses
- Correspondence Courses
- Apprenticeship/Job Training
- Flight Training
- High-tech Training
- Licensing & Certification

Tests

- Entrepreneurship Training
- Certain Entrance Examinations

You may be an eligible veteran if you have an Honorable Discharge, **AND** you have a High School Diploma or GED or in some cases 12 hours of college credit.

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, and if DOD put extra money in your MGIB Fund (called

"kickers"). You usually have 10 years to use your MGIB benefits, but the time limit can be less, in some cases, and longer under certain circumstances.

You can apply by filling out VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits.

Call toll free **1-888-GI-BILL-1**

Duty called and you were there. Take advantage of the Montgomery GI Bill you worked so hard to earn.

Hazlewood Act

Wartime veterans of the Spanish-American War through the Persian Gulf War, who were legal residents of Texas at the time they entered military service may be entitled to a waiver of tuition and some fees at State-supported/public (taxpayer supported) colleges and universities.

This benefit is also available to children of servicemen and women who died or were killed in military service, to

children of military personnel who are shown to be missing in action or prisoners of war, and to children of veterans receiving 100% payment for service-connected disabilities from the Department of Veterans Affairs. In order to qualify, the child must have been a dependent of the eligible military member at the time of occurrence for one of the items listed. Also eligible are children of members of the

Texas National Guard or the Texas Air National Guard killed since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in service of Texas or the United States.

Anyone who wants to apply for the Hazlewood Act does so directly at the State supported/public (taxpayer supported) school they wish to attend. You can acquire a Hazelwood Application directly from the school.

[Helpful websites](#)

Texas Veterans Commission

www.tvc.state.tx.us

College For Texans

www.collegefortexans.com

Student Work-Study Allowance Program

This program is available to any student receiving VA education benefits who is attending school three-quarter time or more. An individual working under this program may work at the school veterans' office, VA Regional Office, VA Medical Facilities, or at approved State employment offices.

Work-study students are paid at either the state or Federal minimum wage, which ever is greater. For forms and information, one or more of the following offices or representatives can assist you:

Any VA regional office.

Any VA office or Vet Center.

Local representatives of veter-

ans organizations.

Reserve Education and Incentives Officers.

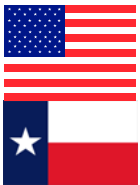




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8AM - 12 & 1-5 PM

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www.dentoncounty.com



Newsletter

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Serving Denton County Veterans with an attitude of gratitude

Denton County Veterans Service Office Statement of Purpose

To assist all Denton County Veterans and their dependent(s) in filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs

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General Information

- Compensation/ Military Disability Retirement
- Non-Service Connected Pension
- Appeal to Board of Veterans Appeals
- Hospital/Outpatient Benefits
- Texas Veterans Land Board
- Education Benefits
- Vocational Rehab Benefits
- Debt Waiver
- Obtaining Military Records
- SPAN Transportation to DVA medical facilities
- Review of Military Discharge
- DVA Insurance Claim
- Burial Benefits
- Certificate of Eligibility for home loan
- Work Study Program

***This office does not
adjudicate claims***