

# THE VETERANS VOICE



It is my honor to serve as the new Student Affairs Student Veterans Services Director. I welcome you to the fall semester 2014 at the University of North Texas. The UNT Student Veterans Services is working hard on updating our website and process. We believe it is important to maintain great working relationships within the Division of Student Affairs, the entire campus community and off-campus advocates. What I would like to see during my tenure here to recruit student veterans and dependents to UNT, assist them in the transition process to successfully assimilate to campus life and graduate with both a degree and job.

I served 21 years in the U.S. Army on active duty and retired. I was stationed in numerous CONUS and OCONUS duty stations during the course of my career. I graduated from UNT in 2011 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.). I worked for the Texas Veterans Commission as a Veterans Employment Representative prior to being hired by UNT.

We want to encourage you all, veterans, dependents and supporters to come by and visit the Student Veterans Services in Sage Hall 123. As we all know, on university campuses most processes will not work if students and funding are not involved. We want to know who you are and the best way to reach out to you. If we know who you are, we will know how to better serve you. If process are in place to serve you, your voice will make all the difference. The Student Veterans Association (SVA) is a wonderful organization to get involved in. I encourage all veterans, service members and supporters to participate and serve the SVA.

The Student Veterans Services is staffed with student veterans/dependent staff who are available to provide consultation for those students who need connections to resources.

We as a university, appreciate all that our service members, veterans, and supporters do and have done for our country. The UNT Student Veterans Services wants to make sure your transition to college life is a wonderful experience.

Sincerely,

James Davenport,  
Director, Student Veterans Services

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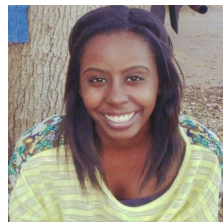
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## PEER MENTORS



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STUDENT  
VETERANS  
ASSOCIATION

of **UNT**

What is SVA?

The Student Veterans Association of UNT assists veterans and their dependents to make an easier transition into the academic community. The goals of this organization are to enhance the educational experience of veterans at the University of North Texas; to provide fellowship among student veterans and faculty; to represent student veteran needs and wants in regard to their experience and education at the University of North Texas; and to advocate on the local, state, and national level to ensure our veterans receive the benefits they have earned. They are also a chapter of the Student Veterans of America.

How to Join?

To join the SVA, simply register on OrgSync.com. When registering, select the University of North Texas, enter your information, and create your account. Once your account is created, select join an organization. Search for Student Veterans' Association, and select join. The password is **military**, all lowercase letters. Also, please call and speak with one of our Peer Mentors at 940.565.3566

Did you know Denton has a VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic?



Denton VA Primary Care Clinic

2223 Colorado Boulevard

Denton, TX 767205

940.891.6350

[www.northtexas.va.gov](http://www.northtexas.va.gov)

## Office of Disability Accommodation

University of North Texas  
1167 Union Circle Sage Hall Suite 167  
Denton, TX 76203

SERVICES INCLUDE:

Reduced Distraction Testing Rooms

Assistive Technology

Adaptive Furniture

Alternative Text Conversion

Sign Language Interpreters

### Career Center

Contact Person

Gena Kirkwood, Career Advisor for PACS

Chestnut Hall, Suite 103

(940) 565-2865

### Pohl Rec Center

1900 Chestnut Drive, Denton, TX 76203, (940) 565-2275

Hours of Operation

**Fall 2014**

Monday–Thursday	6:00am–12:00am
Friday	6:00am–10:00pm
Saturday	10:00am–7:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm–12:00am

## What is the Salute Honor Society?

Service – Academics – Leadership – Unity – Tribute – Excellence

The SALUTE Honor Society recognizes American active military and student veterans who have earned an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (graduate students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA). Students receive a medal to be worn on graduation day. They will also be nominated to the National Chapter where they will receive a diploma seal, military style challenge coin, and a membership certificate suitable for framing.



For any questions about Salute, please contact:

Call 940-565-3566 and speak with our Student Veteran Peer Mentors.



## Benefits for Veterans

- ✓ LOW INTEREST LOANS
- ✓ VETERANS HOMES
- ✓ CEMETERIES

**BARRY CORBIN**  
Award-winning actor,  
former Marine, Texan

800-252-VETS ★ TEXASVETERANS.COM



Texas Veterans Land Board

Jerry Patterson, Chairman

## Hazelwood Act

Allows eligible Texas Veterans or their dependents to receive an exemption for up to 150 semester credit hours.

For more details and to obtain the forms to apply visit:

<http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Hazlewood-Act.aspx>

or Crystal

Eberhart at

(940) 369-8021.



## Federal Benefits (GI Bill)

*What They Do / Need from Veteran:*

- VA Certification for classes
- Need to provide DD214 and **Certificate of Eligibility**
- Please submit VA **certificate request** each semester after registering for classes to **avoid** interruption of VA benefits
- Need to provide a copy of your **degree plan** within the first two semesters of enrollment

All educational benefit paperwork is handled by Shana Savoie, Janet Feagans and Julie Brown in the Student Veterans Services Sage Hall 123. (940) 369-8021.

# STUDENT MONEY MANAGEMENT CENTER

## Services for Veterans

At SMMC, veterans can:

- Learn about the Boots 2 Books Loan Program
- Learn how to create a personalized budget, track expenses, and make a commitment to savings
- Learn how to establish and manage credit
- Understand credit reports and credit scores
- Prepare for major purchases such as a vehicle or home
- Plan for tuition and fee payments
- Create a repayment plan for student loans and personal debt obligation
- Analyze job offers and benefit packages

## Other Services:

### Personal Consultations

### Workshops and Seminars

### Online Resources

### Loan Programs

Chestnut Hall 313

940 . 369 . 7761

<http://moneymangement.unt.edu>

## Important Dates

Nov 11	Veterans Day Celebration 11-12 PM Denton Square	Dec 5	Reading Day (NO CLASSES)  Deadline to Submit VA Enrollment Form to Registrar's for Spring 2015
Nov 11	Veterans Day Reception 1-3 PM Sage 123	Dec 6-13	Final Exam Week
Nov 15	Marine Corps Ball Gateway Center 5-30 PM	Dec 13-14	Graduation Commencements

## Veterans Spotlight



*Alisa Randolph is 22 from Illinois. Serving in the Air Force for the last four years as active duty and has now transitioned to the Air Force Reserves at NAS Fort Worth. Her first duty station was Whiteman AFB where she PSCd to Spangdahlem AF, Germany. Her new unit is the 610th SFS. Alisa is a junior here at UNT majoring in Elementary Education.*