



Veteran Resources Newsletter

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Military and Veteran Center

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For more information

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HOURS:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ZOOM appointments

& ZOOM Virtual

Counter available

with a School Certifying

Official.

[Click here to Schedule!](#)

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Our goal is to provide our Veteran Community at UIW with monthly resources that can be of benefit to them.

We provide resources on everything from COVID-19 assistance to mentorship programs and more. There are interactive links throughout the Newsletter which you can select to discover more about the specific resource you are interested in.

We hope this benefits in keeping our Veteran Community informed. Remember to follow us on Facebook for all our latest updates!

Support for Military & Veterans

Veterans Crisis line available 24/7

Call (800) 273-8255 press 1

Chat online at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

Text 838255

UIW Behavioral Health Services

(210) 832-5656

<https://my.uiw.edu/counseling/index.html>

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pave@uiwtx.edu

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Military@uiwtx.edu / Veterans@uiwtx.edu

San Antonio Vet Center Readjustment and Counseling Service

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Bexar County Military & Veterans Services

(210) 335-6775

Transition and Care Management (OEF/OIF/OND)

Team Leader of the Month: *Phillip Rangel*, *University of the Incarnate Word*

From Adriana Leal, Director of the Military & Veteran Center at UIW: “Phillip Rangel has done an amazing job establishing the PAVE program at UIW. In the past year, he’s done great work bringing awareness to PAVE on campus by conducting regular outreach and giving presentations to various departments on campus. He continually works to promote PAVE by recruiting Peer Advisors and recently sent over 13 letters to potential donors. He participated in an HSI Career Collaborative Student Panel to bring awareness for employers recruiting veterans. Most of all he has the most incredible drive, passion, and heart for serving veterans I have ever seen. Phillip will speak to our students at any time of day for as long as it takes to help a student. He has spoken to students in the late hours for over an hour. He is continually innovative, thinking of ideas on how to best serve students. At the very start of the recent situation in Afghanistan, he immediately knew we had to reach out to our student veterans with support. He began taking action by crafting a letter of support with our counseling department. He also is a great leader and works to take care of and support all our Peer Advisors. We are so lucky to have his passion and dedication at UIW.”



From Phillip Rangel: “My proudest accomplishment is being part of the team developing the UIW PAVE Program during a historical pandemic which impacted societies around the world. The entire program reached out to multiple university departments, educating their staff about the benefits of the program while learning ourselves. Every outreach was conducted virtually until the Fall 2021 semester. The buy-in from other department leaders, staff, and professors was essential to the success of PAVE at UIW, and I enjoy facilitating a wonderful group of Peer Advisors: Jessica Quintanilla, Omar Ozuna, Jeffrey Neal, Robert Greener, and the

wonderful PAs who came before. I am not a person who is a title seeker, especially when it comes to facilitating a group of Peer Advisors dedicated to helping our peers, student veterans. We are all leaders in the UIW Veteran Community, because stepping up and facilitating the PAVE Program at UIW to serve others is what we do together!”



“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.”

– Ronald Reagan,
40th President of
the United States



ELEVATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

Are you a student veteran or recent graduate with a disability interested in learning more about federal employment opportunities? Are you looking for an internship or permanent position? Not sure where to start?

The Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities (**WRP**) is what you are seeking!

The **WRP** provides students with disabilities in all fields of study the opportunity to market their abilities to a wide variety of potential employers. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your interview skills, grow your professional network, and strengthen your career goals.

Website: <https://www.wrp.gov/wrp>

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

For more information contact:

Andrea Gonzalez - Student Disability Services Advisor
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Resources for Homelessness and Possible Rehousing

THERE ARE NO EMERGENT HOUSING RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN OUR LOCAL AREA AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID.

As Covid Waxes and wanes resources will remain fluid.

- The Veteran must call the resources themselves.
- Veteran is responsible for providing all documents requested by agencies.
- Veterans must be able to demonstrate ability to live independently/complete ADLS/IADLS.
- Programs below do not guarantee housing or prevention of homelessness.
- Eligibility is based on the intake performed.
- Each program varies in admission time and may take up to 3 or more days to admit.
- For Additional Questions/Resources: Anthony (Tony) De Bona 210-792-1944 (hours available 0700-1530), Rene Jimenez 210-243-6425 (hours available 0800-1630), Phyllis Manning 210-848-0330

HOMELESS HOTLINE - All clients should be provided the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans (NCCHV).

877-424-3838 Available 24/7 days a week.

PERMANENT HOUSING ACCESS

HUD/VASH referrals are through Coordinated Entry. Please contact HCHV Outreach Team for more information.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES (SSVF)

- American GI Forum 210-233-8505
- Endeavors 210- 469-9664

PREVENTION FUNDING - (pays rent and utilities owed but not mortgages)

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SAMM VETERAN PROGRAM

• An email must be sent to the below email. An automatic response email will inform as to availability of funds and documents to provide. Email: veteran@samm.org

SHELTER

HAVEN FOR HOPE (0800-1500) This is first come first serve

• Outpatient referrals please contact one of the Outreach Team Members (After hours, please cosign Outreach Team Members for follow up.)

Inpatient referrals remain the same. Clinicals will need to be sent to HAVEN.

Salvation Army Dave Coy Center (MEN ONLY) Veterans earn three free nights

226 Nolan 78202 210-226-2291 1500-2000 must leave after breakfast.

Resources for Homelessness and Possible Rehousing

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

THE SUMMIT AND WOMEN'S WELLNESS CENTER (FORMERLY ALVAREZ HOUSE) (Single men and women only, must be

able to perform all ADLs and IADLs, no significant cognitive impairment, and able to ambulate without assistance.)

Must call for screening appointment

MS JJ Coutros 210-391-9276

AMERICAN GI FORUM (Must be able to perform all ADL'S, be cognitively intact and able to ambulate without assistance.)

- Contact the Service Center: 210-354-4892

HAVEN FOR HOPE (Must be able to perform all ADL'S, be cognitively intact and able to ambulate without assistance.)

Transitional Housing for Veterans Single Veterans only

Haven for Hope Veterans program must call for intake 210-220-2476 John Gauna for the Low Demand and

Bridge GPD program. For Haven Veteran team as above.

UIW Writing and Learning Center and Tutoring Services

Writing Support:

- Brainstorming
- Idea development
- Formatting
- Grammar and mechanics

Course Content:

- Guided practice
- Exam preparation
- Study skills and time management



(210) 829-3870



uiw.edu/wlc

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UIW OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Cardinal Closet

Located in Student Engagement Center Suite 3030



Do you need professional business attire for interviewing, career fairs or events? Career Services has you covered!

Visit the Career Services office to try on free business attire! Can't find something you like? No worries, Career Services will work with you to get you what you need.

Contact Career Services at careers@uiwtx.edu to book your appointment today!



Purepost Profile



Purepost allows you to get a head start with understanding how your experience translates to private sector skills and experience.

The Benefits

- ▶ UIW career professionals have immediate access to student profiles to begin providing feedback and guidance on creating a resume.
- ▶ Free for all students.
- ▶ Takes less than 30 minutes to complete.
- ▶ UIW career professionals may share profiles with partners to maximize your future opportunities.

▶ Go to <https://www.purepost.co/uiw>



Translate Your Work Experience

- ▶ 1. Select a Military or Civilian Job.
- ▶ 2. Receive an instant output of job statements.
- ▶ 3. Select from a list of job statements and add more detail.
- ▶ 4. Create job statement and receive guidance from UIW career professionals.

▶ Get started now: <https://www.purepost.co/uiw>

Do you or a student veteran you know suffer from hunger?



Meals for Vets
helps **student veterans**
battling hunger who
have low or no
income by providing
daily, nutritious meals.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of **service** (such as DD214)
- Provide proof of all income and bene its

Go online to
mealsforvets.org
to apply



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800.676.1389 | info@honorveteransnow.org



PEER ADVISORS FOR VETERAN EDUCATION (PAVE)

A Peer Support Program for Student Veterans

PAVE is a peer support program that connects incoming student veterans with student veterans already on campus in order to help them navigate college life, identify challenges they face, refer the student to appropriate resources on or off campus, and provide ongoing support toward academic and personal goals. UTW is 1 of 3 colleges in Texas, out of 47 throughout the country to be awarded the PAVE program.

The goals of the program are to:

- Ease the transition from military to university life.
- Improve student veterans' sense of connectedness to the university.
- Create a safe haven and source of support.
- Identify mental health issues and other concerns in a timely fashion and connect student veterans with appropriate resources.
- Improve student veteran academic performance.
- Increase student veteran retention rates.
- Advisors sharing their own experiences of the university.

Activities:

- Meet and greets and socials to connect with other student veterans.
- Networking.
- Career readiness
- Special guest speakers.

For more information about PAVE:

- Visit our website: uiw.edu/military-veteran-services/veterans/pave-program
- E-mail us: pave@uiwtx.edu



The graphic features a red background with a stylized eagle head logo at the top. The text is centered and reads: "UIW Military & Veteran Center INVITES YOU TO ACCESS OUR VIRTUAL DESK COUNTER Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CST". Below this, it states: "We are here to help you with your VA Educational Benefit Questions. Your time with the School Certifying Official is confidential." A note follows: "Note: We will speak with one student at a time. You will be placed in a Zoom waiting room if the SCO is assisting another student." At the bottom, it says: "Either select the link or scan our QR code to access our virtual desk counter!" There is a "LINK" button and a QR code.

"Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly."
– John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, and former Navy Lieutenant



The graphic shows a man in a white shirt and tie standing and talking to a group of four people seated at a table in a modern office setting. A red box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image, reading: "DEVELOPING YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS".

Being an effective leader isn't easy, especially when you're entering a new role and need to get to know your team. If you're looking for a little inspiration, try [assessing your leadership style](#) through Harvard Business Review and strategize the ways you can build upon your leadership skills with your Mentor.

Looking to develop your skills even further? Check out [these must-reads](#) from Lifehack!



TEXAS VETERANS NETWORK

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Connecting all military members, to include active duty, retirees, veterans, National Guard/Reserves, and their immediate family members to the resources they need

(888)724-8387

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Individual & Family Support

Legal Assistance

Social Enrichment

Mental & Behavioral Health

Physical Health

Substance Abuse Disorder

Wellness

Utilities Assistance

Education

Clothing & Household Goods

Transportation

Food Assistance

Sports & Recreation

Income Support

Spiritual Enrichment

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Military and Veteran Center

Student Engagement Center
Level 3, Room 3021

Phone: (210) 832-5651

Fax: (210) 832-2155

UIW



First Responder Appreciation Night

UIW honored our 13 fallen service members with 13 stars around the center of the football field at the recent September 11th game against Prairie View. We will never forget their ultimate sacrifice.

