



## Veterans Assistance in the Heart of Texas Region

### Employment

#### Texas Veterans Commission:

##### **Kelly Cameron**

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##### **Texas Veterans Commission**

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### Financial, Utility and/or Housing

#### Texas VFW Veterans Assistance Program:

<https://texasvfwfoundation.smapply.org/acc/l/?next=/prog/117253/apply/> It requires the applicant to create a login using their email address and password of their choice. While completing the application, you will be **prompted to enter my name and email address as a Veteran Agency Point of Contact (VAPOC)** that is where you put my name and email. The applicant cannot submit the application until it is complete (i.e.: all required forms). When in doubt, the software doesn't know if you have uploaded a copy of the actual bank statement or a letter telling us you do not have one. It does know if the "box isn't checked". The applicant can login at any time to see if the application is pending or in review or completed. This should work on all Androids/iPhones, tablets, laptops, and PCs.

#### PenFed Foundation

<https://penfedfoundation.org/apply-for-assistance/coronavirus-emergency-financial-assistance/>

The PenFoundation has created a the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Program to provide financial assistance to all Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, National Guard and the Reserves who are experiencing a financial setback due to the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is a grant that will support 1 month of payment up to \$1500 in the following areas:

1. Rent
2. Mortgage
3. Auto Loan/Lease
4. Utilities

The financial assistance may be approved and issued to the Service Member within 24 hours of the approval.

The PenFed Foundation also has other programs as:

1. Emergency Financial Assistance
2. Family & Caregiver Support Grants
3. Dream Makers Home Buying Grants
4. Veteran Entrepreneur Investment Program (VEIP)

### **Caritas of Waco**

[http://www.caritas-waco.org/congregational\\_partnerships.aspx](http://www.caritas-waco.org/congregational_partnerships.aspx)

Call 254-753-4593 and speak with LaTasha at ext. 207 or Ted ext. 233 for more information.

#### **Veterans' Case Management**

The Veteran's Case Management serves any veteran from any era and service branch with any discharge classification (except dishonorable), who resides in the six-county service area including: [McLennan](#), [Bosque](#), [Falls](#), [Freestone](#), [Hill](#) and [Limestone](#). The purpose is to provide guidance for veterans living at or near the poverty level (annual income no greater than 200% of the federal poverty level) through a process **to help them overcome financial, emotional, educational, employment and other barriers they face.**

**Caritas staff offers a variety of direct and supportive services that veterans need to reach individual goals like: emergency services, housing, empowerment courses, education and so much more!**

### **Salvation Army**

VETERANS HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM

*Serving Veterans & their Families in Waco/McLennan County*

Designed to help veterans, their dependents, & their surviving spouses & dependents, remove barriers to permanent housing. The program provides emergency solutions shelter, case management, life skills & job readiness programs, rapid rehousing, and homelessness prevention for those facing homelessness.

This program is made possible, in part, by a grant for the [Texas Veteran's Commission Fund for Veteran's Assistance](#).

For more information, contact our social work office at 254-756-7271 and identify yourself as a veteran.

Other contacts include: Corps Officers, Majors James and April Taylor or Grants Manager, Marjorie Smith, at 254-756-7271.

### **Heart of Texas Goodwill**

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## Food Assistance

### **Waco Veterans One Stop**

<https://www.veteransonestop.org/mission>

Heart Of Texas Veterans One Stop

Address: 2010 La Salle Avenue, Suite A, Waco, TX 76706

Direct Phone Number: 254-297-7171

### **Meals for Vets (Like Meals on Wheels)**

<https://honorveteransnow.org/about/>

Our primary mission is to provide consistent access to healthy, daily meals for veterans under age 60 and are struggling financially.

Contact

[info@honorveteransnow.org](mailto:info@honorveteransnow.org)

(800) 676-1389

(830) 992-3375

## Mental Health

### **Heart of Texas Veterans OneStop**

254.297.7171 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or by appointment

or Visit the Veteran One Stop website: [www.hotveteransonestop.org](http://www.hotveteransonestop.org)

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

The Veterans One Stop Center provides resources, support and advocacy for veterans and family members who have been affected or significantly impacted by their military service. The purpose of the Veterans One Stop Center is to provide assistance, referral, education and information to our veterans as well as their families.

Services Offered:

Peer to Peer Support

Benefits and Claims Assistance

Employment Services

Legal Clinic/Assistance

Substance Abuse Screenings

Individual Counseling

Group Counseling

Family Support

Recreational Activities

Socialization with Peers

Financial Counseling

Individual System Advocacy

Topic Focused Groups Offered:

Post-Traumatic Stress  
Spouse Support  
Military Sexual Trauma  
Women's Support  
Wounded to Warrior  
Partnering Agencies:  
Texas Veterans Commission

**Central Texas Veterans Affairs**

[https://www.centraltexas.va.gov/services/Mental\\_Health.asp](https://www.centraltexas.va.gov/services/Mental_Health.asp)

**McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court**

<https://www.co.mclennan.tx.us/1097/Veterans-Treatment-Court>

The McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court is a voluntary, court-monitored treatment program that addresses the mental health and/or substance abuse issues of a veteran defendant. This program is a collaboration between McLennan County, the McLennan County District Attorney's Office, McLennan County Community Supervision & Corrections Department, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Baylor Law Veterans Clinic and Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop.

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