

Brazos County Veteran Services Report 2024

Texas Veteran Population

1,401,173

Brazos Valley Veteran Population

County	Veterans
Brazos	9327
Grimes	1761
Robertson	892
Madison	831
Washington	1753
Leon	1162
Burleson	1027
Texas A&M Students	4000
Blinn Students	604
Total	21,357

2024	Scheduled	Walk Ins	Veterans supported via email/Phone	Veteran Cases Worked	Total Veterans Served
January	31	67	101	199	398
February	47	86	102	235	470
March	47	76	105	228	456
April	49	118	110	277	3554
May	42	85	85	212	424
June	61	75	152	86	374
July	33	107	136	95	371
August	52	111	140	97	400
September	31	77	127	101	336
October	57	122	163	115	457
November	36	91	99	90	316
December	24	78	71	120	293
Total	510	1093	1391	1855	4849

Brazos County Disability Claims

Total Veterans
Disability
Claims 792

Current
Veteran Claims
Open 380

Current
Veteran Claims
Closed 412

Appeals Filed

Total= 163

Won=139

Lost=8

On going= 16



On campus- VRSC

2024	# of Students	Retro	Monthly Payments	Appeal	
November	4	0	1584.88	1	
December	3	0	4288.45	0	
Total	7	0	5873.33	1	

\$

Monthly Disability
Payments paid to
Veterans
\$976,906.34



Retro Active
Payments Paid
to Veterans
\$3,617,045.15

Accomplishments

1. Partnership with Texas A&M University

- Established a partnership with Texas A&M University to enhance support for veterans.
- Secured a part-time VSO presence on campus within the Veteran Resource and Support Center (VRSC) to provide direct assistance to student veterans.

2. Personnel Expansion

- Hired CW3 Kale Murray as a part-time VSO to strengthen service delivery and outreach.

3. Sponsorship Secured for Veteran Express Vans

- Collaborated with Keating Enterprises (six local dealerships in College Station) to secure a \$1,200 monthly sponsorship for the maintenance and operation of two Veteran Express Vans.

4. Recognition for Service Excellence

- Honored by having the names of Veteran Services Administrative Assistant Ben Holmes and VSO Pam Robertson engraved on the Veterans Honor Wall at Veterans Park in recognition of their dedication and service.

5. Community Engagement and Service Initiatives

- Collaborated with Wreaths Across America (Ellen Fuller) to place flags on veterans' graves for Veterans Day and wreaths during the Christmas season.
- Collaborated with Bryan/College Station Community Connect to offer free Microsoft Office classes for veterans, empowering them with valuable skills for professional growth.
- Coordinated with Rebuilding America, supported by Lowe's, to remodel a veteran's home, ensuring it is safe and secure for habitation.

6. Commitment to Honoring and Supporting Veterans

- Awarded two grants from TVC which are currently being utilized for Mental Health Visits and a computer/printer have been purchased and available for Veterans to use to seek employment.

Upcoming Veteran Events in Brazos County

- **1. Veteran Resource Fair and Claims Clinic**

- **Date:** Monday, February 17, 2025

- **Location:** Brazos Center

- **Details:** This event will provide veterans with resources, services, and assistance in filing and managing VA claims. A variety of veteran-focused organizations and representatives will be present to address needs and answer questions.

- **2. Veterans Appreciation Day**

- Committee Established by Veteran Leaders/Organizations in Brazos County

- **Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025

- **Location:** Brazos Center

- **Details:** A day dedicated to honoring and appreciating the service and sacrifices of veterans in the community. Activities and recognition ceremonies will take place throughout the event.