# OUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

#### Veterans Health Care

You can receive free VA health care for up to 10 years after discharge or release for any condition related to your service in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation New Dawn (OND) in Iraq. This is called an enhanced eligibility period.

#### Memorial Day Prayer

Cleveland Municipal Airport hosted its 1st Annual Memorial Day event on Saturday, May 24th, 2025. The day began with a Prayer Walk from 8-9 AM, followed by a festival from 9 AM-2 PM featuring live music, discovery flights, food trucks, a bounce house, and more.

#### **Hiring Event**

DAV RecruitMilitary Hiring Event was hosted on June 12, 2025, at the Wyndham Houston. We will be sending out information for future events.



### **Past Events**

This quarter was filled with exciting happenings, highlighted by our impactful Veteran's Health Care event! This special occasion brought together a dedicated group of agencies serving veterans across different eras.

Representatives from the VBA, VHA, Vet Center, Tri-County in Conroe, and local medical clinics joined forces to share information and listen to valuable insights on how we can enhance our services. A special thank you to Ms. Rolondria Webb and her team for leading this successful initiative.

We believe this event is on its way to becoming a key fixture in Liberty County's veteran healthcare landscape, alongside important programs like Community Care. Missed this one? Don't worry, we plan to host more events of this caliber. Keep an eye on your mail, email, or stop by one of our locations to stay up-to-date!

## Liberty County Healthcare Event

















#### **Liberty Collaborators**

Every company, organization, and even family requires assistance from others at some point in their journey toward growth and success. While some may confidently claim that their achievements are solely the result of relentless hard work, unwavering dedication, and strategic planning, the reality is often more complex. The truth is that without the support, cooperation, and collaboration of external entities—be it individuals, partners, or other organizations—many groups encounter significant challenges in surpassing their previous limitations and reaching new heights.

This inherent need for support underscores the importance of fostering relationships with individuals who are not only willing but also committed to serving and contributing toward the realization of an organization's established goals. These dedicated individuals bring fresh perspectives, diverse skills, and a spirit of teamwork that can drive innovation, enhance efficiency, and promote sustainable growth.

In the realm of healthcare, this principle is vividly demonstrated through the dedicated efforts of numerous local healthcare communities. These communities have selflessly committed their time, resources, and expertise to serve the veterans of this county. Their noble mission transcends individual recognition, focusing instead on the collective good. By collaborating closely with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), these healthcare providers work in unison to uphold a common purpose: to ensure that veterans receive exceptional, compassionate, and comprehensive healthcare services.



## Woman's Veterans Event

What an incredibly moving and inspiring day we had at our recent Women's Veterans Event! It was a true honor and privilege to gather and celebrate the remarkable women who have bravely served our country. Their dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to protecting our freedoms are an inspiration to us all.

From heartfelt stories shared to the camaraderie and connections forged, the event was a powerful reminder of the invaluable contributions of our women veterans. Each and every one of them is a testament to strength, resilience, and patriotism.

This wonderful success would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of our community. We want to extend a special, heartfelt thank you to Ryan Robertson from Tractor Supply in Liberty, Susan Giberson, Alexander, and Zoie Crockett, from PRS General Contracting. Your thoughtful donations played a pivotal role in making this event a reality and ensuring it was a truly memorable experience for all our honored guests. Your support made all the difference, and we are profoundly grateful for your aid.

Let's continue to uplift and recognize the service of our women veterans, not just today, but every day. They deserve our deepest respect and endless gratitude.



#### More Than a Date: Reflecting on Service and Sacrifice in Liberty County This Memorial Day

As the flags in Liberty County rose in preparation for Memorial Day, it was a poignant time to reflect on what this solemn occasion truly represented. It was more than just a long weekend or the unofficial start of summer; it was a sacred opportunity to pause and remember the brave men and women who answered our nation's call and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we cherished.



In Liberty County, the spirit of service ran deep. We saw it in the stories passed down through generations, in the quiet dignity of our local veterans, and in the unwavering support our community extended to those who had worn the uniform. Their legacy was woven into the fabric of our towns, our businesses, and our shared identity.

Last Memorial Day, as we gathered for ceremonies or participated in community events, we took a moment to look beyond the parades and barbecues. We remembered the young faces, full of courage, who stepped forward from places just like ours, from towns across America, to defend ideals greater than themselves. They faced unimaginable challenges in far-flung corners of the world, driven by a commitment to their comrades and their country.

Their sacrifice was an immeasurable debt, but we always strived to honor it. We honored them by remembering their stories, supporting their families, and upholding the values they fought to protect. We also witnessed this spirit of remembrance and support in action through local initiatives and the dedication of many who consistently gave back, ensuring that our veterans knew their service was valued.





#### **Upcoming Events**

- Cleveland Anderson Ford
   -June 21st
- July 4th Events (Red White and Boom) - July 3rd 501 R.
   E. Vinson, Liberty, Texas 77575
- 4th of July Sparkle Tote at R. A Smith Gifts 1818 Sam Houston, Liberty
- Cleveland Veteran Meet Up Aug, 2025 & Oct 2025

## The Fourth of July: A Symphony of Freedom, A Debt of Gratitude

As the scent of barbecue filled the air and fireworks prepared to paint the night sky, we approached a day that resonated deep within the heart of every American: the Fourth of July. More than just a summer holiday, it was a vibrant, boisterous, and deeply meaningful celebration of our nation's birth.

For all Americans, the Fourth of July was a powerful reminder of the audacious dream born on July 4, 1776. It was the day we declared our independence, asserting our right to liberty, self-governance, and the pursuit of happiness. It was a day to reflect on the ideals enshrined in our founding documents – freedom of speech, religion, and the right to choose our own path. It was a day to celebrate the enduring spirit of a nation built on hope, resilience, and the unwavering belief in a brighter future.

But for our veterans, the Fourth of July carried an even more profound significance. They were the living embodiment of the sacrifices made to secure and preserve those very freedoms we celebrated. From the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the conflicts of today, brave men and women had answered the call, defending our nation's principles with unwavering courage and profound personal cost.

When we saw the fireworks explode, they were a sparkling tribute to the valor of those who served. When we gathered with loved ones, we remembered that these moments of joy and peace were a direct result of their selfless dedication. The laughter of children, the quiet comfort of home, the ability to express our beliefs – these were the fruits of their service.

Discover the ultimate one-stop shop for all your needs at <u>Tractor Supply in Liberty, TX! Located at 2337 North Main St.</u>, we offer everything from top-notch gardening and lawn care supplies to convenient trailer rentals. Need a PetVet clinic? We've got you covered. Plus, keep your home warm with our reliable propane services. Visit us today and experience the convenience and quality that Tractor Supply brings to your community!

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Healthcare in Conroe. We offer comprehensive
mental health services, expert care for all
ages, personalized treatment plans, and a
supportive environment. Your well-being is
our priority. Visit us or call today to learn
more. Empowering minds, enriching lives.

If you are in need of a great car wash that will leave your vehicle looking fresh and new, then visit Full Blast Car Wash located at 201 S Winfree St, Dayton, TX.

Do you have a VA medical appointment but do not have the means to travel to your appointment? Give Liberty County Veterans Services a call at <u>936-402-8068</u> to schedule a comfortable and professional ride to you VA medical appointment.



A heart-felt special thank you goes out to these organizations who have supported our veterans, Liberty County Veterans Services, and their community.

- American Legion in Dayton— Thank you for allowing us to use your building for the Women's Event
- ◆ VFW in Cleveland/Liberty
- PRS in Liberty County
- LaTonya King Pretty Girl Treats

My Pretty Girl's Sweets & Treats 1020 Glendale Street Dayton, TX 77535 (936) 828-8984



## Words of Wisdom

In the current era, information is vast, incredible, and readily accessible. Individuals of all ages can now access this information from virtually any platform, including smartphones, emails, specific social media platforms, and television advertisements. Consequently, the flow of news and stories is abundant.

However, the abundance of information does not necessarily imply its veracity. Many veterans are exposed to numerous purported news articles that all claim to be beneficial for their well-being. These articles cover various topics, such as debt forgiveness and matters that may or may not have originated from the current administration. These issues are of significant concern to all veterans and could easily cause alarm if the news were troubling.

While an automatic filter to eliminate false stories would be beneficial, its implementation may be costly and limited. Therefore, to mitigate the stress associated with discovering inaccurate information, here are some helpful suggestions that can assist you in navigating through this vast amount of information.

- I. Verify where the information came from. This could be accomplished by seeing if the information came from a direct source, or if the information is available from a trusted source. For example: There was an article stating that veterans are eligible for \$35,000 for compensation and pension benefits monthly. One of the first questions one should ask is where did this information come from? Did it come from the VA or VA representative through normal means of communication?
- 2. Ask the question: Who does the author appeal to? Do they appeal to or follow certain traditions? In other words, if the author of that same article appeals to the codes, rules, and standards permitted by the VA, then the information would more than likely be true. Most of this kind of verification could be found during the first investigation listed above.
- 3. Ask, "Is it True?" Just because the article or advertisement states "all veterans," ask is it true, do they truly mean "all veterans." From various rules, we should be very aware that at times and due to some character of discharge differences, this will prevent some benefits. Therefore, the idea that all veterans was vocalized means that they are not truly being forthcoming with or not as knowledgeable as what they believe.

I hope that these tips will help you navigate through the plethora of information available to us. Additionally, if there are any questions concerning any information that was gathered through the grapevine, then please do not hesitate to contact us at either the Cleveland and/or Liberty office.