Monday, Sept. 29

0730 – 0850+ Registration (+continues through morning). Fees paid (check only) at registration. Meal sign-up ($8) and Telling Project sign-up.

0900 -- 0945 Welcome and posting of colors by TAMU-SA Army ROTC—Dr. Charles “Chuck” Rodriguez, MG, USA (Ret.), Chief of Staff and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Military Affairs, TAMU-SA

  Introductory remarks— Dr. Maria Hernandez-Ferrier, President, TAMU-SA; Regent Elaine Mendoza, Texas A&M University System

1000 -- 1050 **Panel 1: Benefits Update TVC, VA, College Credit for Heroes**—Rufus Coburn, Education Director, TVC; Apurva Naik, Director, CCH; Texas Workforce Commission; Candice Lopez-Schimkat, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Division, VA

1100 -- 1150 **Panel 2: Health Support**—Dr. Susanna Hupp, Associate Commissioner for Veteran Services, HHSC; Perry Jefferies, Manager, TexVet; Sean Hanna, Statewide Coordinator, Military Veteran Peer Network

1200 -- 1300 **LUNCH**

1330 – 1450 **Keynote Speaker** —Dr. Kenneth MacLeish, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Health and Society, Vanderbilt University. Author of Making War at Fort Hood. With Q&A .

1500-1550 **Panel 3: Campus Support**—Jerry Smith, Col., USMC (Ret.), Director, Veteran Resource & Support Center, Texas A&M University; Dr. Angela Dickson, MSG, USAF (Ret.); Dr. Steve Vitucci, Major, USA (Ret.), Director of Military Programs and Relations, Texas A&M University-Central Texas; Dr. Charles “Chuck” Rodriguez, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Military Affairs, TAMU-SA

1600-1650 **Panel 4: Arts and Healing**— BR McDonald, founder, Veteran Artist Program
1700-1745 Optional guided tour of new Patriots’ Casa. Assembly area to be announced.
1800-- Evening on your own

**Tuesday, Sept. 30**

0845 -- 0900 Orientation for day. Meal sign-up ($9). Telling Project sign-up.

0900 – 0950 **Panel 5: Jobs** – Duncan McGhee, Director, Veteran Entrepreneur Program, Texas Veterans Commission; Gabriel Lopez, Assistant Director, Texas Veterans Leadership Program, Texas Workforce Commission; Mark Posada, Manager of Education and Training Initiatives, Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX); Marcus Barnes, Warriors to Work specialist, Wounded Warrior Project; Kay Schwartz, LTC, USAF (Ret.), Military Hiring Advisor, USAA

1000 -- 1050 **Guest speakers** – Texas Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Tom Palladino, Col. USA (Ret.), Executive Director, Texas Veterans Commission.

1100 -- 1150 **Panel 6: Student Veterans**— Nina Luis, TAMU-SA; Jose De Los Santos, TAMU-SA; Herlinda Ortiz, TAMU-SA; Vincent Garcia, Palo Alto College; Flor Semersky, Palo Alto College

1200 -- 1300 **LUNCH**

1300—1315 Updates as needed

1315—1345 **SOC important changes update. Live online presentation**—Kathy Snead, Director, Servicemember Opportunity Colleges

1345—1400 Operation College Promise Overview—Wendy Lang, Director, OCP

1400—1450 **OCP Module 1: Soldier for Life**—LTC Ryan Raymond, USA, Director, Education and Training, Soldier for Life Program, Office of the Chief of Staff of US Army

1500— Early release for “Telling San Antonio” performance

1800-1850 **OCP-sponsored reception at Tobin Center**

1900—2045 **“Telling San Antonio” special media night performance at Tobin Center for the Performing Arts—KEY SYMPOSIUM EVENT. PLEASE ATTEND. (End time approximate)**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1**

0845—Meal sign-up ($10)

0900 -- 1015 **OCP Module 2: American Council on Education** –Tanya Ang, Interim Director, Veterans’ Programs, ACE; Apurva Naik, Director, CCH; Texas Workforce Commission

1015 – 1130 **OCP Module 3: Invisible Injuries of Contemporary Warfare**—Dr. Harvey Levin, Research Scientist, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
1130--1300  LUNCH

1300 -- 1415  **OCP Module 4: Re-integration and Transition**—William Keyes, QMC(SW) USN (Ret.), Deputy Director, Operation College Promise

1430 -- 1530  **OCP Module 5: Warrior and Family Support**—CDR Brent Embry, USN, Director, Northern Region, Office of Chief of Staff, Warrior and Family Support Office

1540—1600  Closing remarks: OCP and TAMUS

1600— Retirement of colors and adjourn