

The Texas A&M University System
8th Annual Military and Veteran Educational Support Symposium
“Assess, Enhance”
Oct. 12-13, 2016

Hosted by Prairie View A&M University
Willie Albert Tempton, Sr. Memorial Student Center, Room 204
155 L.W. Minor St., Prairie View, TX 77446

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Parking information will be sent prior to Symposium

AGENDA (Final)

Wednesday, Oct. 12

- 1100-1430* **Registration** (**continues through day*). Pay \$25 fee cash or check (to Texas A&M System or TAMUS) at registration table. No credit cards.
- 1130-1240 **TAMUS Only:** Special working lunch, required, for directors and coordinators of TAMUS veteran services offices. Rod Davis, Director, Veterans Support Office, TAMUS
- 1300-1345 **General welcome and posting of colors:** Steve Ransom, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, PVAMU; PVAMU Army ROTC Color Guard
Introductory remarks—Dr. George Wright, President, PVAMU
System welcome—Regent Anthony Buzbee
Symposium overview—Rod Davis
- 1400-1450 **Panel 1: Benefits Update:** Michelle Nelson, VA-ELR, Waco; Charles Bryant, Hazlewood Act Program Specialist, Texas Veterans Commission; Bob Gear, Director, Texas Veterans Leadership Program, Texas Workforce Commission
- 1500-1550 **Panel 2: Data:** Jason DeWitt, Research Manager, National Student Clearinghouse Research Center
- 1600-1650 **Panel 3: Campus evolutions:** Anthony Cucolo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Leadership Development & Veterans Affairs, The University of Texas System; Tammy Micallef, Director, Veteran’s Center, Del Mar College and Past-President, TACVPO
- 1700 **Adjourn for day**

Thursday, Oct. 13

- 0900-0915 **Orientation for day**
- 0915-0950 **Guest speaker: Transitions:** Dr. Craig Plunges, Director of Education, The Warrior Scholar Project
- 1000-1050 **Panel 4: Campus Support:** Jerry Smith, Director, Veteran Resource & Support Center, TAMU; K.C. Kalmbach, Associate Professor of Psychology, TAMU-SA
- 1100-1150 **Panel 5: Jobs:** James Schmeling, Executive Vice President, Strategic Engagement, Student Veterans of America
- 1200-1250 **LUNCH provided:** Speaker: Frank Jackson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for State Relations, Office of State Relations, TAMUS
- 1300-1350 **Panel 6: Student Veterans:** Student veterans from PVAMU
- 1400-1450- **Panel 7: Further Consideration:** Rod Davis, moderator. Audience open forum. Expanded discussion on Symposium topics and other ideas to improve veterans support in higher education
- 1500 **Adjourn**