

Jacquet M. – Bexar/Walzem



- At the time Jacquet joined the YES! Program, he had dropped out of high school and was uncertain about his future.
- With guidance and support from his Career Navigator, Jacquet completed high school and received occupational skills training, including a home building certification through apprenticeship with "Youthbuild's"100 Black Men of San Antonio.
- Jacquet is now utilizing his skills to the fullest by participating in Work Experience with JL Bass as a construction laborer.
- Jacquet is looking forward to building a successful career by using his skills and experiences to gain meaningful employment in an industry he is passionate about.



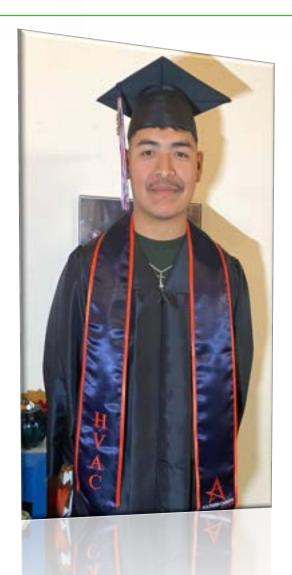
Karleny C.- Bexar/South Floress



- Karleny enrolled in the YES! Program in February 2023 at the age of 18.
- She had moved to Texas from Rhode Island where she graduated as an ESL student with the hopes of becoming a Sonogram Technician but needed exposure to English speakers and employment to further her dreams.
- In March of 2023, she was placed in Work Experience with the Salvation Army as a Day Youth Development Professional where she practiced and improved speaking in English.
- Karleny is currently enrolled in the St. Phillip's College's Sonogram Tech Program.

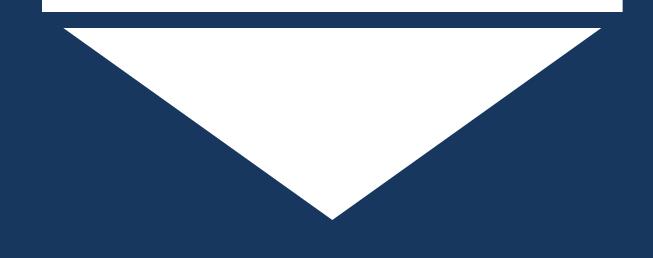


Kane D. – Atascosa/Pleasanton



- Kane entered the YES! Program in May 2021 with a disability barrier and was unemployed with no work experience.
- He obtained his high school diploma from Charlotte High School in May 2022.
- Kane also participated in Work Experience through the YES! Program for two summers at the City of Charlotte where he obtained full-time employment.
- Motivated to achieve more, Kane set his goals to become an HVAC technician.
- He pursued his certification as a Certified HVAC technician and now works at P-CAIR in Pleasanton, Texas.





Helping Veterans Starts Here



Mission

To advocate for and provide superior service that will significantly improve the quality of life for all Texas veterans, their families, and survivors.

We connect veterans and their families to the benefits they have earned. This includes a wide range of benefits and services, from disability compensation claims to healthcare, and employment to education benefits.

> The Texas Veterans Commission is an agency of the State of Texas

Texas Veterans Commission Services

- Claims
- Healthcare Advocacy
- Education
- Employment
- Entrepreneurship
- Mental Health
- Women Veterans Program
- Grants for Non-Profit Organizations



Claims

- VA accredited Claims Benefits Advisors assist veterans ightarrowwith filing service-connected disability compensation claims with the VA
- Claims Advisors help vets navigate the VA process and \bullet help to ensure claims are filed correctly
- Claims Benefits Advisors also assist veterans' families \bullet and survivors
- More than 45 offices across the state, many in VA \bullet facilities
- Make appointments online. Phone appointments can be \bullet made with any TVC Claims Advisor in Texas
- https://www.tvc.texas.gov/ ullet
- claimsdept@tvc.Texas.gov ullet
- (512) 463-8730



Healthcare Advocacy

- Healthcare Advocates provide veterans free one-on-one assistance in resolving VA medical care issues.
 - Appointments
 - Medications & Pharmacy
 - Treatments & Labs
 - Referrals
 - Filing paperwork
- We have 24 Healthcare Advocates in VA facilities across Texas.
- https://www.tvc.texas.gov/
- healthcare@tvc.texas.gov
- (512) 463-5340



Education

Connects Texas veterans to higher education and technical training opportunities

- Serves as State-Approving Agency that approves education, training, and work programs under the G.I. Bill[®]
- Assists schools and students in understanding the Hazlewood Act Tuition Exemption
- Education Service Center responds to phone and email inquiries from veterans, their dependents, and schools
- educationservices@tvc.texas.gov
- (512) 463-3168



Entrepreneur

Veteran business consultants work one on one with veterans, spouses, and family members who wish to own their own business.

Subjects covered include

- Business plans
- Access to Capital
- Market research
- Tax Id's and Permits
- Resource Library
- Benefits for veteran-owned businesses
- <u>vep@tvc.texas.gov</u>
- (512) 463-0519



Women Veterans

- Encourages women who served to identify as veterans and claim the benefits they have earned
- Addresses women veteran issues
- Women Veterans Professional Network
- Women Veterans Registry
- Special events including
 Women Veterans Day June 12
- tvcwomenvets@tvc.texas.gov
- (832) 728-3624

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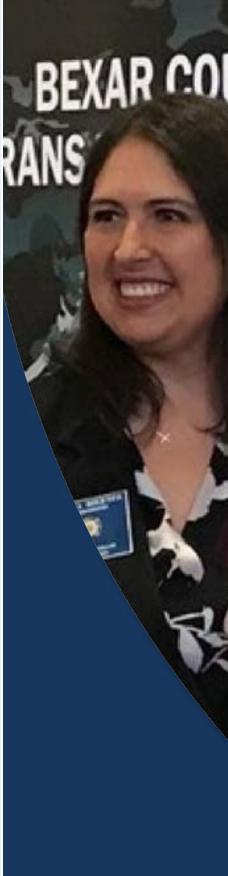
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Mental Health

Provides FREE training, certification, and technical assistance on veteran culture, military trauma and military culture to:

- Licensed mental health providers
- Community and faith-based organizations
- Veteran service organizations
- Texas justice system and first responders



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Mental Health

Works with partners to address:

- Suicide prevention/intervention
- Veteran homelessness
- Military related trauma ightarrow
- Military Cultural Competency ightarrow
- Peer Support Services ightarrow

Justice Involved Veterans

- **Re-entry Programs**
- Veteran Treatment Courts



JUSTICE INVOLVED



Texas Veterans Commission

VETERAN

Military Veteran Peer Network

- Composed of Peer Service Coordinators (PSC)
- Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) trains and supports these coordinators who are all veterans
- TVC recognizes that some veterans may be more forthcoming with their veteran peer
- The Peer Service Coordinator connects the veteran with mental health support and other services in the veteran's local area
- Veterans can find their peer service coordinator at https://www.milvetpeer.net/



<u>Grants</u>

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance awards grants to nonprofits and government agencies which provide direct support and services to veterans.

- Financial assistance
- Family support services
- Home modification
- Transportation
- Legal Aid
- And much, much more!
- grants@tvc.texas.gov
- (512) 463-1157



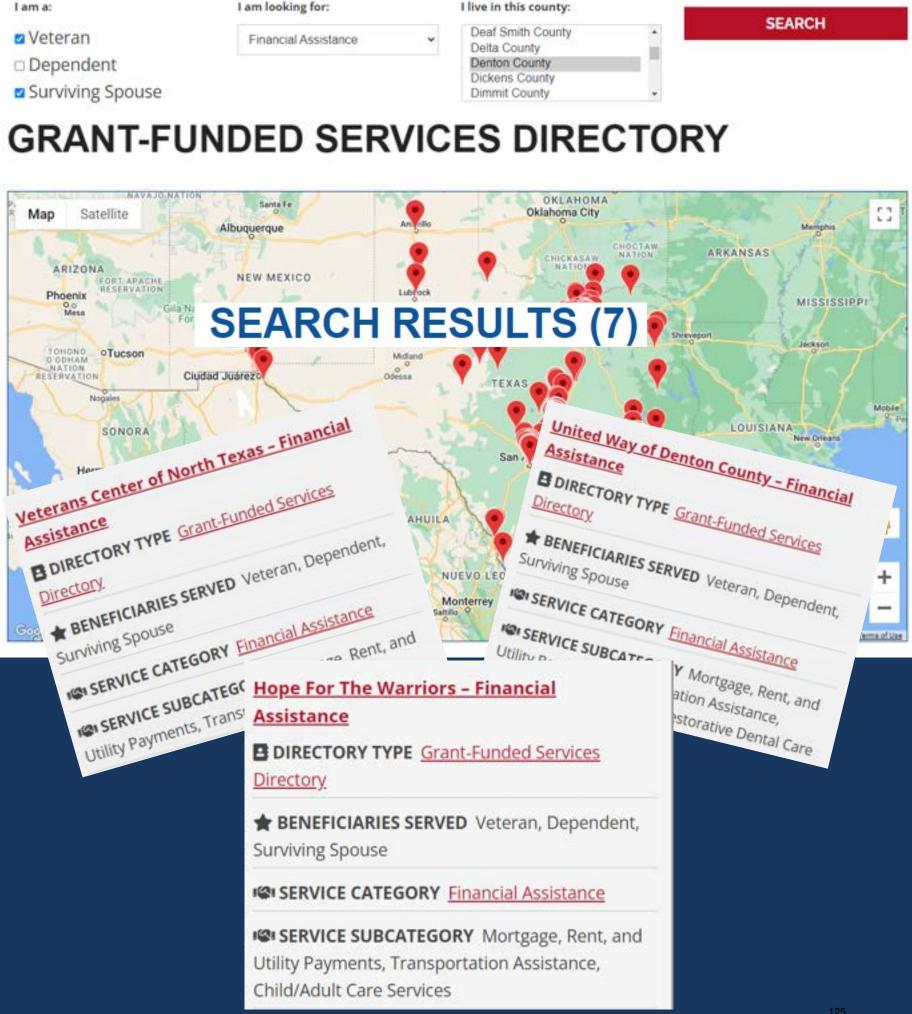
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Grantees serve veterans in different regions across the state. Some serve veterans statewide. Directories for all the grantees can be found on our website.

Each directory includes:

- Organization ullet
- Services provided ightarrow
- Beneficiaries \bullet
- **Contact information** ightarrow
- https://www.tvc.texas.gov/ ullet
- (512) 463-1157 ullet



I am looking for:

live in this county:

<u>Grants</u>

The Texas Lottery Commission provides most of the funding for these grants, with \$2 Scratch offs designated "Supporting Texas Veterans".

Since 2009, the Fund for Veterans Assistance has awarded over \$200 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, local government agencies and Veteran County Service Offices, benefiting over 350,000 Texas Veterans and their families.

- grants@tvc.texas.gov
- (512) 463-1157



Veteran County Service Officer

- Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) trains VCSOs in VA disability claims and pension processing, spousal and dependent benefits, and other veteran services
- VCSOs are also well informed about community resources that provide aid and comfort to veterans and their families
- Most VCSOs are veterans themselves
- Find your VCSO here: https://www.tvc.texas.gov – Click on Partners



Veterans Service C 508 East 11th Str Claims & Health En Benefits Assista Office Hour &00 am to 4:30

Walk In or C For Appoints 830-774-7548 or 83