# The following is a summary of the TAMU Veteran Resource & Support Center (VRSC) Activities & Accomplishments for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

## **Rankings:**

TAMU ranked in top 15% of all national universities by GI Jobs Victory Media – denoted TAMU as a Military Friendly University (top 20% nationally) TAMU ranked #3 Top Military School in America by Toptenz

#### Programs Conducted/Supported (25):

"Aggie Veteran Network" Vet Camp Student veteran peer-to-peer mentoring program "Tickets for Vets" Program **Equine Services for Heroes Program** TAMU Veteran Research coordination initiative New Student Vet/Dependent NSC Program **Aggie Veteran Adaptive Sports** Aggie Rings for Student Veterans Program Texas Veterans Commission recurring office hours to support student vets Student Vet of the Year/Month Award Program PTSD/TBI "Escalation of Support" Resource Plan VA Work Study Program Brazos Valley Council of Governments Financial & Childcare Support Program "Deployed Aggies" Tracking Program Delta Company Employment Program (Graduation) **Delta Company Book Fund** Vet Success on Campus Counselor (VSOC) Program Aggie Veteran/Military Constituent Network Graduating veteran "Lessons Learned" program TAMU & Brazos County Adaptive Sports Program Low/No Rent Housing Program TAMU Student Veteran Association Reorganization Program Troop Care Package Program Wounded Warrior Hunting Trips

## **Events Conducted /Supported (41):**

5 New Student Conference Socials
VRSC Dedication Ceremony
3 Graduation Cord Receptions -- Started a new Aggie Veteran Tradition
Boots to Backpacks
7 Veterans Day 2012 Events (National Roll Call, Engineering Lunch, Corps Dinner, Basketball Military Appreciation Game, VPSA Reception, Bush School Veteran Panel & Brazos Valley Veterans
Ceremony)
"Combat Boots to Business Suits" Panel
TAMU staff/students participated in the TAMUS "Military Friendly" Symposium
2 VRSC hosted webinars on Student Veterans in Higher Education
Participated in "Service Animal" webinar w/ Disability Services
Student Vet speakers for TVC 15th Annual Summit in Austin
Faculty/Staff/Advisor Program (over 80 attended)
Vet Only HIST course for Fall 13 VETS program

Mays Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for Veterans Student Veteran Tracking Program Operation Finally Home groundbreaking event Military Appreciation (Football) halftime event Student veteran assessment & Focus Groups Bush Library screening of "Veteran Nation" 3 Vet Connect Events Museum of the American GI Fund Raiser New Staff Orientation Resource Table 2 Basketball & Baseball Military Appreciation Events Social Media Strategy Class Presentation

## Partnered with (105+):

TAMU Offices:

Admissions, SFAID & VSO

Academic Success Center & Peer Academic Services

17 Academic Colleges/Depts: Geosciences, Liberal Arts, Mays, Ag, Bush School, Engineering, Science, Psychology, Computer Science, English, History, International Studies, Construction Science, Transition Academic Programs, Grad & U/G Studies, and Graduate Research Office Study Abroad

Diversity Office

PMC and Courtney Cares Riding Therapy

TEES/TEEKS

TAMU Transportation Services for Veteran employment

**Prospective Student Center** 

Office of Federal Relations

Office of the Registrar

Academy for the Visual & Performing Arts

Div of Student Affairs: Student Life Studies, Student Counseling Service, Student Activities, AGOSS, Multicultural Services, Res Life, Student Health, New Student Pgms, Disability Services, OPAS, Corps of Cadets & the 3 ROTCs

**Career Services** 

TAMU System

Athletics

Student Gov't

University Advisors & Counselors

11-11 Class Council, MSC Fish, Ags Support USO, Whoop for Troops & Aggie Guidedog Service TAMU Marketing

AFS

Others:

**Operation College Promise** 

"USMC Leader Scholar Program" & US Army "Soldier for Life"

TVC/Texas Workforce Commission/TexVet/Texas Veteran Leadership Program

Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans Assoc (IAVA)

Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program

Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial Foundation

Coalition of Brazos Valley Veterans Organizations

VA

Museum of the American GI

US Olympic Committee/US Paralympic Committee Jana Tarleton "Gameday for Heroes" **Brazos County Women Republicans** Wounded Warrior Project Jamespoint Management Company Red White & Bike Texas Army Nat'l Guard Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial, Am Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans Assoc & Brazos Valley Marine Corps League Vets4Vets Wounded Warrior Regiment Blinn & Texas State University **Combat Marine Outdoors & Buckmasters** Running with Roy America's Country Store Veterans Legal Initiative Las Brisas Farms 11x Corporations for Veteran Employment (Luster, Zachary, Accenture, CIA, NSA, Pentagon Fed, Target, Sears, JPM, URide & Sunpower)

# Committees & Advising (14):

T2C – Chair

- T2C "Data Subcommittee- Chair
- T2C Assessment Subcommittee-Chair

Diversity Operations Committee Clarence Sasser Medal of Honor Committee Pat Tillman Scholarship Selection Committee Division of Student Affairs Leadership Task Force Student Behavioral Issues Committee Risk Management Collegitelink DSA Assessment Advisor for SVA & Delta Company Coalition of Brazos Valley Veterans Organizations

## Presentations (37):

20 New Student Conferences Freshman/Transfer Information Day & Aggieland Saturday Military MBA prospective students Radio interview with WTAW on Tuition Assistance changes POLS grad student class on Student Vet Characteristics Division of Student Affairs IT section on Student Vets & VRSC DSA Student Veteran Awareness Panel/Presentation AFS Endowed Century Club members & Austin County Muster Brazos Valley Veteran's Memorial ATM Vet Mentor Presentation TAMU/Blinn Dean's Meeting & TAMU AOC Dean's Meeting Bush School PSO MSC Fish SAFAB

## Consulted for (7):

Prairie View A&M	TAMU Galveston	Texarkana		
VA Tech	Alabama A&M			
OU	University of Wisconsin (Green Bay)			

#### **Development:**

Received over \$57,000 in donations/pledges for student veteran related programs/events

#### VRSC Contact Rates:

					Conta	Data for August 2013													
	Phone	/ Email, In	/Walk-	SV - Student Vet SD - Dependent FS - Faculty O - Other					AR - Admissions/Recruiting; A-Academic; SL - Student Life; C - Crisis; E - Employment; SFA - Scholarships & Financial Aid; DV - Development;AD - Administrative;O - Other									Karen - Pros. Students/ Month	Karen - Pros. Students/ total
	Р	E	W	SV	SD	FS	PSV	0	AR	A	SL	C	E	SFA	DV	AD	0		
Dec	10	20	35	27	3	10	1	22	7	10	6	3	11	0	4	6	21		
Jan	33	46	56	78	6	20	10	25	48	13	16	4	2	10	3	5	28		
Feb	75	67	106	53	0	58	15	35	21	35	32	1	12	24	5	10	38		
Mar	43	144	84	82	2	93	21	64	39	24	42	0	23	20	8	31	82		
Apr	83	383	131	159	3	178	152	103	218	13	75	19	16	22	30	40	160		
May	83	409	74	84	5	155	28	51	38	51	77	10	17	25	24	29	54		
June	89	514	120	130	15	234	98	160	148	49	124	2	56	48	38	52	116		
July	78	391	71	138	8	241	46	104	67	79	113	14	42	50	43	60	80		
Aug	149	571	274	342	7	308	205	246	228	88	207	14	51	138	47	92	241	123	223
AVG	71	283	106	121	5	144	64	90	90	40	77	7	26	37	22	36	91		
Total	643	2545	951	1093	49	1297	576	810	814	362	692	67	230	337	202	325	820		
	209%	202%	259%	282%	129%	214%	320%	273%	252%	219%	269%	188%	200%	369%	209%	255%	265%	"% of 9 m	onth AVG"

## Future Planned Programs & Events:

TAMU Military Voices Initiative & Telling Aggieland Hosting TAMUS annual Military Friendly Symposium 18+TAMU Veterans Day 2013 events expanded to "TAMU Veterans Week" 1-11 Nov 2013 Sasser Medal of Honor Ceremony Multicultural Services Veteran Community Conversation in Nov 2013 Advisor Briefing Day Presentation AGOSS Student Vet Panel Beyond Glory OPAS Event Military Spouse & Dependent Programs Coalition of TAMU Military Affiliated Student Organizations Wounded Warrior Run & Running with Roy Aggie Tree Team Fund Raiser Wounded Warrior Cigar & Steak Dinner MSC Veterans Lounge Dedication Division of Student Affairs Staff Development Presentation