

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
5th ANNUAL MILITARY FRIENDLY SYMPOSIUM
“Enduring Resolve”
October 8-9, 2013

Texas A&M University
Memorial Student Center, Room 2406
275 Joe Routh Blvd.
College Station, TX 77843

Directions

<http://www.mscc.tamu.edu/aboutus/parking.html>

AGENDA UPDATED 9/12/13 –Please check back for late changes or updates

AGENDA: TUESDAY, OCT. 8, 2013

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| 7:00 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. | Check-in/Registration—please be prompt. Paid parking is available at Koldus garage directly across the street from MSC. |
| 8:15 a.m. | Welcome— Col. Jerry Smith, USMC (Ret.), Director, Texas A&M Veteran Resource and Support Center
Posting of the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

Welcome—Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.), Vice President for Student Affairs, Texas A&M |
| 8:40 a.m. | Opening Remarks— John Sharp, Chancellor, Texas A&M University System |
| 9:00 a.m. | Overview of Symposium/A&M System VSO Update—Rod Davis, Veterans Support Office, A&M System |
| 9:30 a.m. | Benefits Update Panel: GI Bill, Hazlewood, and other vet issues—DVA representative (pending); Rufus Coburn, Texas Veterans Commission; Dr. Susanna Hupp, Health and Human Services Commission; Candice Lopez, VA VetSuccess/Texas A&M-Central Texas |
| 10:50 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. | Panel: Building campus awareness and outreach—Ronnie White, Mississippi State; Jerry Smith, Texas A&M; Ben Armstrong, UT-Austin; Angela Dickson, Prairie View A&M; Tina Dealy, Lone Star College System |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch (courtesy the Wounded Warrior Project) |

1:00 p.m. **Keynote address**— Dr. James Wright, president emeritus, Dartmouth University, and author of “Those Who Have Borne the Battle.” (Time may be extended as needed)

2:50 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Panel: Empowering student vets through engagement— Student veterans from Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Texas State, Blinn College, Montclair State University

4:00 p.m. Panel: Data reporting initiatives for student veterans—Bridgette Ingram, Texas A&M; Larry Marek, A&M System; Elizabeth Johnson, Tarleton State University

4:45 p.m. Adjourn for day.

Dinner on your own.

AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 2013

8:00 a.m. Orientation for day and questions.

8:30 a.m. Panel: Counseling and support networks—Dr. Nancy Welch, Texas A&M; Dr. Katherine Selber, Texas State University; Perry Jefferies, TexVet; Dr. Walter Penk, VA, retired; Dr. David Graham, staff psychiatrist, DeBakey VA Medical Center; Dr. Kathryn Kotrla, president, MEK, Inc.

9:45 a.m. Presentations (15 minutes each):
-Operation College Promise, Wendy Lang
-Wounded Warrior Project, John Boerstler
-The Telling Project, Jonathan Wei **

10:40 a.m. Break

10:50 a.m. Panel: Transitions, with special College Credit for Heroes update— Apurva Naik, manager CCH initiative, Brigitte Flynt, Central Texas College; Dr. Johnelle Welsh, Central Texas College; Stephen Keltgen, Austin Community College.

12:00 noon *Lunch – (courtesy Texas A&M)

1:15 p.m. Open thread interactive follow-up panel . Q&A and feedback on any topic from all participating guests. Rod Davis, moderator.

Please be sure to attend with your questions, suggestions, and helpful ideas. This will be one of the most important and useful panels of the Symposium. A&M System members required attendance.

2:45 p.m. Close and adjourn/Evaluations