Upcoming April Events:

• **Meals for Vets** - See the flyer!
• **Collin Career Center Presentation**
• **RBFCU presents Veteran Students and Their Families: How to be a Competitive Candidate** - Flyer coming soon!
• **Staff & Faculty** - Green Zone trained April 23rd (future Green Zone training to be announced mid-April)

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**We Are Your Veterans Resource Center**

Collin College’s Veterans Resource Centers (VRC) coordinate college-wide services to connect military-affiliated students, with on-campus and community resources to ensure a smooth transition into college life and to foster academic success.

Our services range from providing information about admissions, academics, financial aid and VA education benefits to extending to advocacy and resource referral. At Collin College, veterans and their families can expect an exceptional experience!

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**Don’t Forget to Submit Your Hazlewood Renewal Application**

If you are currently using the Hazlewood tuition exemption and intend to use it in the Summer, be sure to submit your renewal application at least two weeks before the payment due date: May 5, 7 p.m. You can find the application via the following link: (Click on renewal application) https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/veterans/hazlewood.html

All documents can be emailed to **VRC@collin.edu**
Trivia Question

Who is the only President to have served as an enlisted man in the military and did not go on to become an officer?

Respond with the correct answer by visiting any of the VRCs or email to be entered into our monthly drawing. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter.

March Trivia Question Winner

Congratulations Len Oldham! Winner of a plush patriotic blanket and VRC swag!

Cougar Compass 🛰

A common question among students using their VA education benefits is: Will the VA pay for it? The short answer is: If it’s not in your degree plan, the VA won’t pay.

To make sure your courses are covered by the VA, you can visit CougarCompass through your CougarWeb portal to get a comprehensive look at your degree plan and its requirements.

Becoming familiar with CougarCompass can allow you to maximize your education benefits and graduate on time!
**Chapter 33. Eligibility Form**

*IMPORTANT REMINDER:* Students intending on receiving VA benefits under the Chapter 33 Post 9/11 G.I. Bill **MUST** fill out a Chapter 33 Eligibility Verification form and email it to the Bursar's office (cashier@collin.edu) prior to the start of the term. This includes the upcoming summer semester. Failure to submit the form prior to the payment deadline (May 5, 7 p.m.) could result in your courses being dropped.

The form can be downloaded [HERE](#).

**Chapter 33. Self-Reporting**

Beginning soon, students using the Chapter 33 Post 9/11 G.I. Bill will be required to self-report their enrollment to Veterans Affairs. In the past, student enrollment was reported by the student’s university or college. If you forget to report your enrollment, you risk the loss of benefits.

Keep an eye out on your emails to make sure you don’t miss future updates on this new rule!

**Changing Degrees?**

Looking to change your degree? Get in contact with your VA Advisor to discuss how changing your degree could affect your VA benefits.

Afterwards, visit your Veteran Resource Center or visit our [Forms](#) page to grab a Degree Plan Request Form and a VA Form 22-1995 (veteran) or VA Form 22-5495 (dependent).

You’ll submit these to a VRC Specialist or email them to vrc@collin.edu to officially declare your change of major to the VA.

*By last name...*

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**TVC 101 - Workforce**

Do you have questions for the Texas Veterans Commission’s workforce team? We have some answers! Follow our YouTube channel ([Collin College Veteran Resource Center](#)) to get some of the ins and outs of the TVC’s workforce program!

Is the Worforce program not for you? Follow our channel for future videos featuring other TVC programs including claims, representation, the Hazlewood, women veterans program and more!

To receive more information on the Texas Veterans Commission, click [HERE](#).

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**Veterans Resource Centers Information:**

- **Plano Campus,** Room D200/201  
  VRC Specialist: Caleb Martin  
  Contact: 972.881.5774

- **McKinney Campus,** Room B122 C&D  
  VRC Specialist: Jason Elliston  
  Contact: 972.548.6767

- **Frisco Campus,** Room F141  
  VRC Specialist: Kelly Park  
  Contact: 972.377.1020

- **Technical Campus,** Room A150  
  VRC Specialist: Joshua Jones  
  Contact: 972.553.1186

- **Wylie Campus,** Room 214 (Campus Commons)  
  VRC Specialist: Mark Martinez  
  Contact: 972.378.8291

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