# Nueces County Veterans Quarterly Newsletter













APRIL 1, 2022

UPCOMING
SHERRILL
VETERANS
MEMORIAL
PARK
CEREMONIES

April-June 2022

05/14/2022 Armed Forces Day

Host: American Legion Post 28

05/30/2022 Memorial Day Host: DV Chapter150

06/11/2022 Women Veterans Day Host: TBD

06/11/2022 Flag Day Host: Association of the U. S. Army

\*All Ceremonies will be conducted at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park and will start at 10:00am



Durashia "Button" Frizzell MAC (SW) USN (Retired)

# VETERAN OF THE QUARTER

Button graduated from Sanford-Fritch High School in 1988 and soon after married Russell Frizzell. She joined the Navy in 1989 and was shipped out to Boot Camp in Orlando Fl. Her first assignments were in Philadelphia where she served as an

Electrician's Mate onboard Naval Station Philadelphia and the USS Forestall, an aircraft carrier. In 1994 she was transferred to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) Guantanamo Bay Cuba where she spent a year and due to all dependents being evacuated off the Island. Button was transferred to Guam where she spent the next three years onboard the USS Holland and the USS Frank Cable both sub tenders (repair ships), though she spent most of her time in Sasebo and Yokosuka Japan. In 1998 she converted to the Master at Arms (MA) rating and attended the training academy at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She was assigned to NTC Orlando, Naval Hospital Pensacola, in Florida. Button was at Naval Air Station Keflavik Iceland where she worked as a Watch Commander on September 11, 2001. She was promoted to MA1, she also enjoyed becoming the DARE instructor teaching over 300 elementary students, Career Counselor and Security's Admin Officer. In 2003 she transferred to NTTC Lackland, as an instructor for Master at Arms training academy. She was also to work as the School Liaison/ Administrative assistant. In 2006 Button transferred to Naval Air Facility Atsugi Japan, selected as Chief Petty Officer (CPO) where she served as a Watch Commander and the Training Officer, worked with the JMSDF training, and the Japanese Security guards. Her final duty station was NAS Corpus Christi. She worked with MWR and other organizations to have National Night Out on Base, which had not been done in a long time. Button was deployed for a year to JTF GTMO Detainee Operations and retired after 24 years. Button received several awards for her outstanding professionalism and leadership throughout her career.

Button is currently employed with Texas Veterans Commission as a Veteran Career Advisor with Employment Services where she has worked for eight years. She has provided several workshops to veterans and family members with resumes, Interview skills and assisting with navigating how to find employment. Button has volunteered to provide employment services for three veteran community outreaches over the last few months and she works with community resources and veteran organizations to assist veterans.

# **UPCOMING COMMUNITY CEREMONIES**

## **COASTAL BEND STATE VETERANS CEMETERY**

Memorial Day Ceremony—May 30, 2022 at 12 noon (Flag placement on gravesites—May 27, 2022 at 5:00pm)

## SEASIDE FUNERAL HOME AND MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Day Ceremony—May 30, 2022 at 1:00pm



# American Heritage World War II

1939 - 1945

Town | Hall

April 8, 2022 from 10am - 12pm

Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, Room 106 3209 S. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX

#### **Contact:**

Nueces County Veterans Services 361-888-0820

Come share your local World War II History with us!



#### **ANNUAL HOMETOWN HEROES**



Thursday April 14, 2022 at 6:00pm

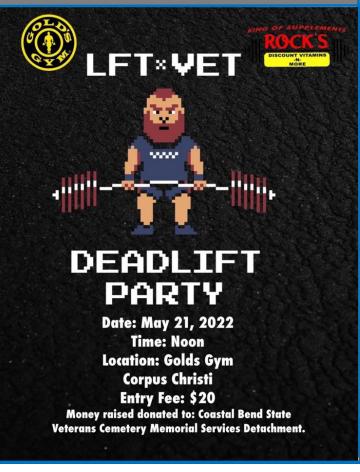
#### Islanders vs Houston Baptist Huskies

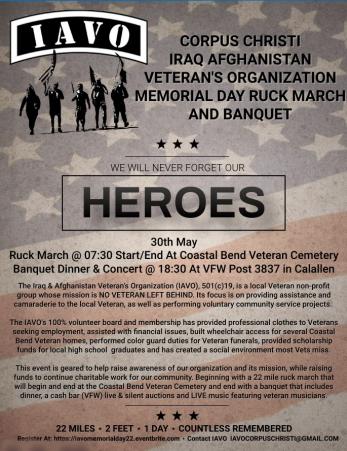
First responders, active & retired military and healthcare workers will be admitted to the game

#### FREE!

If you have any questions, you can contact **Joseph Barret** at joseph.barrett@tamucc.edu or 210-906-3402

Hope to see y'all at the game!





# Better phone calls now

Do you have trouble hearing on the phone? Do you keep asking people to repeat themselves? If so, you may be eligible for no-cost telephone captioning from CaptionCall.



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#### What does CaptionCall do?

Our phone displays big, easy-to-read text that automatically captions your conversations. It dials, rings, and works just like a regular phone.

- Captions turn on or off as needed
  Captioned voice messages included
  No cost if you have hearing loss and need
  captions to use the phone efficiently



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# MEALS FOR A flagship program of **Honor Veterans Now**



#### **Nourishing Texas Veterans**

Serving Texas Veterans 59 years and younger with limited income.

> 830.992.3375 800.676.1389

mealsforvets.org

#### **MEALS FOR VETS**

MFV works to eliminate hunger in all Texas Veterans with low or no income, and are excluded from other meal programs. We provide funding for nutritious meals for all qualifying Veterans including student Veterans attending college. Meals may be delivered through a Veteran's local meal provider, school cafeteria, or shipped to their home.

#### **Apply online:**

#### mealsforvets.org/apply/

Submit proof of service (at least 180 active-duty days in U.S. military) and income/benefit documents as per application.

#### Helping our Veterans is an honor.

MFV relies on donations and grants from generous individuals, organizations, and foundations. Helping our Veterans is an honor! Providing at-risk Veterans with an essential need such as food is a duty we cannot deny.

## mealsforvets.org



This program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance. The Fund for Veterans' Assistance provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families. For more information, visit www.TVC.Texas.gov.



Honor Veterans Now is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity







#### WANT TO BE A VA MEDICAL **FOSTER HOME CAREGIVER?**

If you answer yes to the following questions, you may be a good candidate to become a VA Medical Foster Caregiver:

- Do you have care giving experience?
- Do you live within the Valley Coastal Bend?
- Are you willing to provide 24 hour care, supervision, and living space to one or more Veterans living in your home?

#### **HOME REQUIREMENTS**

- Up to three Veterans per home
- Home owned/rented by caregiver
- Home is caregiver's daily place of residence
- Provide a home-like, safe care environment (via location, furnishings, and upkeep.)
- Pass an inspection by a VA team, comply with state and local licensure and regulations, and meet current National Fire protection Association Life Safety



#### **CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Complete an application and interview with the VA MFH Program Coordinator
- Must be financially stable
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Experience providing care (formal or informal)
- Meet semi-annual training requirements
- Agree to a criminal history check
- Provide personal and work related references
- Physical ability to provide care
- A written back up plan and list of relief caregivers who can provide assistance
- Communicate with the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Team should significant changes occur (appearance, behavior, state of health)
- Accept and follow the Veteran's treatment plan
- Accept and follow the VA MFH rules and guidelines.

#### For more information, please contact:

Sandi Barnett, LCSW **Medical Foster Home Coordinator** Sandi.Barnett@va.gov 361-756-1160

Approved VCBVHEI 07/28/2020

# **VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME**

Welcome to VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System (VCB)



















#### RIP CURRENT **STATS & FACTS**

Rip currents are more dangerous to ocean

Over 80% of all ocean surf-related rescues

Nearly 100 lives nationwide are claimed

#### **RIP CURRENT RISK? CHECK THE FLAGS!**



LOW







# **HOW TO STAY** SWIM AVOID FLOAT ESCAPE

### SWIM TO THE SIDE, PARALLEL TO THE BEACH







Float or tread water



Only swim with lifeguards present



Swim parallel to the shore



Call or wave for assistance

RIP Current In Sight?

FLOAT DON" FIGHT



# FORTY AND EIGHT

Voiture 1134 was originally chartered in Kleberg County but now includes the entire Coastal Bend area. We are part of a national Veterans Honor Society with We invite honorably discharged veterans or active-duty military members who want to donate a few hours each month to help others through our programs.

For more information, please contact Voyageur Militaire:
Milton Sherwood at 361-906-0246

You can also visit us on our Grand du Texas Website: <a href="www.texasboxcar.org">www.texasboxcar.org</a>
or Voiture Nationale at <a href="www.fortyandeight.org">www.fortyandeight.org</a>

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BOXCAR ASSOCIATION

POW/MIA

VETERAN SUPPORT

# VA DISABILITY PAY RATES















VETERAN

1033/6/202	10 TEAR OLD 18 TEARS OLD					ANDATTENDANCE				
ANNOUNCED 2022 COLA OF 5.9%	Ι	I S	A B	I L	I T	Y	R A	T I	N G	
DEPENDENT STATUS	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Veteran Alone	152.50	301.82	467.02	673.52	958.40	1,213.61	1,530.26	1,778.06	1,998.33	3,331.61
Veteran with Spouse	N/A	N/A	522.46	747.41	1,050.57	1,325.22	1,659.15	1,926.69	2,164.79	3,517.84
Veteran with 1 child only	N/A	N/A	504.45	721.99	1,019.86	1,288.16	1,616.79	1,876.92	2,109.72	3,456.30
O O Veteran with 1 child and spouse	N/A	N/A	563.76	801.42	1,118.35	1,406.77	1,754.46	2,035.77	2,287.63	3,653.89
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Each parent up to 2	N/A	N/A	44.48	59.30	74.13	88.96	103.78	118.71	133.43	149.10
Each additional child under age 18	N/A	N/A	27.53	36.01	45.54	55.07	64.60	73.07	82.60	92.31
Each additional child over age 18 in a qualifying school program	N/A	N/A	88.96	118.61	148.26	177.91	208.62	238.28	267.93	298.18
Spouse receving Aid and Attendance	N/A	N/A	50.83	67.78	85.78	101.66	119.67	136.61	153.56	170.38

"Use the compensation rates table to find your monthly payment amount. The monthly payment amounts are based on your disability rating and your eligible dependent family members."



# Federal and State benefits for Veterans in the Great State of Texas

(eligibility based on Discharge & VA Disability Rating)

#### 100% PERMANENT & TOTAL - COMPENSATION or IU

FULL MEDICAL BENEFIT eligibility

Waiver of national service Life Insurance premiums

Tax-Free Student Loan forgiveness (filed through the Department of Education)

#### 100% Service Connected Disabled or IU

**Dental Treatment** 

TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES (Texas Benefit - for homestead residence)

#### 70% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$12,000 (Texas Benefit)

#### 60% Service-Connected Disabled

Free TX Driver's License (with rating & Honorable Discharge)

Free TX State Park Admission (w/ TPWD passport)

#### 50% Service-Connected Disabled

VHA Healthcare Priority Group 1

Property Tax exemption for first \$10,000 (Texas Benefit)

Free TX Hunting & Fishing License Pkg.

Special license plates. \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (Texas Benefit)

#### 40% Service-Connected Disabled (due to an amputation of a lower extremity)

Special license plates. \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (Texas Benefit)

#### 30% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$7,500 (Texas Benefit)

Dependents considered for compensation purposes and payment calculations

Non-Competitive Federal Employment (NCE) eligibility

Mileage reimbursement for VA Medical appointments

#### 10% - 20% Service-Connected Disabled

Medical care for rated disability/(ies) at no charge. Co-Pay for non-related prescriptions and Dr. visits.

Hearing aids/glasses provided at no fee, no charge.

Property Tax exemption for first \$5,000 (Texas Benefit)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling eligibility [Title 38, Chapter 31]

Clothing Allowance for prosthetic devices

Veterans preference on civil service [10 points]

#### 0% Service-Connected, Purple Heart Recipients, Former POWs, and Primary Family Caregivers of Veterans

Access to Commissary, Military Exchange, and MWR privileges on U.S. military installations (under the Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018)

#### ALL VETERANS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guarantee

Home Loan guarantee fee exemption

#### SDVI - must file within 2-years of a "new service connection"

Educational assistance under the Hazlewood Program ("IF" initially enlisted within the state of

*Texas)* Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) programs require 90-days of cumulative service, and any discharge other than Dishonorable

Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) housing assistance program

Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) home improvement program

SPOUSE BENEFITS - 100% P&T Disability: CHAMPVA

Chapter 35 Education Benefits Veteran Employment Preference





# NUECES HIRES VETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/NUECESCO

# FREE LEGAL HELP FOR LOW-INCOME VETERANS

SPOUSES/WIDOWS, DEPENDENT CHILDREN, & ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

WE CAN HELP WITH MOST CIVIL LEGAL MATTERS:

EMPLOYMENT ★ PUBLIC BENEFIT APPEALS ★ CONSUMER ★ HOUSING DRIVER'S LICENSE RECOVERY ★ CIVIL RIGHTS ★ DISASTER RELIEF VETERAN BENEFIT APPEALS ★ FAMILY ★ WILLS & PROBATE

# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE:

EL PASO 1331 TEXAS AVE (915) 585-5142 3825 AGNES ST (361) 880-5435 AUSTIN 4920 N. I-35 (512) 374-2753

SAN ANTONIO 1111 N. MAIN AVE (210) 212-3740

902 E. 11TH ST (830) 774-8305 MERCEDES 301 S. TEXAS (956) 447-4840

Veteran Advocacy Project

TEXAS RIO GRANDE LEGAL AID, INC.
WWW.TRLA.ORG















Goodwill provides free digital skills training for veterans, dependents, and surviving spouses. Earn certificates in the following:

- Basic Computer Skills
- Keyboarding
- Internet Basics
- Using Email
- · Microsoft Word
- Windows 10





#### GoodwillSouthTexas.com

Corpus Christi Area: 361-884-4068 ext. 60100 | Rio Grande Valley: 956-383-0023 ext. 60100



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# Nueces County Appraisal District

# **Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans**

for application please visit

www.nuecescad.net/forms

or call (361) 881-9978

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

201 N. Chaparral Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

\*Awards letter required from VA regional office 1-800-827-1000



#### FOR CLAIMS

#### FOR EMPLOYMENT

#### FOR HEALTH CARE

Open the camera on your phone. Point your camera at the QR image.

Tap on the Website pop up.

Select any location in the Corpus Christi area



If you are unable to use the QR go to www.tinyurl.com/SouthWestclaims

Thank you for your service

#### **Workforce Solutions**

520 N. Staples St. Corpus Christi, Tx 78401

www.workforcesolutionscb.org 361-882-7491

#### **Health Care Advocacy**

**Janet Franco** 

(361) 939-6510 ext. 62757 Cell: (361) 445-1733

janet.franco@tvc.texas.gov

Hours: 7:30a – 4:30p / M-F

Corpus Christi VA Specialty Outpatient Clinic (OPC) 205 South Enterprise Parkway Room J277 Corpus Christi, TX 78405



# Non-Disclosures & Expunctions of Criminal Records

The Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) Veterans Advocacy Project will host an online presentation focusing on the civil remedies for veterans such as non-disclosures and expunctions of criminal arrest records. Topics will include:

- ► Why a veteran who has been arrested should seek these legal remedies
- ► The difference between non-disclosures and expunctions
- ▶ Eligiblity for non-disclosures and expunctions
- ► The process to obtain non-disclosures and expunctions

#### Presenters:

Fresenters: Sita Stone, TRLA ReEntry Team Manager & Attorney Rachel Cook, TRLA Attorney Reneé Treviño, TRLA Attorney **APR. 6, 2022** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CST

Register at:

## bit.ly/3C6kzCp

Directions to attend the presentation will be sent once registration is complete.

TRLA provides free legal services to people in 68 Toxos counties facing various civil matters. The Telephone Access to Justice (TAJ) hottline is available to help apply for services. Call (888) 988-9996 M-F between 9,000 am 8.5:00 pm CST. State and Jederal eligibility guidelines apply.

# NUECES COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT



Honorable Judge Jack W. Pulcher 105th District Court

- Specialized pre-trial diversion program for Veteran defendants;
- Combines intensive probation/judicial supervision with treatment programs that address the Veterans' service-related experiences;
- Designed to divert eligible Veterans out of the traditional criminal justice process and into appropriate rehabilitative alternatives with a high degree of accountability.

#### You May Qualify If:

- ✓ You have a criminal case/charge pending in Nueces County.
- You are active duty, a reservist or a Veteran of the U.S. Military, to include National & State Guard;
- ✓ You did NOT receive a Dishonorable or Bad Conduct Discharge from military service.

If you wish to apply, please contact your attorney or the Veterans Court Coordinator:

Amanda De La Cerda • (361) 888-0510 • amanda.delacerda@nuecesco.com Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 (press 1)

#### **Veterans Resources**

## Texas Veterans Leadership Program

520 N. Staples St.

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

POĈ: Gina Brown 361-882-7491 Ext. 739

Email: gina.bohnert@twc.texas.gov



darak tate Operation Link Outreach Specialist O: 361.854.9199 F: 361.854.9147 W: coada-cb.org 1801 S. Alameda St. Ste. 150 Corpus Christi, TX 78404

#### **Disabled American Veterans**

4646 Corona, Suite 250 Corpus Christi, TX 78411 361-854-9961 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-3:00 pm Fridays 8:00 am - 11:00 am Walk in Basis

# The Del Mar College Veterans Upward Bound

program provides <u>FREE</u> support services to assist qualifying veterans in beginning or continuing eductional/ vocational programs.



#### For additional information please contact:

Veterans Upward Bound Program
Del Mar College, West Campus, HS2.205
4101 Old Brownsville Rd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

T: 361-698-2642 or 361-698-2648



Serving America's Military Families

#### **Brenda Crawley**

Operation Homefront South Texas Corpus Christi Captain Volunteer 361-549-4401- Cell

The Community Based Services program offers Homelessness Prevention & Stabilization Services to Veterans and their families.

361-356-3649

602 N. Staples, Suite 190 Corpus Christi, TX 78401

#### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A BASE ID

Contact

NAS CORPUS CHRISTI

(361) 961-3840 or 3848

https://rapids-appontments.dmcdc.osd.mil DEERS 1-800-538-9552

TRICARE 1-800-444-5445

Appointments, Site Locator &

**ID Office Online:** 

https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/





### Attention all Veterans...Be your own boss!

If you are a veteran or service-disabled veteran, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has resources to help you start and grow your small business. From creating a business plan to finding your first customer, we're here to help you succeed.

For more information, please call the SBA's Corpus Christi Branch Office at 361-879-0017 or visit www.sba.gov/vets

#### **Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery**

9974 IH 37 Access Road Corpus Christi, TX 78410 **361-248-4830** 



# Veterans Roundtable & Radio Show



Every Tuesday from 9:00-11:00a.m.

Del Mar College Center for Economic Development
3209 S. Staples Street Corpus Christi, TX 78411

#### Veterans Radio Roundtable

Every Saturday 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Call 361-882-5397 and join the conversation

### Corpus Christi Vet Center Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

4646 Corona, Suite 250 Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 P: 361.854.9961 F: 361.854.4730

1-877-WARVETS (927-8387)







The Thank a Vet Program was conceived as a way of giving back to the veterans who have served our country through the armed forces by offering discounts at participating merchants.

Nueces County Clerk's Office 901 Leopard, Ste 201 Corpus Christi, TX 78401 361-888-0862



www.ebenefits.va.gov

## **Veterans Service Organizations**

#### 40/8 Voiture 1134 Veterans

#### **Honor Society**

POC-Mel Sherwood 361-906-0246 mpsbs@yahoo.com

#### **American Legion**

#### Paul G. Alaniz Jr. Post 28

Commander-Joe Barrientes 361-876-5065 Cell 361-265-0565 Home Ed.heskett@gmail.com

#### **American Legion Post 185**

400 Texas St Bishop, TX 78343 Commander-Mike Denkeler

## American Legion

## <u>Bill Roper Post 364</u> 5323 Kostoryz Rd.

Corpus Christi, TX 78415 Commander-Henry Pena

#### **Burn Pits 360 Veterans Organization**

Rosie Torres.

Co-founder/Executive Director 201 N. 4th Street Robstown, Texas 78380 361-816-4015

www.burnpits360.org

## $\underline{\textbf{Coastal Bend State Veteran Cemetery}}$

Memorial Service Detachment
David Matson
9974 IH 37 Access Rd.

Corpus Christi, TX 78410 361-563-8758

301-503-8758

matson1david@yahoo.com

#### **Combat Vets Association**

#### Chapter 23-8

Dell Shaw 361-884-4068

#### **Disabled American Veterans**

#### Chapter 150

P.O. Box 7901

Corpus Christi, TX 78467 Commander-Baldemar Perez

#### Fleet Reserve Association 94

Corpus Christi Branch 1651 Flour Bluff Rd POC-Donald Larson 361-548-8919 dla9397195@aol.com

#### **Heroes Gone Wild**

Director—Scott Morrison 910-986-0021

#### Heroes on the Water

Coastal Bend Chapter 5310 Corpus Christi, TX Joseph Briones 361-739-0329 coastalbend@heroesonthewater.org

#### Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans

#### Organization—CC

Commander—Zeke Rodriguez 361-543-8316 hrodrigu27@yahoo.com

#### Marine Corps League #430

Commandant-Roberto Urtado

#### <u>Military Order of the Purple Heart</u> <u>Alaniz-Valentine Texas Chapter 598</u>

Corpus Christi, TX Commander-Skyler Barker 949-923-9417 Skyler.je.barker@gmail.com

# S. TX All Airborne Chapter

## 82nd Airborne Div. Assoc., Inc.

P.O. Box 4490 Corpus Christi, TX 78469 Chairman-Moses Leyba Jr 361-442-9957

# The Patriots Band & Honor Guard of America, Inc

P.O. Box 271117 Corpus Christi, TX 78427 President-Eddie Franco efranco3@stx.rr.com

#### **United States Submarine Veterans Inc.**

www.myhealth.va.gov

Sea Turtle Base, Corpus Christi, TX Commander-Glenn MacDonald 361-500-4298

#### **United Vietnam Veterans of Texas**

P.O. Box 4490 Corpus Christi, TX 78469

President-Lazaro O. Camarillo, III 361-779-6456

loc111airborne@yahoo.com

#### **Veterans Band of Corpus Christi, TX**

Band Director-Ram Chavez P.O. Box 8606 Corpus Christi, TX 78468 ramchavez74@gmail.com 361-728-7052

#### **VFW Post 2397**

4441 Ayers St. Corpus Christi, TX 78415

Commander-Lazaro O. Camarillo, III 361-779-6456

loc111airborne@yahoo.com

#### **VFW Post 3837**

12030 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, TX. 78410 Commander— David Tamez 361-241-0600

#### **VFW Post 8932**

702 Jester

Corpus Christi, TX 78418 Commander/Service Officer- Abel Garcia 361-937-9999 vfwpost8932@mygrande.net

## <u>Vietnam Veterans of American</u>

#### Chapter 910

Corpus Christi, TX ramchavez74@gmail.com 361-728-7052