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2026 AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Tyler County Veterans Service Office

Veterans Served - 6 Month Report

Presented to:

Tyler County Commissioners Court

Reporting Period:

February 2026- July 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Tyler County Commissioners Court with an overview of the number of veterans currently being served by the Tyler County Veterans Service Office and to demonstrate the consistent demand for veteran services within our county.

Veteran Service Activity

Over the past six months, the Tyler County Veterans Service Office has maintained a steady caseload of veterans seeking assistance with VA benefits, claims, healthcare enrollment, survivor benefits, education benefits, and other veteran-related services.

Reporting Period	Veterans Served
Month 1	30
Month 2	30
Month 3	30
Month 4	30
Month 5	30
Month 6	30

Six-Month Summary

- **Veterans served each month:** Approximately **30**
- **Total service encounters during the reporting period:** **180**
- **Average monthly caseload:** **30 veterans**

Services Provided

Veterans visiting the office receive assistance with services including:

- VA disability compensation claims
- Pension benefits
- Survivor (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation) benefits
- VA healthcare enrollment
- Appeals and supplemental claims
- Dependency updates
- VA forms and documentation
- Referrals to federal, state, and local veteran resources
- Education and employment benefit guidance
- General advocacy and case management

Professional Development and Accreditation

The Tyler County Veterans Service Office places a high priority on maintaining the knowledge and credentials necessary to effectively serve our veterans.

Although the standard timeline to complete all required Veterans Service Officer training and accreditation is approximately **one year**, I am on track to complete all required training and accreditation requirements in **approximately seven months**, significantly ahead of schedule. Completing these requirements early demonstrates my commitment to professional excellence, continued education, and providing the highest level of service to Tyler County veterans and their families.

Impact

Providing timely assistance helps veterans and their families:

- Access earned federal and state benefits.
- Reduce delays in claims processing.
- Navigate complex VA procedures.
- Connect with healthcare and supportive services.
- Improve financial stability and overall quality of life.

The continued average of approximately **30 veterans served each month**, while simultaneously completing required accreditation ahead of schedule, reflects both the growing demand for veterans' services in Tyler County and the office's commitment to delivering knowledgeable, efficient, and professional assistance.

Commitment

The Tyler County Veterans Service Office remains committed to ensuring every eligible veteran, surviving spouse, and dependent receives professional, accurate, and compassionate assistance in obtaining the benefits they have earned through military service. Continued professional development and exceptional customer service will

remain priorities as the office works to expand outreach and improve access to veterans' benefits throughout Tyler County.

Community Impact

Beyond assisting veterans in the office, the Tyler County Veterans Service Office has actively participated in community outreach to increase awareness of veterans' benefits and connect veterans with available resources. These efforts help ensure that veterans who may not otherwise seek assistance are informed about the services available to them.

Community Outreach Activities

- **Tyler County 4th of July Celebration** – Engaged with veterans, their families, and community members by providing information on VA benefits and Veterans Service Office resources.
- **Tyler County Veterans Birthday Party - 90 years old and above**- Honored 14 veterans with cake and punch and a special cap celebrating 250 years
- **Veterans Town Hall** – Participated in a public forum to answer questions, provide updates on veterans' benefits, and connect veterans directly with available services.
- **Tyler County Senior Expo** – Shared information with senior veterans and surviving spouses regarding VA healthcare, disability compensation, pension benefits, and other available programs.
- **Southeast Texas Stand Down** – Collaborated with regional organizations to provide assistance and resources to veterans experiencing homelessness or other hardships, ensuring they were connected with essential services and benefit opportunities.

Community Commitment

Community outreach is an important part of the Tyler County Veterans Service Office mission. By participating in local events and collaborating with community partners, the office expands access to earned benefits, strengthens relationships with veterans throughout Tyler County, and increases awareness of the services available to those who have served our nation.

Prepared by:

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Tyler County Veterans Service Officer

Report Date: July 22, 2026

Looking Ahead

The future of the Tyler County Veterans Service Office is bright and holds significant potential to expand its reach and impact throughout the county. As awareness of the office continues to grow, more veterans, surviving spouses, and dependents are seeking assistance with the benefits they have earned through their military service.

Currently, I serve in the role of Tyler County Veterans Service Officer on a **29-hour-per-week schedule** while working diligently to meet the needs of all veterans who seek assistance. Despite the limited hours, the office has maintained an average of **30 veterans served each month**, participated in numerous community outreach events, and remains on track to complete all required training and accreditation ahead of schedule.

As demand for services continues to increase, there is a strong opportunity to expand outreach efforts, improve accessibility for veterans across Tyler County, and enhance the level of service provided. Continued investment in the Veterans Service Office will help ensure that every eligible veteran and their family has timely access to the benefits, resources, and advocacy they have earned through their service to our nation.

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Report Date: July 22, 2026

Tyler County Veterans Service Office

Veteran Transportation – Van Ridership Report

January 2026 – July 2026

Month	Number of Veterans Transported
January 2026	15
February 2026	21
March 2026	10
April 2026	20
May 2026	13
June 2026	14
July 2026	20
Total Riders (7 Months) 113	
Monthly Average	16.1 Veterans per Month

Veteran Transportation Impact (January–July 2026)

During the first seven months of 2026, the Tyler County Veterans Service Office provided transportation assistance to **113 veteran riders**, averaging approximately **16 veterans per month**. This service continues to be a vital resource for rural veterans by helping ensure access to VA medical appointments and essential veteran services.

The continued utilization of the Veterans Van reflects the ongoing need for dependable transportation support within Tyler County and demonstrates the office's commitment to removing barriers and expanding access for those who have served.

Jasper Veterans: M. McCauley 11 rides