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Veterans Fair and Family Fun Day

GALVESTON, TX. – Mark your calendar to attend the Gulf Coast Veterans Fair and Family Fun Day presented by the Gulf Coast Center, Saturday, September 26, 10 am – 2 pm, at the Galveston County Fair Grounds, 10 Jack Brooks Rd., Hitchcock.

Military Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard service members are invited to attend with families and friends for a day of fun and networking. Veteran resources, employment support and family fun activities will be provided by Veteran service providers from the Galveston and Houston area. Come out to spend the day and enjoy barbeque, refreshments, games, Moon Walks, music, snow cones, raffle prizes, face painting, sack races and more.

Sponsors of the Veterans Fair and Family Fun day are Gulf Coast Center, US Family Health Plan, Mental Health America of Greater Houston, Micheal E. Debakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, United Way, Grace After Fire, MHMRA of Harris County, Lone Star Veterans Association, Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B- Q, C.H.A.M.P, ACU of Texas, Zummo's Party Time Smoke Sausage, Shell Volunteers from Shell Pipeline Co., Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, and the Military Veteran Peer Network. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank will accept blood donors at the Fair.

More than 23,000 Military Veterans reside within Galveston County making this region the 7th largest population of Veterans in the State of Texas. At the fair, forty-plus service providers will be on hand to offer information and to register Vets for the free of charge 'Thank A Vet' Program. To register, bring your DD214. The 'Thank a Vet' Program provides discharged or retired military personnel, who have registered their DD 214 with the Galveston County Clerk's office, the opportunity to obtain certified copies of their records, and to store them in a non-public, confidential location that can only be accessed by the service member, legal guardian, or individuals who have signed and notarized authorization. Each registrant will be enrolled in a discount program and receive a 'Thank a Vet' identification card free of charge.

The Gulf Coast Veterans Fair and Family Fun Day is free. For additional information on the event and to register online go to www.gulfcoastfamilyfair.eventbrite.com. (409) 763-2373





- WHAT:** Gulf Coast Veterans Fair and Family Fun Day
- WHEN:** Saturday, September 26
10 am – 2 pm
- WHERE:** Galveston County Fair Grounds
10 Jack Brooks Fair Grounds
Hitchcock, TX
- WHY:** To bring Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard service members, supporters, and their families, together to provide mutual support, empowerment, benefit assistance, and network of community communication through a fun, family event.
- WHO:** Veteran Service Providers in the Galveston and Houston areas sponsored by US Family Health Plan, Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Gulf Coast Center, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mental Health America of Greater Houston, United Way, Grace After Fire, MHMRA of Harris County, Lone Star Veterans Association, Military Veteran Peer Network, Rudy's County Store and BBQ, C.H.A.M.P, ACU of Texas, Zummo's Party Time Smoke Sausage, with support from Shell Volunteers from Shell Pipeline Co.
- ADMISSION:** Free
Register online: www.gulfcoastfamilyfair.eventbrite.com
- HIGHLIGHTS:** Veterans, families and friends will enjoy a full day of food, fun and resources including BBQ, refreshments, 45 vendors, games, Moon Walk, Music, raffle prizes, snow cones, Sack races, facepainting. Veterans may register free of charge in the 'Think of It' Program by bringing their DD214. Registrants will receive valuable discounts from businesses.
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