On September 28-30, 2011, the Texas A&M University System held its third annual "Military Friendly" Symposium at the campus of Texas A&M University-Central Texas in Killeen. Speakers at the symposium included Dr. Kathryn Kotrla, Vice Dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine at Round Rock. She is founder of TexVet, a multi-agency resource service for all veterans on the mission of creating a holistic approach to veterans services. Another speaker was your very own UH alumnus and Veteran Services Director, Allen Grundy. A consultant on veterans programs, Mr. Grundy hosted a concluding interactive panel on creating "military friendly" institutions.

"This is a signature event hosted by the A&M System. It allows the networking and sharing of information among a variety of Texas universities and agencies that have a real impact on the lives and careers of our students," said A&M chancellor John Sharp (Texas A&M System News, September 16, 2011).

by Allen Grundy
If you are under the age of 30 when you enter UH for the spring semester in January of 2012, state law (SB 1107) now requires you to have the bacterial meningitis vaccination. A booster during the previous five years is also acceptable. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), meningococcal disease is a bacterial illness that is "...a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2 through 18 years old in the United States. Meningitis is an infection of the covering of the brain and the spinal cord" but also causes blood infections.

Take the time to get this important vaccination. Your medical insurance may cover the vaccination. For instance, if you have Medicaid or CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Plan), contact your healthcare provider. Otherwise, the UH Health Center offers the vaccine for a cost. Other places to check for the vaccine are doctors' offices, private clinics, pharmacy chains, the city or county health department, and the VA Medical Center only if you are a registered patient there. There are two types of meningococcal vaccines accepted by the CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services. They are the MCV4 and MPSV4 vaccines.

Proof of vaccination must include the month, day, and year of the administered vaccine or booster. The date must fall within the last five years and at least 10 days before January 7, 2012, the beginning of the spring semester. Acceptable documentation includes 1) Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Compliance Form, 2) official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority plus #1 above, 3) statement from a registered physician that the vaccination would be harmful to the student plus #1 above, 4) Texas Department of State Health Services conscience exemption form, and 5) official record received from in- or out-of-state schools.

For further information, go to the following website.

http://www.uh.edu/academics/courses-enrollment/policies/immunization/index.php
University of Houston Veterans Services participates in an online chat for military prospective students, spouses, and dependents on December 1, 2011. Hosted by CollegeWeekLive.com, this chat draws attention to Military Student Day. It is an opportunity to connect active military personnel, veterans, and their families with colleges.

Chat live with admissions representatives and current military students. Watch live video presentations on GI Bill benefits, college applications, standardized testing, and more. Manning the chat line are staff and student-veteran workers to give up-to-date information about what student veterans can expect while attending the University of Houston.

Time of Online Chat:
12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.

Season’s Greetings,
Happy Holidays,
Merry Christmas,
and
Happy New Year!
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Congratulations Graduates

Veterans Services congratulates Bradford Jackson and Jason Gates on the occasion of their graduation. Both worked as peer counselors in Veterans Services, advising other student-veterans about their educational benefits.

Brad continues his education at UH-Clear Lake, pursuing the M.S. degree in accountancy and taxation. While a student at the main campus, he was a member of NABA (National Association of Black Accountants). He plans to become a tax accountant after completing graduate school.

BRADFORD JACKSON
B. B. A. Degree - May, 2011
Major: Accounting

JASON GATES
B. S. Degree—December, 2011
Major: Economics
Minor: Global Business