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City of El Paso Launches 2026 Veterans Needs Assessment

Community Survey Will Help Shape Future Programs and Services for Veterans and Military Families

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is launching its 2026 Veterans Needs Assessment to better understand the evolving needs of veterans, active-duty service members, military-connected families, caregivers, and the organizations that support them throughout the Borderland.

As home to Fort Bliss—recently named the Army’s Best Garrison for Fiscal Year 2026 and recipient of the 2026 Commander in Chief’s Annual Award for Installation Excellence—El Paso has long shared a strong connection with the military community. The assessment reflects the City’s ongoing commitment to ensuring veterans, service members, and their families continue to receive the support and resources they need to thrive.

The online assessment opens Monday, Aug. 10, and will remain available for approximately six weeks. The survey will gather input on the current needs, challenges, and priorities of veterans, service members, and military-connected families to help guide future programs, partnerships, resource allocation, and strategic planning.

“El Paso’s partnership with Fort Bliss has helped define who we are as a community,” said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. “Many service members choose to make El Paso their permanent home because of the people, the opportunities, and the strong sense of community they find here. If we want military families to continue choosing El Paso, we must keep listening, adapting, and investing in what matters most to them. This assessment is an important step toward ensuring we remain one of the best places in the country for veterans and military families to live, work, and thrive.”

“Our service members, veterans, and military families are part of what makes the relationship between Fort Bliss and El Paso so strong,” said Maj. Gen. Curt Taylor, Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss. “Understanding their experiences today helps ensure they continue to receive the support they need tomorrow.”

The assessment builds on the City’s 2020 Veterans Needs Assessment, providing an opportunity to measure progress, identify changing needs, and better understand how the military and veteran community has evolved since the original assessment. The findings will help inform future programs, partnerships, resource allocation, and strategic planning to better serve veterans and military-connected families throughout the region.

Veterans, active-duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, military spouses and family members, caregivers, survivors, and organizations that serve the military and veteran community are encouraged to participate. Survey responses will be kept confidential and analyzed in aggregate to identify trends, service gaps, and opportunities to strengthen support for veterans and military-connected families throughout the Borderland.

The survey is available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3d8f5n>

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