

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Veteran Affairs & Border Security  
TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Monday, February 24, 2020  
PLACE: Harlingen, Texas  
CHAIR: Senator Donna Campbell

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The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Border Security will meet on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the following location:

Harlingen Convention Center  
701 Harlingen Heights Drive  
Harlingen, TX 78552

The committee will hear invited and public testimony on the following interim Committee charges:

**Veteran Treatment Courts:** Review the effectiveness of diverting veterans from the traditional criminal justice system to veteran treatment courts. Make recommendations to strengthen veteran treatment court outcomes and expand access to locations not currently served by the courts.

**Veteran Health Care:** Examine the adequacy of long-term health care services and support options for veterans in Texas. Identify under-served areas and barriers to accessing quality care for both institutional as well as home and community based settings. Discuss the potential impact of federal reforms, such as the implementation of the Veterans Affairs MISSION Act on care delivery. Make recommendations to best leverage federal assistance and create greater efficiencies in veteran health care delivery.

**Veteran Mental Health:** Review suicide prevention strategies and programs identified by the federal Defense Suicide Prevention Office and make recommendations to connect at-risk individuals with available resources as they transition into veteran status.

Public testimony will be limited to two minutes per person.

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