

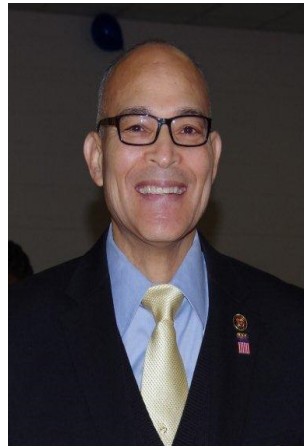
Biographical Sketch

William O. Dwiggins (Bill)

Colonel USMC (Ret)

Veterans Education Programs Specialist - State Approving Agency

Texas Veterans Commission



Bill Dwiggins currently serves as a Veterans Education Program Specialist - State Approving Agency for the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Education, serving over 400,000 veterans and military connected.

His primary duties include and are not limited to. Protecting the Quality & Integrity of the GI Bill programs and in turn protecting veterans, military, and family members by. Ensuring approved education and training programs meet the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations. Evaluating the quality of education and training programs and performing compliance surveys, supervising already approved programs, responding to complaints, acting as liaison, providing technical assistance, performing outreach activities – are all based in the Federal regulations.

Additionally, liaise with Institutions of Higher Learning/Education (IHL/E) and certification programs create a positive, welcoming, and supportive environment for veteran students, military-connected and their families in compliance with the 83rd Texas Legislature recommendations. Performing a variety of program developments and advisory services associated with determining and delivering specialized training for veteran, and the military-connected students with internal/external partners. Creating and coordinating processes and programs which help veterans and their families enrolled in academic and training programs at schools and training establishments in their communities. Supervisor customer services coordination, liaise, public affairs with veterans' advocacy with the community, educational, professional groups, state, and national veterans' service organizations to coordinate, improve, promote, and stimulate interest in programs and services available to veterans and their families who are attending post-secondary education. Promote the establishment of student veteran organizations and other similar veterans support organizations on IHL/E campuses. Coordinate and support programs specifically directed to ease the reintegration of combat veterans, military-connected and their families into their communities and an academic environment.

Promotes the Texas Veterans Commission education programs and cooperative relationships with institutions of higher learning/education, veterans, and community-based organizations, and as appropriate, employers, state, and local government policy officials. Review and provide advice to management regarding veterans' education benefits and state legislative, policy and regulatory requirements associated with assigned learning needs and training requirements and initiatives. Serve in an advisory capacity and provide technical assistance to Institutions of Higher Learning/

Education to enhance the veterans' education, employment services and resolve related education benefits, employment, and training issues.

Bill served 32 years in the United States Marine Corps (Ret.). Prior to his current role, Mr. Dwiggins served as the State Director of Veterans Employment and Training Services, State of Louisiana. His numerous military assignments from 1978 – 2009, include international assignments, several positions as Deputy Director, Commander, Chief of Staff, Joint Assignments, Logistics Officer, Inspector General, Marine Officer Instructor University of Texas and others. His military career included worldwide combat tours, special-warfare assignments, capital reconstruction projects, international development/ relations, public policy/ administration, stabilization, and conflict resolution to support the U. S. Government's efforts. He has years of senior decision-making experience in operations, security, organizational management development and education. logistics planning and execution, sales, marketing, personnel, and administration management. Training, human resources management, and financial management.

His education includes a Bachelor of FA with honors from Wichita State University, M.S. with honors from Grand Canyon University, Society for Human Resource Management – Senior Certified Professional and Talent Optimization Leader. Advance military senior level education and is a member of the National Honors, Presidential and SALUTE Veterans Honor Society. A Tuskegee Airmen Legacy, his father was the Flight Surgeon for the fame Negro Americans Aviators of WWII.

He has been awarded Congressman Sam Johnson's, Congressional Veteran Commendation. Is the Past Chapter Commander of the North Texas, Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) # 234; Vice Post Commander of the American Legion # 581; Life Member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Claude R. Platte, DFW Chapter; Vice Commander of the North Texas, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Co-Chair Leader of the Fort national start-up of the DFW My VA Community (2015); Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); Life Member, Military Order of the Purple Heart (4); Wounded Warriors and DFW - Metro-Plex Marines.

EXTRA:

He has years of senior decision-making experience in operations, security, organization & management development, education, logistics planning and execution, sales, marketing, personnel and administration management, training, human resources, resource management and financial management. His international travels and life experiences are enhanced by education.

A Product Goods, retail Sales Manager, award-winning sales professional.

A Mustang, honor graduate of Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Amphibious Warfare School, Planning & Reconnaissance, Basic & honors Advance Infantry Officers School (Army), Amphibious Logistics, Federal Inspection/ Investigation Training, National Veterans Institute, Denver. Highly decorated including 2 Legion of Merit awards, Bronze Star, 4-Purple Hearts, 4 Naval Commendation Medals, 2 Navy Achievement Medals (Combat Valor), Army Achievement, 2-National Defense, 3-Combat Campaign Medals, Ranger Tab, Gold Parachute Wings, Combat SCUBA and more.

