

POSITION: Assistant County Veteran Service Officer, Wise County
SALARY: \$22,000 - \$25,000
WORK WEEK: Monday – Friday, 40hours/week
POSTING DATE: April 24, 2017
CLOSING DATE: May 19, 2017
TRAVEL: 20%

Wise County (Decatur) Texas has an immediate opening for a full time assistant County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). This position is responsible for providing advocacy and assistance to Wise County veterans and their dependents regarding state and federal veteran's benefits.

Primary duties include but are not limited to; investigates eligibility for a variety of veteran's benefits, counsels and assists veterans in filing benefit claims, acts as a liaison between veterans and government agencies, develops and implements emergency assistance for indigent and incapacitated veterans.

Completed application must be received by May 19, 2017 at 4 p.m in the Wise County Treasurer's Office. Selected applicant will be required to attend week-long certification training. Full job description and mandatory requirements, as mandated by the State of Texas, is noted below:

SUBCHAPTER B. VETERANS COUNTY SERVICE OFFICES

Sec. 434.033.

To be appointed as an officer a person must:

- (1) be qualified by education and training for the duties of the office;
- (2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs controlling cases that come before the commission; and
- (3) have the service experience specified (see below) or be:
 - (A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service;
 - (B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability; or
 - (C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a minimum of 20 years on active duty.

(c) To meet the service experience requirement a person must have: (1) served on active duty in a branch of the armed forces of the United States;

(2) served for at least four months or have a service-connected disability; and

(3) been honorably discharged.

Sec. 434.035. DUTIES. An officer shall aid any county resident who served in the armed forces or nurse's corps of the United States, and any orphan or dependent of the person, to prepare, submit, and present any claim against the United States or a state for benefits to which the person may be entitled under United States or state law. The officer shall defeat all unjust claims that come to the officer's attention.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 147, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

Sec. 434.038. TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION. (a) An officer shall, within the time after the date of the officer's appointment that the commission prescribes, complete a course of initial training provided by the Texas Veterans Commission. The commission shall issue the officer a certificate of training after completion of the initial training course. To maintain certification, the officer shall complete continuing training to the extent required by the commission. An officer must maintain certification to remain in office.