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Six Elon veterans relive their lives in war and at peace

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From afar, Elon mourns a Texan tragedy

Texas' worst mass shooting in history touches Elon lives

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Broken to her through a text from her dad, sophomore Nicole Plante discovered the news of Texas' worst mass shooting in history occurred less than an hour from her home in San Antonio.

Residents of the city were some of the first to hear of the Sutherland Springs church shooting that left 26 dead and 20 wounded.

Plante is not the only student from Texas at Elon. According to the Office of the Registrar's 2017 Fall Report, there are 80 students from the state.

After receiving the news, Plante immediately texted her mother. With no immediate reply, her panic rose. Despite knowing that the odds her mother was at the same church was almost impossible, Plante couldn't help

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DRIVING A BIOBUS, TEACHING a class, directing Physical Plant, serving in the Registrar's Office and working toward a Master of Business Administration are all jobs being done today by veterans at Elon University.

Students, faculty and staff walk past veterans every day without ever knowing what they did for their country.

Six Elon veteran's years of service took each of them through many of the United States' worst conflicts. By serving in Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan, some saw conflict as early as the 1950s and as late as 2012.

Elon has more than 20 veterans on campus, according to the Veterans Day Committee. The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs reports there are almost 10,000 veterans in Alamance County alone.

With Veterans Day on Nov. 11, the Elon community will gather to honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Team Hero, a student organization dedicated to supporting veterans and active service personnel has been working closely with the Veterans Day Committee to organize the ceremony.

"It is so important to recognize the people who have sacrificed so much to give us the opportunity to live our lives and go to a school like Elon," said sophomore Isabella Ponterio, president of Team Hero. "It is easy to forget there are people behind the service."

Veterans on campus opened up about their experiences in the service, how it changed their lives and how it eventually brought them to Elon.

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IF YOU GO

What: Veterans Day Ceremony
When: Nov. 10 | 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: LaRose Digital Theatre

Agenda: Remarks will be given by Isabella Ponterio and Bill Burpitt and a video salute to veterans will be played at the ceremony

Elon's football success rests in the hands of a freshman

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As Elon University football's breakout season rolls on, it seems like the Phoenix's success has been nothing short of magical.



Davis Cheek

After a 9-39 record over the last four seasons, Elon is 8-1 and on track to make the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs for the first time in program history.

What's more, they're doing it all with a true freshman quarterback under center.

Elon's success has largely been because of role players stepping up in unexpected ways, and freshman quarterback Davis Cheek has been no exception.

In the last three games, Cheek has post-

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