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*East Texas State Teachers College in World War II* Exhibit at the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum

RUNNING NOW THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2022

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The Texas A&M University-Commerce Department of History is pleased to announce a new student-produced exhibit at the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum in Greenville, TX. *East Texas State Teachers College in World War II* is running now through January 14, 2022.

This exhibit is a collaborative effort of graduate and undergraduate Public History students who researched items in the Velma K. Waters Library Special Collections and Archives. The exhibit features five displays covering campus involvement in U.S. military training at ETSTC, educational changes on campus during and post-war, the involvement of the faculty, students, and staff in the national efforts of war bonds and rationing, as well as a section on letters to/from home. Exhibit highlights include:

- Letters sent from John Garland Smith and Jewel Kennemer to Gretchen Howell, an ETSTC librarian during WWII.
- Images from *The Locust*, the ETSTC yearbook
- Letters from President Whitley to the faculty.
- Reproductions of posters from the U.S. Office of War Information

The displays include supplemental items from the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum holdings.

The Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Museum admission includes this exhibit. For more information on the museum, please see [www.cottonmuseum.com](http://www.cottonmuseum.com)