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Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen Receives VA Grant Completely Funding Expansion and Improvements

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KILLEEN — Today, Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairman George P. Bush released the following statement celebrating the Department of Veterans Affairs grant fully funding the Central Texas State Cemetery expansion and improvements project in Killeen. The VA has awarded the VLB a grant of \$2,650,880 for 100 percent of allowable costs for the expansion of the cemetery.

"There is no service greater than that of a United States Military Veteran," said Chairman Bush. "Our Veterans who honorably served our country deserve a cemetery fitting of their commitment and dedication to the United States. As Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, it is my duty to ensure that our veterans receive services that go above and beyond those of other states. This grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs will fund the construction of new columbaria, expanding the cemetery by approximately three acres, allowing the state of Texas to continue free burials for United States Veterans and their families who call Texas home."

The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), a division of the Texas General Land Office, operates four Texas State Veterans Cemeteries, conveniently located across the state. These Texas State Veterans Cemeteries are hallowed grounds that are an expression of our respect for the Texas men and women who have served our nation with honor. The VLB also provides free burial of veterans with military honors at Texas State Veterans Cemeteries in Abilene, Corpus Christi, Killeen and Mission."

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Cemeteries, Homes, land and home improvement loans, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387), or visit the VLB website at TexasVeterans.com. Follow the Texas Veterans Land Board at [Facebook.com/TXVLB](https://www.facebook.com/TXVLB), or on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TexasVLB](https://twitter.com/TexasVLB), or YouTube at [Youtube.com/user/TexasVLB](https://www.youtube.com/user/TexasVLB). Read the VLB Blog at TexasVeteransBlog.com or listen to The Dog, a podcast for veterans by veterans at TexasVeteransBlog.com/DogTag.

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