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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home to Host Veterans Day Program

Local celebration to honor service and sacrifice of heroes - free and open to the public.

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AUSTIN — The Alfredo Gonzalez Texas States Veterans Home will host a Veterans Day program at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015. After a ceremony honoring the five branches of the military, residents and guests will be treated to a BBQ lunch. Members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Law Dogs Motorcycle Club, Patriot Guard, and other military service-supporting organizations will be participating in this event. The program is free and open to all.

WHO: Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home

WHAT: Veterans Day program

WHERE: 301 East Yuma Avenue, McAllen, Texas 78503

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 11, 2015

WHY: To honor our veterans on the day set aside to recognize the service and sacrifice of those who have served in our nation's armed forces.

The Alfredo Gonzalez Texas States Veterans Home accommodates veterans with 160 beds including certified Alzheimer's units. This first rate facility is owned by the Texas Veterans Land Board and is managed by Touchstone. The home is named in memory of Sergeant Alfredo Gonzalez USMC a Medal of Honor Recipient. Sgt. Gonzalez was awarded his medal posthumously after his heroic actions in the initial phases of Operation Hue City during continuous actions that occurred from Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 of 1968. Sergeant Gonzalez was born in Edinburg Texas and entered the Marine Corps in San Antonio.

The VLB Texas State Veterans Homes provide affordable, long-term nursing care for Texas Veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents. Conveniently located across Texas, each first-class facility is designed to enhance quality of life with a clean, caring and dignified setting appropriate to those men and women who have served our country with honor.

Because the VA subsidizes much of a veteran's cost to stay at a VLB Texas State Veterans Home, daily out-of-pocket rates are well below average and include the cost of medications for Veterans. Residents can choose between a spacious private or

semi-private room based upon availability. Alzheimer's units at each home provide highly specialized care, including beautifully landscaped, secure courtyards. Like all VLB programs, the Texas State Veterans Homes are self-supporting and cost Texas taxpayers virtually nothing.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes, Cemeteries and special home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387), or visit the VLB website at www.texasveterans.com. Follow the Texas Veterans Land Board at <https://www.facebook.com/TXVLB>, or on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/TexasVLB>, or YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TexasVLB>.

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