AUSTIN — On Wednesday Commissioner George P. Bush will honor a Dallas-area veteran as the winner of the "Roof for Vets" program. Joseph Tienter, a disabled vet whose roof is falling apart, will have a new roof installed during the day. Commissioner Bush will deliver brief remarks saluting Army Specialist 4th Class Tienter and praising programs like "Roof for Vets" for honoring our American heroes.

WHAT: Commissioner George P. Bush honors Dallas-area veteran as the winner of the "Roof for Vets" program
WHEN: November 4, 2015, at 2:00 pm
WHERE: Tienter Home, 1842 School Road, Carrollton, Texas 75006

In his remarks, Commissioner Bush will thank the members of the Carrollton community, Lon Smith Roofing, and fellow vets for coming together to show support and comradery in honor of Army Specialist 4th Class Joseph Tienter.

"One of the great privileges of serving as Texas Land Commissioner is overseeing a variety of our state's veterans programs," Commissioner Bush states. "As a veteran of the Afghan campaign, I take this responsibility very seriously, which is why this year we've taken steps at the General Land Office to serve those who have served us. But honoring our veterans requires our community working together to show our military men and women, as well as their families, that we appreciate the sacrifices they made to protect our freedoms."

Commissioner Bush is currently the only veteran non-judicial statewide elected official in Texas. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Lincoln Hecht also served United States Navy and Texas Supreme Court Associate Justice Philip Wayne "Phil" Johnson served as a decorated pilot in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War earning several honors including the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Please contact Brittany Eck with interview requests at Brittany.eck@glo.texas.gov. Commissioner Bush will be available on-site for one-one-one interviews to discuss the "Roof for Vets" program and veterans initiatives and priorities at the Texas General Land Office.

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