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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home to Host Veterans Day Parade and Cookout**

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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AUSTIN — The Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home will host a Veterans Day parade and cookout at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. This second annual event will feature a patriotic parade honoring veterans through the expansive grounds of the home and will be followed by a large, free cookout which is open to all.

WHAT: Veterans Day parade and cookout (rain or shine!)

WHERE: Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home, 11466 Honor Lane (Hwy 155)  
Tyler, TX 75708

WHEN: 11 a.m. - Wednesday, Nov. 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.

Opened in 2012, the Watkins-Logan Texas States Veterans Home accommodates up to 100 veterans in a family-style design of ten cottages and 20 certified Alzheimer's units. This first-rate facility is named for Master Sergeant Travis Watkins, a posthumous Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War, and Technical Sergeant James Logan, a Medal of Honor recipient for his heroic actions during the Battle of Salerno during WWII.

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](http://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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