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COMMISSIONER BUSH ANNOUNCES TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPROVAL OF LAND FOR 10TH NURSING HOME

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Today, AUSTIN — Veterans Land Board Chairman George P. Bush released the following statement announcing the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court unanimous vote to approve the donation 12 acres of property for the creation of the Texas Veterans Land Board's 10th Veteran's Home.

"Caring for our Veterans is not merely an option, but our duty as patriots," said Chairman George P. Bush. "We are extremely grateful to Tarrant County for their generous donation of 12 acres of property to aid the VLB in expanding services for Texas Veterans. The donation of the property allows the VLB to construct a 10th Texas State Veterans Home to further support Veterans residing in the DFW area. Texas Veterans have devoted their lives to our country and I am proud to continue expanding Texas' offerings service to our heroes. I would also like to thank key leaders who helped usher along this process to ensure our Veterans have a place to call home, including County Judge Whitley, Commissioner Brooks, Mayor Betsy Price, Representative Collier and Senator Powell."

Locations for Texas State Veterans Homes are chosen by the greatest Veteran need. Nearly 1.7 million Veterans call Texas home. Currently almost 84,000 Veterans over the age of 65 who reside in Dallas and Tarrant counties. Research shows that, on average, persons over the age of 65 will require an average of three years of long-term care. Twenty-percent of the over 65 population will require five years or more of long-term care.

Tarrant County's donation of 12 acres allows the Veterans Land Board to begin the preliminary design phase for the new home. The Veterans Land Board [unanimously approved](#) the creation of the 10th Home on September 14th, 2018. All Texas State Veterans Homes are built on donated land and are subject to approval by the federal Veterans Administration.

Please see Chairman Bush's Message Below:

Conceptual rendering of the Home

In addition to serving as Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, Commissioner Bush is a United States Navy Reserve Veteran, serving in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

In the early days of the Texas Republic, land was awarded for military service during the Texas Revolution. In 1946, this tradition was formally recognized with the creation of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) to administer benefits exclusively for Texas Veterans. Today, the VLB continues to expand the programs and services available to Texas Veterans, Military Members, and their families. The VLB offers land, home, and home improvement loans; nine long-term care facilities; four Texas State Veterans Cemeteries; the Voices of Veterans Oral History Program and a Statewide Veterans Call Service Center.</em