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**PRESS RELEASE**

**UNACCOMPANIED VETERAN BURIAL TO BE HELD  
AT THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE VETERANS  
CEMETERY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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MISSION — Today, Texas Veterans Land Board Chairman George P. Bush announced that on Thursday, May 16th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. SHARP, the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, Texas will conduct an Unaccompanied Veteran burial for PFC David Wilson Tarbell. Born in September of 1922, Tarbell served in the United States Army Air Forces from 1942 - 1945.

Tarbell is not expected to have anyone attend his funeral. Please help us spread the word and ensure that our United States Army Air Forces Veteran is not buried alone. Members of the Rio Grande Valley community are welcome to attend.

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery staff have coordinated with the local honor guard to ensure that Tarbell will receive full military honors. If no next-of-kin present themselves at the ceremony, the On-Site Representative of the Veterans Land Board will accept the United States flag on Tarbell's behalf.

The Texas Veterans Land Board works with the local community and fellow Veterans service organizations to ensure that NO Veteran is EVER left behind. Please join us to honor his life and service with a full military burial.

Please consider sharing our social media posts to help notify the community on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**Details:**

Thursday, May 16th, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. SHARP  
Service for David Wilson Tarbell, U.S. Army Air Forces Veteran

**Location:**

2520 S. Inspiration Rd.  
Mission, Texas 78572

Media is welcome, and we ask that you RSVP so that we can facilitate your coverage of the service. Thank you for your support of our Texas Veterans. Together as a community, we can guarantee that NO Veteran is EVER left behind. While notice times vary, the Texas Veterans Land Board issues an advisory to the community upon notice of an unaccompanied Veteran burial.