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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **VLB RECEIVES OVER 1 MILLION FOR EXPANSION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERY**

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AUSTIN — Today, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) and Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded a grant of \$1,520,470 to the Veterans Land Board for expansion and improvements to the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, Texas. The grant will fund the construction of 1,400 columbarium niches, a memorial wall, signage, irrigation, landscaping and supporting infrastructure on approximately two acres, enabling the cemetery to provide continued service for approximately 39,722 Veterans and their eligible family members.

"The men and women who have put their lives on the line for our nation are America's finest," said Commissioner George P. Bush. "Our gratitude does not end on a service members discharge date, but rather is a never-ending debt that we owe these men and women. Our Texas State Veterans Cemeteries provide a place of honor, dignity and reverence for our heroes. There is no doubt, South Texas takes care of our Veterans. I look forward to the expansion of the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery and remain committed to ensuring no Veteran is left behind." Texas State Veterans Cemeteries provide special resting places, close to home, where friends, family and fellow Texans can honor our Texas Veterans. They complement the four national cemeteries in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas. Burial benefits at Texas State Veterans Cemeteries are identical to those for VA National Cemeteries.