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## Commissioner Buckingham Announces Dedication Ceremony for Four New War Monuments at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner and Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced the VLB's War Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery (TSVC) in Corpus Christi on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. This ceremony will dedicate four new war monuments honoring all who served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf.

"As VLB Chairwoman, honoring and remembering the legacies of our nation's heroes is a responsibility I cherish and take very seriously," said Commissioner Buckingham. "These war monuments are not only awe-inspiring additions to VLB's Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery, but they are undeniable reminders of the selflessness and bravery of the men and women of our Armed Forces. I encourage all Texans to come and pay their respects to the Veterans who are participating in the dedication ceremony and take a moment to reflect upon the sacrifices of the service members who have fought in these wars."



Coastal Bend Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi

The ceremony will include a Veteran from each war period, including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. Each Veteran will speak at their respective monuments.

Dr. John Kelley, Director of Texas State Veterans Cemeteries, will provide a keynote address for the ceremony.

Coastal Bend TSVC Ceremony Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:00 am

Coastal Bend TSVC Location: 9974 IH 37 Access Road

Corpus Christi, Texas 78410

Coastal Bend TSVC War Monument Dedication Ceremony

**Opening Remarks** 

Presentation of the Colors: CBSVC MSD

Invocation

**National Anthem** 

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Kelley

Salute to the Armed Forces: Veterans Band of Corpus Christi

Unveiling of War Monuments (Floating): WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf

Closing Remarks

Benediction

Volleys and Taps: CBSVC MSD