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## Join Us For An Unaccompanied Veteran Burial At The Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

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MISSION — On Friday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. sharp, the Rio Grande State Veterans Cemetery will conduct an Unaccompanied Veteran Burial for U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Corporal (CPL) Nicolas Lopez. Born on September 10, 1935, CPL Lopez served from January 1954 to December 1957. CPL Lopez received the National Defense Service Medal for his service to our nation.



U.S. Marine Veteran Darrell D. Collins Unaccompanied Veteran Burial

CPL Lopez is not expected to have any next-of-kin attend his burial. Please help us spread the word and ensure that this U.S. Marine Corps Veteran is not buried alone. Members of the Mission community are encouraged to attend.

CPL Lopez will receive military honors. If no next-of-kin is present at the burial, a Veterans Land Board Representative will accept the United States flag on his behalf.

The Texas Veterans Land Board works with the local communities and fellow Veterans service organizations to ensure that NO Veteran is EVER left behind.