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NEXT GEN WARRIOR: SUCCESS AFTER SERVICE

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AUSTIN — Today, Veterans Land Board Chairman George P. Bush announced the New York of Warrior.

a new series formed as part of the ongoing Voices of Veterans oral history program. The program's mission is to provide inspiration for Iraq and Afghanistan era Veterans as they step off the battlefield and into civilian life.

Every Veteran has a story to tell, and the Voices of Veterans program ensures these stories of courage and service can inspire Texans for generations to come. While the General Land Office has preserved the stories of our Veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, the way our Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan communicate is vastly stifferent The Walces of Veterans

program seeks to provide inspiration and guidance for Iraq and Afghanistan era Veterans as they transition to civilian life. Viewers can tune in on Instagram TV (@VoicesofVets), YouTube, Spotify, and their favorite podcasting platform.

"Upon leaving active duty service, Veterans often encounter hurdles as they integrate back into society," said Commissioner Bush. "Far too often, we hear the stories of Veterans suffering from PTSD and depression. While these stories show the very real struggles faced by Veterans, far too often, we fail to tell the stories of success in the Weteran community. From radio producers to businessmen and women,

stories encourage their peers and demonstrate the opportunities available to soldiers when they take off their boots. The series shares not only Veterans stories from combat, but stories of success as they continue to contribute to our society."

Many Veterans struggle to find meaning in their work after service. This new program reminds Veterans that their service continues to make an impact on the people of Texas, even though it might not make headlines or save lives. The General Land Office

is committed to capturing our warrior's stories and encouraging the next generation of Texas Veterans. Next Gen Warrior

can be found on the Voices of Veterans website, Instagram page (@VoicesofVets), YouTube, and podcasting platforms.