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GEORGE P. BUSH HOSTS VIRTUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Texas Land Commissioner encourages students to write about their communities' unique history

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner and Chairman of the Veterans Land Board George P. Bush hosted a virtual Veterans Day ceremony to honor and recognize our nation's heroes who dedicated their lives to fighting for our freedom. The ceremony featured keynote remarks by Retired Major General Albert Zapanta, remarks by Veterans Land Board Chairman George P. Bush, the national anthem performed by Operation Encore's Shannon Book, and the Presentation of Colors by the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. Gen. Zapanta currently serves as the President of the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, has previously held numerous Presidential appointments, and was awarded the Silver Star, 5 Bronze Stars for Valor, Purple Heart, and 30 other awards for his service during the Vietnam War.

"There is no more important event to me, than honoring our nation's military," said Chairman George P. Bush. "Veterans Day is a unique moment in time that allows us to say the most important thing to the most important people in our society and that is saying thank you to those who have served our country and kept us safe. We are humbled by your service, we are humbled and grateful for your sacrifice and we are here for you if there is anything you need."

"Veterans Day is not only for those of us that wear the uniform or wore the uniform, but is also for our families, our gold star families and those of us that support rather its the private sector, our government agencies and our associations or our Veterans service organizations," said Major General Zapanta. "I'm proud to say Texas has one of the most focused and ability to really service the needs of our Veterans at the state level."

Veterans Day is a day to reflect on the heroism of the brave men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. While we cannot have celebrations in person this year, we will continue the tradition of honoring these heroes and the sacrifices they made for their country and our freedom with a virtual ceremony on Veterans Day.