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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **World War II Veteran Requests 100 Cards for 100th Birthday**

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BONHAM — Today , Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham challenged the Bonham community and the State of Texas to show their support for U.S. Army Veteran and Clyde W. Cosper Texas State Veterans Home resident Ethelyn Szad Bell on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Bell's centennial celebration will be on October 4th and she has requested to receive 100 cards for this wonderful milestone.

Mrs. Bell began her service in March of 1945 at the age of 21. After completing the Basic Training Course for Army Nurses, Mrs. Bell served with the Army Nurse Corps in the Philippines and Nagoya, Japan during World War II. During her time in the service, she rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant and was honorably discharged in July of 1946.

After her time serving in the U.S. Army, Mrs. Bell continued giving back to her community by working at the the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney, Texas. A blind date led to meeting her husband and fellow U.S. Army Veteran, Charles Bell. Together, they moved to Prosper, Texas where they raised a son and daughter. Mrs. Bell worked as a dedicated elementary school nurse in McKinney for many years until she retired at the age of 55.



Hi! My name is Ethelyn Bell and I am a proud Army Veteran that served in WWII. I turn 100 on 4 October 2023 and I would like to receive 100 birthday cards!

Please mail to:

Ethelyn Bell

Clyde W. Cospers

Texas State Veterans Home

1300 Seven Oaks Rd

Bonham, TX 75418

Texans can show their support and help celebrate this momentous occasion by sending birthday cards to Mrs. Bell at the Clyde W. Cospers Texas State Veterans Home:

Ethelyn Bell  
Clyde W. Cospers TSVH  
1300 Seven Oaks Road  
Bonham, Texas 75418

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