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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Commissioner Buckingham Announces Two Texas State Veterans Homes Received the Commitment to Quality Bronze Award**

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner and Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced that the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home (TSVH) in Big Spring and the Frank M. Tejeda TSVH in Floresville received the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) Commitment to Quality Bronze Award.

"As VLB Chairwoman, it is an honor to recognize the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring and the Frank M. Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home in Floresville for the incredible achievement of receiving the Commitment to Quality Bronze Award," said Commissioner Buckingham. "The VLB works hard to provide high-quality long-term care to Veterans across Texas, and this award highlights the dedication these homes have to improving the quality of life of Texas Veterans and the staff who care for them. I want to thank Touchstone Communities, which operates both homes, for their unwavering commitment to excellence. I look forward to the continued success of our invaluable Texas State Veterans Homes."



The Luman-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring, TX

The AHCA/NCAL Quality Award Program spotlights organizations that continuously meet rigorous performance standards to enhance the lives of residents and staff at long-term and post-acute care facilities.

- Only 709 out of 15,000 plus facilities were recognized by this award program in 2024.
- Of those 709 facilities, 16 were in Texas.
- Two of the Texas facilities were VLB Texas State Veterans Homes.
- Touchstone Communities operates both of these homes.

The Bronze Award is the first step in the AHCA/NCAL Quality Award Program. At this level, organizations can solidify a profile, including their mission, vision, and other critical factors contributing to their success. After the Bronze Award level, organizations can apply for the Silver Award, which focuses on how effective an organization is and how it can improve.

After obtaining the Bronze and Silver Awards, organizations can receive the final Gold Award. This award recognizes superior leadership, strategic planning, and customer and staff satisfaction.

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For 75 years, AHCA/NCAL has remained unwavering in its dedication to providing quality care solutions for people who are frail, elderly, or living with disabilities and receiving care from our member facilities.

AHCA/NCAL is the largest association in the United States, representing long-term and post-acute care providers, with a robust membership of more than 14,000 facilities.

Membership comprises a diverse array of non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers, and homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.