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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Buckingham Announces Dedication Ceremony for Three New War Monuments at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner and Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D. is pleased to invite press to attend the VLB's War Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery (TSVC) at Abilene on Monday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. During this ceremony three new war monuments honoring all who served in WWII, Korea, and the Persian Gulf will be dedicated.

The ceremony will include a Veteran from each war period, including World War II, the Korean War, and the Persian Gulf War. Each Veteran will speak at their respective monuments. Craig Wooten, the VLB Onsite Representative at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, will provide opening remarks for the ceremony.



War Monuments to be dedicated at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene

WHO: The VLB and Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene

WHAT: TSVIC Abilene War Monument Dedication Ceremony

WHEN: Monday, November 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene

7457 West Lake Road

Abilene, Texas 79601

TSVIC Abilene War Monument Dedication Ceremony Program

- Welcoming Comments: Craig Wooten
- Arrival of Patriot Guard Riders
- Missing Man Formation Fly Over: Big Country One Flight
- Formal Ceremony Opening: Craig Wooten
- Presentation of the Colors: Abilene High School JROTC
- National Anthem: Bell Tower
- Invocation: Lt. Col. Gabriel Rios, USAF (Ret.)
- Introduction of Dignitaries
- Opening Remarks: Craig Wooten
- Guest Speaker: WWII - "The Silent Soldier"
- Guest Speaker: Korea - PFC Claude Boyd, USMC
- Guest Speaker: Persian Gulf - CMSGT Morotini, USAF (Ret.)
- Unveiling of WWII, Korea, Persian Gulf War Monuments
- Dismissal

Any media interested in attending this event, please RSVP to: media@glo.texas.gov