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Texas Veterans to get a Lone Star Final Salute

Disabled Veterans of America donates 1,000 Texas flags for families of deceased veterans

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, today thanked the Disabled Veterans of America, Department of Texas for their gracious donation of 1,000 Texas flags to be used in the Final Salute Program.

"These flags will be presented to the family of any Texas veteran who, at the time of their passing, lived in one of our seven Texas State Veterans Homes," Patterson said. "This final salute is an honor earned and I thank the DAV for their work to better the lives of our nation's disabled veterans and their families."

The Texas flags will be given to the family of a deceased veteran on behalf of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

"Thanks to the work of Eldon Armstrong, department adjunct, and the DAV's more than 70,000 members, our Texas veterans will now get a proper, Lone Star salute," Patterson said.

The Disabled Veterans of America is made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense.

The Texas Veterans Land Board owns seven Texas State Veterans Homes, in Amarillo, Big Spring, Bonham, El Paso, Floresville, McAllen and Temple. Each home provides skilled long-term nursing care, comprehensive rehabilitation programs, special diets, recreational activities, social services, a library, and a certified, secured Alzheimer's unit with its own secured outdoor courtyard.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes and special home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call 800-252-VETS (800-252-8387) or visit our Web site at <u>www.texasveterans.com</u>.