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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## Bikers stop to honor veterans at Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home March 18

**AUSTIN** — Vietnam veterans and bikers from across Texas will roll in to the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home on March 18 to honor the home's residents as part of their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Motorcycle Run, or "Welcome Home Run."

More than 100 riders are expected to arrive at the home, located at 301 East Yuma Avenue, McAllen, between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The bikers are riding U.S. Highway 183, from the Oklahoma border to Brownsville.

The Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home provides long-term, skilled nursing care. Texas State Veterans Homes provide a broad spectrum of health care services, comprehensive rehabilitation programs, special diets, recreational activities, social services, libraries, and certified, secured Alzheimer's units, each 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 www.texasveterans.com.

- WHO: Veterans at the Alfredo Gonzales Texas State Veterans Home
- WHAT: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Motorcycle Run
- WHEN: Between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 18
- WHERE: Alfredo Gonzales Texas State Veterans Home, 301 East Yuma Ave.

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