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MEDIA ADVISORY

Smith County benefits fair June 6 for Texas veterans *State and federal officials join to help with veterans' benefits questions*

A free “come and go” benefits fair for Texas veterans will be held from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at the Ornelas Activities Center, 3402 Old Omen Road, Tyler.** The fair, targeting all East Texas veterans, is one of several throughout the state.

Officials from the Texas Veterans Land Board will be on hand to provide information on state programs including land, housing and home improvement loans as well as Texas state veterans cemeteries and nursing homes for veterans. Joining them will be representatives from the Texas Veterans Commission, the Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and local Realtors and lenders specializing in veterans loans who will be available to discuss federal benefits and pending claims. Veterans wishing to discuss pending claims with VA officials should bring pertinent case information, including claim numbers if available. Veterans are encouraged to drop in to learn more about their benefits any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are not required to stay for the duration of the event.

For more information on the benefits fair, please call Tito Garcia at 214-450-3092.

For more information on benefits available only to Texas veterans, such as low-interest land and home loans, call 1-800-252-8387 or visit www.texasveterans.com.

WHO: Texas veterans
WHAT: Free benefits fair for Texas veterans
WHEN: 10 a.m., Saturday, June 6
WHERE: **Ornelas Activities Center, 3402 Old Omen Road, Tyler**
WHY: To help Texas veterans learn about improved state and federal benefits. Call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387) for more information, or visit the Veterans Land Board Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

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