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Former Korean war POW Ramon Rosales speaks to veterans

Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home hosts POW-MIA Remembrance at 10 a.m. Friday

AUSTIN — El Paso native and former prisoner of war Ramon Rosales will speak about his experience as a captive of the North Koreans at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at the Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home, located at 9850 Kenworthy in El Paso.

Rosales will be a speaker at the Texas State Veterans Home's POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony, which will begin when a U.S. Marine Honor Guard presents the colors in the main dining hall. Manny Navarrete will perform the POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony.

Rosales was a seaman on the USS Pueblo, a lightly armed surveillance ship attacked and captured by the North Korean Navy in 1968. North Korean soldiers bound and blindfolded the crew, including Rosales, then led them on a Wonson dock to be heckled by civilians. North Korean soldiers attacked the Hispanic crewmembers because they were thought to be South Koreans, according to the USS Pueblo Veterans Association official history of the spy mission gone wrong.

The Communist North Koreans held survivors of the attack, including Rosales, as prisoners of war for 11 months. The USS Pueblo was the first U.S. Navy ship to be hijacked in international waters by a foreign military in 150 years.

El Paso's Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home is one of seven statewide. 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 — where honor lives — call 800-252-VETS (800-252-8387) or visit our Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

WHO: Ramon Rosales, former North Korean POW and survivor of the USS Pueblo

WHAT: POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony

WHEN: 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18

WHERE: Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home, 9850 Kenworthy, El Paso

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