

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Veteran Affairs & Border Security  
TIME & DATE: 8:30 AM, Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
PLACE: 2E.20 (Betty King Cmte. Rm.)  
CHAIR: Senator Donna Campbell

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The Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee will meet to consider and adopt the Committee rules and conduct any other organizational business deemed necessary by the Chair.

The Committee will only hear invited testimony from the following agencies:

- Major General Tracy Norris, Texas Military Department
- Mr. Keith Graf, Texas Military Preparedness Commission
- Chairwoman Laura Koerner, Texas Veterans Commission
- Mr. Jim Brennan, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations

The committee will also consider the following bills:

**SB 460** Lucio | et al.  
Relating to designating the 11th day of each month as Buddy Check Day.

**SB 611** Campbell | et al.  
Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

**SB 623** Blanco  
Relating to the investigation and punishment of certain sexual assaults, to protective orders issued on the basis of certain sexual assaults, to crime victims' compensation, and to the establishment of a state sexual assault prevention and response program for the Texas Military Department.

**SB 697** Schwertner  
Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor members of the United States Army Special Forces.

**SB 780** Hinojosa | et al.  
Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an intergovernmental support agreement with a branch of the armed forces of the United States.

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- SB 791** Campbell  
Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to United States Navy submariners.
- SB 792** Campbell  
Relating to specialty license plates and parking placards for vehicles of certain disabled veterans.
- SB 793** Campbell  
Relating to a ribbon for certain service members of the military who served in support of operations to secure this state's international border.
- SB 794** Campbell  
Relating to eligibility for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a totally disabled veteran.
- SB 795** Campbell  
Relating to an exemption from the requirement that the title of a state agency be printed on state-owned motor vehicles.
- SB 886** Blanco  
Relating to the provision of citizenship assistance to veterans by the Texas Veterans Commission.
- SB 937** Campbell  
Relating to an excused absence from a public institution of higher education for a student called to required military service.
- SB 1093** Creighton  
Relating to the administration of a veterans treatment court program.
- SB 1179** Birdwell  
Relating to the procedure for donating juror reimbursements.
- SB 1233** Seliger  
Relating to a study of the disaster preparedness for each state military installation.
- SB 1441** Campbell | et al.  
Relating to withdrawals of water from the Edwards Aquifer to supply a military installation.
- SJR 35** Campbell | et al.  
Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.
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- To protect the health and safety of members, staff and the public, the

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Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee will strictly follow all Senate rules relating to the pandemic, including the requirement for a negative COVID-19 test to enter the hearing room.

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