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Task Force Helps Over 10,000 Texas Veterans Get Benefits

AUSTIN – The Texas Veterans Commission announced today that its Claims Processing Assistance Teams (CPATs) have assisted over 10,000 Texas veterans and their families whose claims were part of a backlog of more than 39,000 claims pending in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Houston and Waco Regional Offices.

As a result of the CPAT efforts, these Texas veterans and their families could receive up to \$75 million in veterans disability compensation and pension payments.

The CPATs, formed through funding from Governor Rick Perry, streamlined evidence gathering, which is normally the most time-consuming stage in the entire VA claims process. Veterans counselors directly contacted veterans and health care providers to expedite the gathering of evidence.

“Our strong partnership with the VA and our successful track record of working on special initiatives with them was crucial in helping these veterans and their families,” says Thomas Palladino, Executive Director for the Texas Veterans Commission. “Expediting these claims means Texas veterans will be getting the benefits they need sooner.”

Claims backlogs have delayed decisions on veterans’ disability compensation and pension claims, causing physical and economic hardship for veterans and their families.

“We thank Governor Perry for expanding our services to help these deserving veterans,” Palladino added.

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