



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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# Media Alert

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## Tomorrow Congressman O'Rourke Partners with the Texas Veterans Commission to Help Alleviate the VA Backlog in El Paso

**EL PASO** – Tomorrow Congressman Beto O'Rourke (TX-16) will host a "Beating the VA Backlog: Backlog and Fully Developed Claims" event in partnership with The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) in El Paso on September 4 in order to provide specific, one-on-one guidance to Texas Veterans, family members and survivors with new or pending disability claims from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This event will take place at the El Paso Suites Hotel from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This partnership is part of the ongoing outreach effort at TVC to help Veterans locally and in person with their backlogged disability claims. TVC State Strike Force and Fully Developed Claims Team members as well as TVC Claims Counselors will be at the event to provide direct and specific assistance to Veterans, family members, and survivors, including:

- Checking the status of pending claims
- Identifying all additional development required for claims processing
- Collecting evidence for cases identified as missing documentation

With the backlog of VA disability claims in Texas consisting of over 44,000 pending claims, Veterans experiencing extensive delays in receiving the benefits that are owed to them in service to their country will have an opportunity to receive one-on-one counseling in El Paso tomorrow afternoon.

### Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services,

education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission services click here: <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx>.

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