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Texas Veterans Commission, IAVA host special screenings of movie “Max”

AUSTIN – Today, the Texas Veterans Commission, in a special partnership with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Warner Bros., TexVet and Alamo Drafthouse hosted a special screening of the movie “Max” this weekend in cities across Texas.

The screenings were part of a VetTogether IAVA held across the nation with support from Warner Bros. pictures. In Texas, the Texas Veterans Commission hosted screenings in Austin and Houston at the Alamo Drafthouse with special service dog demonstrations provided by the Austin and Houston Police Departments K-9 unit.

“This film is about much more than a hero dog,” said IAVA CEO and Founder Paul Rieckhoff. “It is about the more than 2,500 military working dogs that served alongside our service men and women, saving countless lives. It’s also about how these remarkable dogs continue to support our veterans on the homefront, helping service members and their families heal from the invisible wounds of war.

“Max” tells the story of a military working dog that returns to the U.S. after helping Marines in Afghanistan and is adopted by his handler's family after suffering a traumatic experience.

“We think it’s important to share this film with Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans and their families, while connecting them with others who fully understand and appreciate the sacrifice and resiliency of military families,” Rieckhoff added.

“The very nature of our Veteran community thrives on community partnership and connecting Veterans with each other,” said Thomas Palladino, Texas Veterans Commission executive director. “IAVA does great work with Veterans and we were glad to help assist them with this one of a kind VetTogether.”

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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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