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Second Annual Rock Your Camo 5K kicks off Women Veterans Month in Texas

AUSTIN – The Texas Veterans Commission is hosting the 2nd Annual Rock Your Camo (RYC) 5K at Camp Mabry on February 28, 2015, to kick off Women Veterans Month in Texas in March. Registration will take place beginning at 7 a.m. and the Fun Run will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by entertainment and refreshments.

“Texas serves as the proud home to more women Veterans than any other state,” said Thomas Palladino, executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission. “The accomplishments of our women Veterans are infinite, and the Rock Your Camo 5K is a small way of highlighting their service and giving them the recognition they deserve.”

In addition to commemorating Women Veterans Month, the RYC 5K is also encouraging participants to bring items such as diapers, baby wipes and women’s toiletries be donated to organizations that serve women Veterans throughout Central Texas. Proceeds from the run will be used to sponsor women Veterans throughout Texas to attend the 2015 Women Veterans Conference, which is scheduled to be held in Austin later this year.

During the 82nd Legislative Session the Texas Legislature designated March as “Women Veterans Month” to honor the more than 177,000 Texas women Veterans from all branches of service. The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Jane Nelson who wanted to dedicate March to thank women Veterans for their service, salute their families who support them, remember the women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and raise awareness of issues unique to women Veterans.

The event is sponsored by F7, Brass House, Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), RideScout, 3M, Costco, PeopleFund and is filled with family-friendly activities including live music sponsored by Brass House, a soccer kick, football toss and more.

Registered participants will receive a goodie bag which includes a t-shirt, snacks and more. There will also be prizes for best camo-dressed participant, best camo-dressed child and for the largest camo-dressed organization participating as a group. For a full list of sponsors and to register, visit <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Rock-your-Camo.aspx>.

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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