

Media Advisory

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Commissioner Patterson speaking at Pflugerville Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser

PFLUGERVILLE, TX – Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson will be the keynote speaker at the Pflugerville Fallen Warrior Memorial Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 1 from 7-11 am at the Fellowship Hall of the Pflugerville First Baptist Church.

Eight known soldiers from Pflugerville have died in the line of duty since World War I. In the spirit of patriotism, Pflugerville-area residents developed this memorial to honor soldiers from Pflugerville who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of every American. The memorial is now a special project of Texas non-profit corporation -- Pfriends Pfor Pflugerville's Pfuture (Pf4).

"All military veterans and their families are invited to join us in Pflugerville for this special occasion," said event coordinator, Julia Ruiz of Pflugerville Pamilies Pfirst (PPP). "In addition to pancakes and sausage links, we will have exhibits from many military veteran organizations, including: the Texas Veterans Commission, the Texas Veterans Land Board and Camp Mabry."

Veteran organizations -- local VFW Posts, the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans -- have been invited to attend. Travis County Sheriff's Office will present an Honor Guard, the Brookhollow Elementary School Choir will sing patriotic songs and local soloist Diane Holland will lead the National Anthem. We will also have children's activities and raffle items.

Ruiz added, "Commissioner Patterson will speak about available state benefits to military veterans, and Texas VFW Judge Advocate Ken Burton will also speak about his recent visit to Iraq."

The Memorial Committee still needs about \$21,000 to cover the cost of the amphitheater, flagpoles, landscape and lighting. "In just five months individuals, businesses and foundations have donated about \$79,000," said Ruiz.

The success of the Pflugerville Fallen Warrior Memorial Pancake Breakfast has been made possible by the generous efforts of dedicated volunteers and strong community support. PPP thanks their sponsors (to date) for their generosity: KVET-FM 98.1, GCR Tires, Office Depot, Telecom Pioneers - SBC Chapter 22, Wells Fargo Bank, Albertsons, Borden, Mangia Pizza, SYSCO's, Baby Acapulco's, Lone Star Espresso, ProPrint, Super Cheap Signs, Budget Banners, Doggy Day Out Kennel & Daycare, Academy Sports and Outdoors, European Bistro, National Tire & Battery, Allens Boots, Pflugerville Dairy Queen, H-E-B, Randalls and SuperTarget.

Among the items to be raffled will be a Texas Flag donated by State Judge Advocate Ken Burton of the Texas VFW. "This flag was taken on his recent trip to Iraq and has a Certificate of Authenticity," said Ruiz.

The PFWM Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, October 1 from 7-11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Pflugerville First Baptist Church, 306 S. 10th @ Pfluger Street – two blocks south of the Pflugerville Community Library). A map is available on www.teamppp.com.

A suggested minimum donation of \$5 per person may be mailed ahead of the event or contributed at the door. Additional giving levels are: Full Stacks (\$1000 or more); Short Stacks (\$250-\$999); and Silver Dollars (up to \$249).

Donations should be made payable to: Pf4-Pflugerville Fallen Warrior Memorial (memo-pancake sponsorship) and sent to P.O. Box 252, Pflugerville, TX 78691-0252.

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