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## **Fort Bend Seniors and Fluor Corporation Honor Senior Veterans**

ROSENBERG, Texas (November 8, 2019) — On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (FBS) congregants gathered at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center for the organization's annual Veterans Day Celebration sponsored by Fluor Corporation.

"The Veterans Day celebration is our way of honoring the many Veterans we serve every day. This is their day to be recognized for their selflessness and bravery in serving our country," said Leah Ghobrial, Director of Development and Public Relations at Fort Bend Seniors. "Our service men and women and their families have made their mark on our community and our nation, and this event is our opportunity to thank them."

Both Ghobrial and FBS Interim CEO Bob Hebert opened the event by welcoming seniors from across Fort Bend and Waller County. Hebert is the former Fort Bend County Judge and a Navy Veteran.

The celebration started with posting of the colors by Travis High School JRROTC Color Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by FBS Senior Center Coordinator and Navy Veteran Shonda Thomas. Texas House District 26 Representative Rick Miller was the keynote speaker at the event, detailing his work as a 30-year Navy Veteran and thanking the Veterans and surviving spouses of Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

The program continued with Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Thomas E. Goodfellow of the Sheriff's Office; and FBS Board Members Robert Gracia and Rick Forlano, a U.S. Air Force Veteran participating in the annual pinning ceremony. FBS Board Member Sandi McNeil and FBS Board Chairman Ray Aguilar read the names of all Veterans and spouses of Veterans in attendance, who were then given a ceremonial pin and salute to their service.

A moment of silence followed the pinning ceremony, with the playing of "Taps" in memory of all those soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The celebration ended with the Marches of the Armed Forces while visitors helped serve a commemorative lunch catered by Witt Pitt BBQ with drinks generously donated by McAlister's Deli of Rosenberg. USAF Chaplain (Ret.) Cal Bogaard recited a prayer for Veterans and those in attendance as lunch was served.

Fluor Corporation has been a longtime supporter of FBS, and over the years has also invested more than \$1.5 million in other military and veteran-related causes, including providing educational scholarships, building and refurbishing specially adapted homes, and participating in initiatives to help veterans find meaningful employment.

For more information about this event or Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, please contact FBS Director of Development and Public Relations, Leah at 281-633-7057 or [leah@fortbendseniors.org](mailto:leah@fortbendseniors.org).

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#### About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. FBS provides hot, home-delivered meals to more than 1,500 senior citizens daily, many who live alone and cannot prepare their own meals. In addition, FBS offers older adults meals from 12 congregate sites – or community centers, transportation to and from the centers, health screenings and recreational activities.

Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit [www.fortbendseniors.org](http://www.fortbendseniors.org).

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