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NEW TEXAS LOTTERY® SCRATCH TICKET GAME SUPPORTS VETERANS

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(AUSTIN) – As Veterans Day draws near, Texas Lottery[®] players can show their support for veterans when they purchase <u>Veterans Cash</u>, the new \$2 patriotic-themed scratch ticket game that benefits the Texas Veterans Commission's Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA).

"The Texas Lottery is honored to generate much-needed revenue for the Fund for Veterans' Assistance, which benefits more than 1.5 million veterans in the state of Texas," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "To date, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$144 million for Texas veterans since 2009. We look forward to supporting Texas veterans with the proceeds from this year's Veterans Cash scratch ticket game."

The new edition of Veterans Cash features five top prizes of \$30,000 and more than \$7.7 million in total prizes. The overall odds of winning are one in 4.40 for any prize, including break-even prizes. Players interested in finding the game in their area can use the <u>Texas Lottery® App</u> or the <u>Scratch Ticket and Retailer Locator</u> on the Texas Lottery® website.

During the 81st Legislative Session, Rep. Chris Turner and former Sen. Leticia Van de Putte authored legislation requiring the Texas Lottery to create scratch ticket games to benefit the FVA. The bill was passed by the legislature and signed into law by then-Gov. Rick Perry on June 19, 2009.

The Texas Lottery debuted Veterans Cash, the first scratch ticket game designed to support Texas veterans, on Nov. 9, 2009. In total, 47 scratch ticket games have launched, with the proceeds from those tickets supporting the FVA – including the latest version of Veterans Cash, which was released on Oct. 19. During the 2020 fiscal year alone, the Texas Lottery Commission transferred \$22.2 million to the FVA.

The FVA, which has been administered by the TVC since 2007, makes grants available to eligible charitable organizations, local government agencies and Veterans Service Organizations that provide direct services to Texas veterans and their families. With 1.5 million veterans calling Texas home, these programs provide financial assistance, transportation services, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder counseling and housing assistance.

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To date, the TVC has awarded \$168 million in FVA grant funds to hundreds of organizations that have assisted over 330,000 veterans across the state. During the last grant cycle, TVC awarded \$31 million to 109 organizations.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$31 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$66 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$25.8 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$144 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball[®], Mega Millions[®], Lotto Texas[®], All or Nothing[™], Texas Two Step[®], Pick 3[™], Daily 4[™], Cash Five[®] and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> An image of the Veterans Cash scratch ticket is attached in JPEG format.

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