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TEXAS LOTTERY CONTRIBUTIONS TO VETERANS' ASSISTANCE TOP \$100 MILLION

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery announced today that its cumulative contributions to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) have exceeded \$100 million. From the sale of scratch ticket games since 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$100,154,229 to the FVA.

“Generating more than \$100 million for Texas veterans and their families is a major milestone that we are thrilled to celebrate,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “In addition to generating more than \$22 billion for public education in Texas, support for our veterans is at the core of the Texas Lottery’s mission. We will continue to work and collaborate with the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to provide support for veterans in our state.”

The Texas Lottery first launched scratch ticket games supporting Texas veterans on Nov. 9, 2009, following the passage of a bill during the 81st Legislature. Since that time, 32 scratch ticket games have launched with the proceeds supporting the FVA. Aces and 8s, the newest lottery game benefiting Texas veterans, was released on June 25, 2018. During the 2018 fiscal year alone, \$17.1 million has been transferred to the FVA.

“The Texas Veterans Commission values our great partnership with the Texas Lottery Commission,” said Thomas P. Palladino, executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission. “With their contribution and others, over 250,000 veterans and their families received vital services from over 400 non-profits and local governments through Fund for Veterans’ Assistance grants.”

The FVA, which is administered by the TVC, 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 1.7 million veterans spread across the state, these programs provide financial assistance, transportation services, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder counseling and housing assistance.

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$28 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$57 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$22 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 \$100 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.

Editors/News Directors, note: A photo of the Texas Lottery Commissioners with a ceremonial check to Texas Veterans is attached in JPEG format. An image of Texas Veterans Commission leadership with the Aces and 8s scratch ticket is also attached in JPEG format. Cutlines and photo credits are attached in PDF format.

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