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Senator Donna Campbell to Chair Veterans Affairs Committee
She Will Also Continue to Serve on Education, Join HHS and Administration

AUSTIN-- State Senator Donna Campbell will chair the Veterans Affairs and Military Installations Committee while also serving as a member of the Senate Education, Health and Human Services, and Administration Committees of the 84th Legislature.

"Nothing could be closer to my heart than helping out the 1.7 million Texas veterans and assisting military families," Senator Campbell said. "I am truly pleased and can't think of a greater way to serve the people of Texas. San Antonio and Central Texas have a rich military history, and it is a privilege to be given this opportunity by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick."

Senator Campbell's appointment keeps the chairmanship in the hands of an elected official representing San Antonio, often referred to as 'Military City USA.' Senator Leticia Van de Putte previously served as VAMI Chair from 2003 to 2014.

"The economic impact that the military provides our state is measured in billions of dollars. In San Antonio alone, it's estimated at \$27 billion a year. I am excited to continue to help grow and support the jobs created by this investment," Senator Campbell added.

In addition to legislation which Veterans Affairs has traditionally handled, a Border Security subcommittee will report to VAMI and be chaired by Sen. Brian Birdwell.

"When you add border security and immigration enforcement to veterans affairs, it becomes clear how big a role this committee will play in shaping the future of Texas," Senator Campbell said. "To keep Texas strong, we must maintain a secure border."

As a member of the Education Committee, Senator Campbell has said she will continue to make improving Texas schools a top priority and push for school choice initiatives. She will also represent one of two physicians, along with Senator Charles Schwertner of Georgetown, serving on the Health and Human Services Committee.

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