



LEAGUE of UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

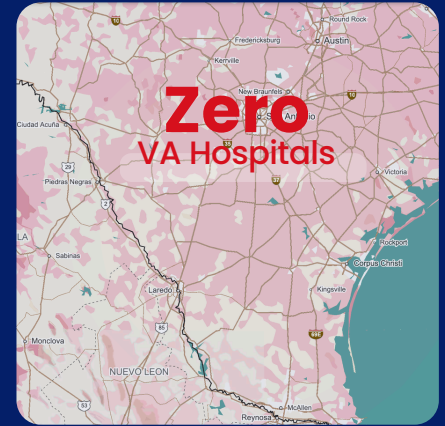
The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, has supported military veterans for nearly 100 years. We've advocated for key legislation like The PACT Act and The Brandon Act to ensure service members receive the care and benefits they deserve. LULAC is committed to advancing the wellbeing of all veterans by advocating for access to education, affordable housing, healthcare, and other essential services.

# Sgt. Alfredo 'Freddy' Gonzalez Memorial Veterans' Hospital Act



## The Rio Grande Valley:

- 130,000+ Veterans
- 0 Veterans Affairs hospitals
- One of the largest veteran populations in Texas



## Why This Matters.

- Veterans currently travel up to 5 hours roundtrip, often delaying or skipping care
- 12 Years Since Veterans Filed Suit: Class action suit filed in 2015 to demand access to hospital-level care
- Without a local VA hospital, veterans in the Rio Grande Valley face hours-long travel, delayed care, limited specialty access, and worsening health outcomes
- Texas will soon have the highest number of Veterans of any state

**ACCESS TO CARE SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON ZIP CODE.**

## Congressional Action Requested

1. Support full funding and construction of the RGV VA Hospital
2. Ensure timely implementation and oversight
3. Prioritize access for South Texas veterans

**South Texas veterans have waited long enough.**

Since 2009's Proposition 8, Texans have shown their commitment to fund a VA hospital in the Rio Grande Valley.

The Sgt. Alfredo "Freddy" Gonzalez VA Hospital remains a federal priority for the region