



ROBERT A. BURNS
12/12/46 -9/15/22
Texas State Cemetery Memorial Service

<i>Danny Boy</i>	Jared Malone
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Brad Newberry
Invocation	Case Newberry
<i>Scotland the Brave</i>	Jared Malone
Words of Remembrance	Matt Talley
<i>Beulah Land</i>	Katie Bryant Joseph Justiss
Individual Remarks	Various
<i>Green Leaves of Summer</i>	Katie Bryant
U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard	Austin Detachment
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Jared Malone
Closing Remarks	Brad Newberry



Robert A. (Bob) Burns, a native Texan, left a profound impact through his dedication to preserving Texas and Southwestern history. Born in Paris, Texas, Bob served with distinction in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, earning a Purple Heart and contributing his language skills to support an orphanage in Vietnam. His post-military career saw him return to Paris, where he excelled as a firefighter, educator, and community leader. Notably, Burns became a prominent figure in local historical preservation, serving as the Texas Parks and Wildlife State Park Superintendent at the Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Structure and actively participating in the Lamar County Historical Society and Historical Commission.

Bobs' contributions extended to local governance and education. Elected as County Judge of Lamar County, he addressed critical issues such as jail compliance and courthouse rehabilitation, showing his commitment to improving community infrastructure. Beyond his judicial responsibilities, he contributed to Paris Junior College as a board regent and engaged in local Masonic and scouting activities, mentoring youth and supporting community projects. His leadership and efforts were recognized through various awards, including the TPWD Certificate for Valor for his heroic actions during a fire.

In his later years, Burns continued to impact the field of historical research by donating extensive collections related to Texas and Southwestern history to the Briscoe Center for American History and the National Scouting Museum. His legacy is marked by his unwavering commitment to the betterment of Texas and its history, ensuring that his contributions will benefit future generations of scholars and the broader community.