

The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
(Attendance pending Senate schedule)

John Cornyn is currently serving his second term representing Texas in the U.S. Senate. He was first elected in 2002 and re-elected in 2008. Sen. Cornyn currently serves on the Senate Armed Services, Judiciary, Finance and Budget committees, and is a member of the Senate Republican Leadership. He is also a member of the Army Caucus, Air Force Caucus, Reserve Caucus, National Guard Caucus and the USO Congressional Caucus. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Sen. Cornyn served in Texas as a district judge, a member of the Texas Supreme Court, and as Texas Attorney General.

Sen. Cornyn has long been a friend of, and advocate for, our veteran community here in Texas. As the son of a World War II B-17 pilot who spent 31 years in the military, Sen. Cornyn has a personal connection and deep appreciation for the importance of our all volunteer military. He has seen firsthand the caliber of those who dedicate themselves to defending freedom at home and abroad. He takes great pride in having the opportunity to visit with Texas troops and others on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as those recovering here at home.

In the Senate, Sen. Cornyn has been a staunch advocate for our service members, veterans and their families. He has championed numerous measures to boost both the quantity and quality of housing, medical care, and educational benefits for all who have served our nation in the armed forces. He was recently awarded by the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) as the Outstanding Legislator of the Year for his long-time and strong support for the Army. ★



The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
United States House of Representatives, District 25 of Texas

Rep. Lloyd Doggett serves on the House Budget Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. He is Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Human Resources. He is also serving a second two-year term as Chairman of the Texas Democratic Congressional delegation.

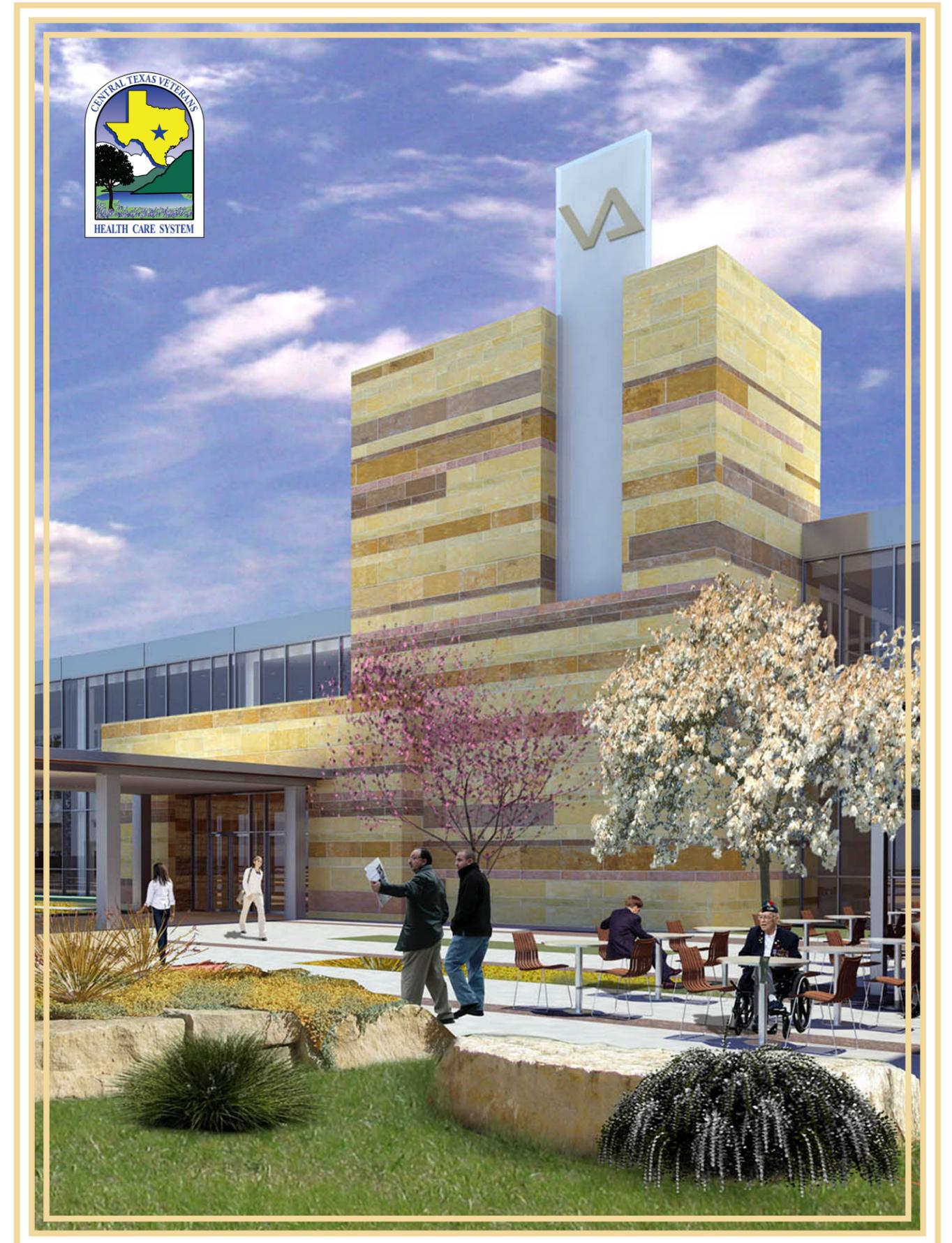
While his congressional district may have changed many times over the years, his values have not. Rep. Doggett has always stood strong for our veterans, working to bring a VA Clinic to Fayette County and this new state-of-the-art Austin VA Outpatient Clinic. He also voted to approve one of the largest increases in veterans funding in the 77-year history of the VA to ensure our local Veterans have better access to the healthcare facilities and the educational benefits they have earned.

At the University of Texas in Austin, Doggett was elected Student Body President and graduated first in his class from the College of Business Administration. Later, he graduated from the UT School of Law with honors, while serving as an associate editor of the Texas Law Review. Elected to the Texas Senate, he became known for his untiring work ethic on behalf of families in Austin and five Central Texas counties. From 1988-1994, as a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court, he wrote opinions supporting the right to a trial by jury and authored an important rule bolstering the public's access to information. He also served as Chair of the Supreme Court Task Force on Judicial Ethics and was recognized as an "Outstanding Judge in Texas" by the Mexican-American Bar of Texas. ★

Acknowledgements

The Department of Veterans Affairs extends its sincere appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of the following companies for their collective efforts to build the new Austin VA Outpatient Clinic.

- Cullinan Properties, LtdOwner, Developer, Property Manager
- Page Southerland Page, LLPArchitectural Design
- Turner Construction CompanyConstruction
- Toland & Mizell Architects/Applied Engineering Solutions JVConcept Design



First opened in January 1991, the Austin VA Outpatient Clinic is dynamic with the fastest growing Veteran market in the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System's catchment area. In 2008, a VA study projected a 30 percent increase in patients served by the Austin Outpatient Clinic growing to 30,000 patients by 2025. Currently, the Austin Outpatient Clinic sees more than 22,960 unique patients and provided 216,055 outpatient visits for these patients in Fiscal Year 2010.

PROGRAM



In September 2009, the 35-acre site selection was made for the new Austin Outpatient Clinic. The site near two major Austin thoroughfares – Highways 71 and 183, will allow Veterans easy access to the new outpatient clinic.

On August 31, 2010, the developer, Cullinan Properties, Ltd. was awarded the contract for the new 184,000-square-foot Austin Outpatient Clinic. The \$224 million contract spans across 20 years. VA Central Office made the announcement in October 2010.

With an operational target date for the spring of 2013, the new Austin Outpatient Clinic, once completed, will be the largest free-standing clinic of its type in the nation with 184,000 square feet, three times larger than the current facility located at Montopolis Drive and Oltorf in Austin. With this additional space, the Austin Outpatient Clinic is slated to offer expanded VA services to Veterans in the Austin area, including Mammography, Gastroenterology, Imaging, Orthopedics, Urology and additional space for the Women's Clinic as well as all current services. Other services to be considered for future expansion are Chemotherapy, Oncology, General Surgery, and Ear, Nose and Throat.

The current Austin Outpatient Clinic provides primary care, urgent care, and more than 20 areas of specialty care in a 60,000 square foot building located at Montopolis Drive and Oltorf in south Austin plus Mental Health, Health Care for Homeless Veterans, and Home-Based Primary Care services in an additional 16,000 square feet of space leased at the Southgate building. All operations at the current clinic and Southgate Building will be moved to the new Austin Outpatient Clinic when it is completed to offer Veterans the convenience of obtaining their outpatient medical care at one location.



Current specialty care services available at the Austin Outpatient Clinic and Southgate Building include:

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| ★ Audiology | ★ Imaging | ★ Optometry |
| ★ Cardiology | ★ Infectious Disease | ★ Pharmacy |
| ★ Chiropractic | ★ Kinesiology | ★ Physical Therapy |
| ★ Dental | ★ Laboratory | ★ Podiatry |
| ★ Dermatology | ★ Nephrology | ★ Primary Care Behavioral Health |
| ★ Endocrinology | ★ Neurology | ★ Prosthetics |
| ★ Gynecology | ★ Occupational Therapy | ★ Pulmonary |
| ★ Health Care for Homeless Veterans | ★ OIF/OEF/OND Clinic | ★ Rheumatology |
| ★ Home Based Primary Care | ★ Ophthalmology/Optical Services | ★ Speech Therapy |

Master of Ceremonies Ozzie Garza
VA Regional Public Affairs Officer

National Anthem Greta Roan
Finance Service, Austin VA Outpatient Clinic

Pledge of Allegiance Sid Hull
Volunteer Coordinator, Austin VA Outpatient Clinic

Invocation Chaplain Thomas Rardin

Welcome Thomas C. Smith, III, FACHE
Director, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System

Proclamation Mayor Lee Leffingwell
City of Austin

Remarks *(pending Senate schedule)* The Honorable John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
or Sandy Edwards
Central Texas Regional Director

Greetings from U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison John Etue
Central Texas Regional Director for
U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Remarks The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
U.S. House of Representatives
25th District of Texas

Greetings from U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul Cassie Holman
Field Director for
Congressman Michael McCaul
U.S. House of Representatives
10th District of Texas

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
Mayor Lee Leffingwell
Central Texas Veterans Health Care System
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Refreshments following the program provided by the Veterans Canteen Service