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President Donald Trump's most concrete step to rein in unprecedented U.S. budget deficits — sweeping tariff hikes — faces the danger of a legal reversal that would put the nation's finances on an even shakier footing. **Page 2A**



SPORTS

Hello win column

Bosston Johnson and Rashaad Wofford had themselves a homecoming night to remember. **Page 10A**

Today's weather

Mostly sunny.
High of 93.



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Bible verse

"Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, 'Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness.'" Romans 4:9

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Roberson says he's not ready to die

East Texas inmate on death row is month out from third execution date

JAMIE LANDERS

The Dallas Morning News

LIVINGSTON — Robert Roberson III is not ready to die.

After more than two decades housed almost exclusively in isolation and two narrowly-avoided

executions, the 58-year-old has just over a month left before the state's third attempt to put him to death.

"I'm not afraid to die," he clarifies, "but I'm not ready to die, 'cause I think God has more for me to do."

Fear dissipates with time and exposure, and Roberson has been facing his own mortality since 2003, when prosecutors in the East Texas town of Palestine convinced a jury of his peers that he murdered his

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Robert Roberson, an East Texas man facing execution for the death of his 2-year-old daughter, poses for a photo at the TDCJ Polunsky Unit in Livingston on Sept. 3. (Juan Figueroa/The Dallas Morning News/TNS)



Melvin Morris, left, one of the first African American Special Forces soldiers, was awarded the Medal of Honor for valor in Vietnam. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

'A National Treasure'

Bullard welcomes Medal of Honor recipients for 10th annual military show

JENNIFER SCOTT

BULLARD — It might have looked like any small-town festival — lawn chairs, barbecue at the ready, families in the sun — but Saturday's Texas Veterans' Military Show in Bullard came with rare guests: seven Medal of Honor recipients.

The three-day event began Thursday as the honored guests arrived at Tyler Regional Airport and continued through the weekend, drawing crowds eager to honor those who've earned the nation's highest military distinction.

"It's a very rewarding experience, and that's part of the purpose of the event — to bring the camaraderie together," said organizer Mike Balfay. "But also, I see a lot of young people talking to the soldiers, looking at the vehicles, getting to see history itself. It's important they see history."

"A very patriotic city" On Friday, the Medal of Honor recipients visited The Brook Hill School in Bullard, where students lined the parking lot to welcome them with a parade. Inside classrooms, the men shared their military



Veterans and guests stood in salute as part of the weekend's military honors. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

experiences and answered students' questions.

"Bullard is a very, very patriotic city," Balfay said. "I encourage people to come to Bullard, Texas (where) we have the American Freedom Museum. It's one of the top 10 military museums in America."

Located on The Brook Hill School campus, the American Freedom Museum

features more than 600 artifacts spanning from the American Revolution to the present day — including uniforms, cannons, and a restored C-47 fuselage that allows visitors to step into the boots of World War II paratroopers. The museum aims to connect students and visitors to the legacy of U.S. military service in a tangible way.

For more information on the American Freedom Museum, visit americanfreedommuseum.org.

Saturday's festivities began with a morning parade from Tyler to Bullard, led by the Patriot Guard. Veterans rode in military vehicles, and the ceremony that followed included a 21-gun salute, a flyover by a WWII-era aircraft and

more.

The event allows attendees to interact with veterans and explore restored military equipment and vehicles — including "Machine Gun Alley."

"They are a national treasure," Balfay said. "They deserve the respect — they don't always get it, so anything I can do to show them respect, I intend to do so."

Rare distinction

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest military award, given to service members who demonstrate extraordinary heroism at the risk of their own lives. Created by and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861, it was initially intended to recognize Union soldiers during the Civil War.

"It's very important you understand the medal is not won," Balfay said. "It is earned... made with lives and with blood."

To date, fewer than 3,600 veterans have received the Medal of Honor. Only 61 recipients are still living.

"None of us went to war to kill anybody," said Medal of Honor recipient Don

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Jamestown fire station to improve rural emergency response

SANTANA WOOD

The rural community of Jamestown in Smith County is finally getting a fire station.

A project years in the making, Smith County Emergency Services District No. 2 last week officially broke ground at 24971 County Road 453 in Mineola where the station will be located.

Fire Station 76 will be Smith County ESD 2's 12th station in the county. Firefighters will soon

provide additional coverage and a more timely response to residents in the Jamestown community and surrounding areas.

The ESD's administration and operations team hope to have firefighters in the station within a year.

This station has been a long time coming, residents and officials say. The Jamestown area in rural northwestern Smith County hasn't had a fire station of its own

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Fire staff and county leaders break ground on a new fire station in Jamestown. (Contributed Photo)



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