

## Service officers receive awards

Everardo "Lalo" Zamora, veterans' service officer in Uvalde County, was recently recognized when he attended the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Veterans Commission Fall Conference.

The conference was held Sept. 16-20.

Zamora, along with Val Verde County Veterans' Service Officer George Sosa, received a certificate of appreciation for providing excellent service to rural veterans.

Zamora was also elected to be the assistant regional director for South Texas.

During the mandatory training, which Zamora said he attends twice a year, service officers are given information to assist local veterans with working with the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs.

Zamora said officers were instructed to stress the importance of submitting fully-developed claims in an effort to process them at a faster pace.

"You can submit your



**Area veterans service officers (left to right) Val Verde County's George Sosa and Uvalde County's Everardo "Lalo" Zamora receive certificates of appreciation when they attended training in San Antonio.**

claims and receive your answer within 120 days," he said of the benefit of ensuring all paperwork is in order.

Zamora said local veterans should attend the American Legion Post 26 meeting today at 7:30 p.m.

to hear about information he learned while attending the conference.

Zamora also said that anyone wishing to nominate a veteran to be recognized during a Coyote football game should contact him at 830-278-4491.