

## **Hidalgo County Bar Association Wills for Heroes Clinic**

Each year the Hidalgo County Bar Foundation (HCBF) and the Hidalgo County Bar Association, Estate Planning and Probate Law Section, organize its Wills for Heroes Clinic which benefits the Veterans and Veteran spouses of Hidalgo County. The HCBF, in conjunction with our local VA Clinic, hold intake clinics once a week for a full month. During these intake clinics attorney volunteers help any veteran that is looking into drafting a simple will. The veteran is given a will packet that gives the standard information that is needed to properly draft their will. During the intake clinic, the attorney volunteer helps the veteran if they are in need of assistance or if any further documentation is required.

After the intake clinics, the veteran turns in their will packet to the HCBF to distribute to attorney volunteers who will then formally draft the veteran's will (may be different than the intake volunteer). Two weeks following our intake clinics, we schedule our Wills execution clinic. On this day, we have volunteer notaries and witnesses on site to assist the attorney volunteers meeting with their clients to have their documents properly executed.