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## U.S. Reservist Claims *Lotto Texas* Prize From July Drawing - Just Home From Tour In Mideast



*Lotto Texas* winner Brett Parish poses with his ceremonial check.

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(Austin, November 10) - Everyone should be so fortunate to have a friend like Dylan. Because of his loyalty to his pal Brett Parish, a United States Reservist in the 345th PSYOPS Company, he's going to get a dinner at the location of his choosing and a TIVO.

"I've been stationed in Iraq for almost a year," said Parish. "Dylan was buying my *Lotto Texas* tickets for me while I was away. In July he emailed that I had won the lottery. It took a few email streams back and forth to get it from him exactly what I had won. I was so excited."

Parish collected his \$1,427 *Lotto* prize today at the Texas Lottery Dallas Claim Center. He just returned to the U.S. from a short vacation in Costa Rica.

"That's what some of this money is going to pay for, and of course I promised Dylan that dinner."

"What a tremendous story of friendship," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Congratulations to Mr. Parish for his *Lotto* win and my sincerest gratitude for his service to this country."

"I also want to remind our players of Senate Bill 6 authored by Senator Leticia Van De Putte, enacted in the 2003 Texas Legislative session, which included language for an extension to eligible military personnel to claim a lottery prize if the 180-day rule passed before he or she was able to claim a prize."

The legislation extends the prize claim period for an eligible person for 90 days after the earliest of:

- The person's discharge from active military duty
- The person's return to the state for more than 10 consecutive days
- The person's return to non-active status in the reserve or national guard, or
- The end of a war or national emergency

Tonight's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is worth an estimated \$10 million.

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