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LONE STAR

TF INFO

The Pulse uses your TF input.

Send content submissions and requests to: ols-ict@sg.tmd.texas.gov

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am told there is no plot without conflict, and the same must be true for my own narrative. Growth is not possible apart from honest struggle and heartrending hardship, but the difference made by the cradle and the cross is that Christ enters the fray with us. He doesn't fight the battles for us while we look on from a distance, but instead faces the enemy side-by-side with us to the extent that he sways the outcome in our favor. We are more than conquerors because he is in us and that always adds up to superior force. I will never slay my demons on my own; fortunately, I don't have to.

Questions to Consider:

1. Pause, as long as it takes, and identify your inner demons. Now, list them in the order of their damaging impact.
2. Admit and lay these "demons" before the Lord and request His help in overcoming. In addition, who might you ask to help you and hold yourself accountable for dealing with them?

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PULSE

NEWS UPDATES



[Updates on the military standards reviews underway.](#)

[Police recover 24k+ stolen items from Killeen soldiers.](#)

[Pulling books from the shelves at the Naval Academy.](#)

[Plan would make military enlistment, retention bonuses tax exempt.](#)

[What surviving an IED taught me about being a stand-up comedian.](#)

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*Services are good for Active Duty, Army and Air Guard, or reserve that are activated or drilling monthly, their direct DEERS dependents, and those who have separated within 365 days. Does not apply to a Texas State Guardsman who does not meet the above requirements.

Quick guidance & answers

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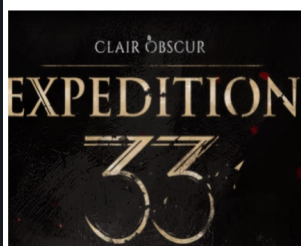
[The Last of Us Part 2](#)

Console: Windows
Genre: Action Adventure
Release: April 3, 2025



[Fatal Fury: City of the Wolves](#)

Console: PC, PS4, PS5, Xbox Series X/S
Genre: Fighting
Release: April 24, 2025



[Clair Obscur: Expedition 33](#)

Console: PC, PS5, Xbox Series X/S
Genre: JRPG
Release: April 24, 2025



[MotoGP25](#)

Console: PC, PS4, PS5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Switch
Genre: Racing
Release: April 30, 2025



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JOINT TASK FORCE LONE STAR



STANDARDS BOOK

**"Discipline is not instinctive.
It must be taught, reinforced, and required!"**
Author Unknown

Texas Military Department

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Our Mission

To provide continuing assessment and recommending resolutions relating to efficiency, morale, welfare, and readiness of State Active-Duty matters through a process of receiving, inquiring into, and responding to complaints or request for information.

- ✓ SAD Pay
- ✓ SAD Entitlements
- ✓ Command and leadership decisions or misconduct
- ✓ Passes
- ✓ Hardships
- ✓ Claims of fraud waste and abuse

Location: Camp Mabry Building 8, C135, Austin, Texas
Office: 512-782-5834
Mailbox: stateombudsman@military.texas.gov

TMD Counseling Program

Promoting Emotional Wellness, Resiliency and Readiness of our Military Community.

The Texas Military Department Counseling Program can be reached via the counseling line.

512-782-5069

The Texas Military Department (TMD) Counseling Program was created to provide free and confidential counseling to Texas Military Service Members, thereby promoting overall wellness. We are located in various cities across the state and are available to meet via telephone, video or in person.

What services do our counselors provide?

- Individual counseling
- Counseling Line support
- Traumatic Event Management
- Collaboration with Unit Leadership to promote wellness



Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255



DOD Safe Helpline
1-877-995-5247



Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233



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Military One Source
1-800-342-9647



State Family Program Visits FOB Eagle

Last Wednesday, resource representatives from multiple programs were on hand to provide information and answer questions from OLS personnel in the FOB Eagle DFAC.

If you missed out, the **next planned event is scheduled for April 23, 2025**. Contact information for the resources is listed below.

Ricardo Quijano, Soldier Family Readiness Specialist - Laredo 512-674-5783
Eleanor Smith, Soldier Family Readiness Specialist - San Antonio 512 913-7351
Eva Carwile, Transition Assistance Advisor Program - Camp Mabry - Austin 512-782-1201
Peter Seaberg, Transition Assistance Advisor Program - San Antonio 202-987-3630
Shawn Sessions, Lead Employment Coordinator Work for Warriors TX - San Antonio 210-355-2275
Bryon Clark, Personal Finance Counselor, Magellan Federal - Ft. Bliss 210-722-4733

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a PepperBall Train-The-Trainer Course on March 26-27 at FOB Eagle, with over 50 members of DPS and the Texas National Guard (TXNG) participating in the two-day training event.

This comprehensive course is designed to certify law enforcement and military personnel as instructors in the safe and effective use of PepperBall systems. The training ensures that those responsible for public safety are equipped with the necessary skills to handle these non-lethal tools effectively.

Although DPS members are not always on base, this recent training highlights the vital collaboration between the two agencies. It underscores the importance of their ongoing partnership in ensuring public safety and preparedness in the region.



7 DAY FORECAST FOR YOUR AREA

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OLS Rally Point

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Summer Uniform Roster Deadline 10APR2025

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FOB Eagle Pavilion
April 23 @ 1100

Apache Nueva Imagen's tour

Moonlight Ballroom
2601 El Indio Hwy
Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Apr 4, 2025
8:00 PM CDT

[Click here for details](#)



[FOB Eagle & Camp Alpha: Unit Ministry Team Needs Survey](#)

ARMY CHAPLAINS

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[Tap to take the survey](#)

FOB Eagle Unit Ministry Teams (UMT) Resource/Need Survey

Let us know how to help you. Come
visit us in B-18 on FOB Eagle or the
UMT Trailer on Camp Alpha.

FOB EAGLE ROCK GARDEN

Grab a rock, some paint, and let's make this place uniquely ours! A few simple rules to keep things awesome:

1. **Paint Your Heart Out!** – Decorate as many rocks as you want. Keep them, gift them, or leave them behind to inspire others.
2. **Take One, Leave One** – Just remember to paint and place it on the table; we'll ensure the garden continues to flourish.
3. **Keep It Cool** – No bad vibes here! Keep designs positive, fun, and appropriate—nothing offensive or in bad taste.
4. **Make It Personal** – Paint something meaningful! A favorite quote, your unit logo, a tribute, or just some cool designs—anything that makes you smile.
5. **Family Fun** – Feel free to take a rock home for your family to paint and bring back to be part of the FOB Eagle legacy!
6. **Teamwork Rocks!** – Got a squad? Create a theme together or challenge each other to make the most creative design.
7. **Leave Your Mark** – Sign your rock with your initials, call sign, or a small symbol to show you were here.
8. **Seal the Deal** – Use the provided sealant when you're done to help your masterpiece last.
9. **Respect the Art** – Admire, don't modify, someone else's work. Every rock tells a story!
10. **Clean As You Go** – The painting station is open all the time, so let's keep it tidy for the next artist-in-the-making.
11. **Most Importantly—Have Fun!** – This is your chance to unwind, get creative, and be part of something special.

NOW GO GRAB A ROCK AND LET'S MAKE FOB EAGLE ROCK!

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The City of Edinburg will host the 4th Annual Dirty Duathlon on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Doolittle Nature Park, located at 1300 N. Doolittle Road. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The race consists of a 1.5-mile run, followed by a 3-mile bike ride, and concludes with another 1.5-mile run. [Click for additional details](#)



BookTok Market: An All Things Bookish Festival [Click here for info](#)

Get ready for a book lover's paradise at BookTok Market, where you can shop for all things bookish and meet fellow bookworms!

Saturday, April 5 · 6 - 10pm CDT
The Mix food park open air market
2509 Colorado Street Mission, TX



Come experience ATLAS MAIOR perform live at The Gremlin, a local music venue and restaurant on 4/5/25 during their RGV debut!

Date and time: Doors at 7:30pm
Location: The Gremlin
322 South 16th Street McAllen, TX
General admission tickets, seated tickets, discounted posters, and pre-show meet and greet will tickets available!!

[Click here for details for this event](#)



Introduction to become a Real Estate Investor - McAllen Live Webinar

Saturday, April 5 · 9 - 11am CDT
Join us for an exciting webinar on real estate investing.
[Click here for information](#)



How to Come Up With a Great Business Idea

Saturday, April 5 · 7 - 8pm CDT
Online Webinar
Join Webinar at <https://coachieve.co/bizidea>

Do you want to come up with a great business idea?
An idea that will allow you to replace your income, quit your job, and impact the world in a positive way?
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The Fools Run 5K & 10K
Apr 5 at 7:30AM - 1:00PM
[Margaritaville Beach Resort](#)
310 Padre Blvd South Padre Island 78597
\$15.00 - \$40.00
[Click here for details for this fun event](#)

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