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NEWS

Governor Abbott Renews Border Security Disaster Proclamation In April 2025

April 22, 2025 | Austin, Texas |

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on May 31, 2021, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the surge of individuals unlawfully crossing the Texas—Mexico border posed an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster for a number of Texas counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I amended the aforementioned proclamation in a number of subsequent proclamations, including to modify the list of affected counties and therefore declare a state of disaster for those counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the certified conditions continue to exist and pose an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster as set forth in the prior proclamations;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster for Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Coleman, Colorado, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Schleicher, Shackelford, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Throckmorton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Wilbarger, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala Counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster. All orders, directions, suspensions, and authorizations provided in the Proclamation of May 31, 2021, as amended and renewed in subsequent proclamations, are in full force and effect.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 22nd day of April, 2025.

GREG ABBOTT

ATTESTED BY:

JANE NELSON Secretary of State







Today we gather...

National Day of Prayer

May 1, 2025



















Stay Forever Home

Console: Meta Quest Genre: VR Pet Available Now



Console: Steam, Steam VR, Meta Quest, iOS, Android Genre: Immersive VR





Revenge of the Savage Planet

Console: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PC Genre: Action-Adventure/Sci-Fi Release Date: May 8, 2025



Disney Illusion Island

Console: PS5, Xbox Series

X/S, PC

Genre: 2D Platformer Release Date: May 30, 2025



The Smurfs - Flower Defense

Console: Meta Quest Genre: Mixed Reality
Coming June 2025









Is your uniform up to standard?

2. Most encountered uniform deficiencies

- a) Headgear. The patrol cap is the primary day-to-day headgear unless the threat level increases and ACH becomes mandatory. The sun hat or boonie cap is authorized on points, brush ops, or construction (Engineer) functions only (not on camps or garrison). When service members are working outdoors, they will always have approved headgear.
- b) Neck Gaiter. IAW AR670-1, tan, is only authorized when temperatures are 45 degrees or below and during dusty conditions. Balaclava, bandanas, etc... are not authorized.
- c) Patches. Colored American patches are authorized on the right shoulder sleeve only. Subdued American patches are **not authorized** for Army personnel. Air Force personnel are authorized to wear subdued American flags on the right shoulder. Morale patches are not authorized (blood type, American flag, Texas flag, Mexican flag, colleges, etc...).
- d) Combat shirts. Only authorized for wear in the training / operational area requiring the wear of body armor. At no time will service members purchase/wear after-market combat shirts.
- e) Trousers. Will be bloused IAW AR670-1. No baseball-type blousing.
- f) OCP's. Uniforms will not be worn if they are extremely faded, have a grey/bleached-out appearance, are torn, have holes, or are tight fitting to body contour. Patrol Caps will present a clean appearance; oil/grease stained PC's do not present a professional appearance. PC's will not be torn, or damaged.

*SURVEY DOES NOT APPLY TO TXSG. See State TA flyer here.





FY25 ARNG EDUCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Your feedback is important! We are seeking your input to ensure ARNG education programs and services are meeting Soldier needs. This is an important national survey conducted every two years with all 54 states and territories. Please complete this survey and add your comments where applicable to help us, help you obtain your educational goals and objectives!

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Army Directive 2025-06 Army Fitness Test

This directive establishes the Army Fitness Test (AFT) as the physical fitness Test of record, updates Army policies related to the AFT, and prescribes effective dates for implementation. The AFT includes one fitness standard for all combat areas of concentration (AOC's) and military occupational specialties and increase fitness standards for all Soldiers. The AFT will improve readiness, enhances lethality, and reinforce the warrior ethos.

- The AFT replaces the Army Combat Fitness Test on 1 June 2025. The Army will no longer conduct the ACFT after 31 May 2025. Soldier ACFT for record tests taken before 31 May 2025 will remain valid IAW army policies.
- The AFT will consist of five (5) events. Max Dead-lift (MDL), Hand release Pushup (HRP), Sprint, Drag, Carry (SDC), Plank (PLK), and the 2-mile run (2MR).
- The AFT combat standard is sex neutral and age-normed. Soldiers serving in combat specialties must achieve a minimum of 60 points per event and and overall minimum of 350. The AFT combat standard applies to Soldiers serving in the following MOS's. 11A, 11B. 11C, 11Z, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13F, 18A, 180A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18E, 18F, 18Z, 19A, 19C, 19D, 19K, and 19Z.
- Beginning 1 June 2025, all Soldiers requiring a record fitness test must pass the AFT general standard.
- Soldiers serving in the Regular Active duty must pass
- (a) two record AFT's per calendar year, with no less than four (4) months between passing record tests.
- (b) Pass a record AFT within 90 days of a Record AFT or ACFT failure.
- Soldiers serving in the Reserve Component must
- (a) Pass the AFT once per calendar year for record, with no less than eight (8) months between passing record test.
- (b) Pass a record within 180 days of a record AFT or ACFT failure.

State Tuition Assistance



Funded by Texas for Texans

HAT IS STATE TUITION

An education benefit that provides money for college to eligible members of the Texas Military Department who are interested in pursuing their educational & career goals.

- The Online Application
- Statement of Understanding (SOU)
- Authorization Release Form

WHEN IS FALL 2025 OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS?

June 01, 2025 - August 03, 2025



STA is a needs-based benefit subject to the availability of funds.



WHAT DOES STA COVER?

Benefit paid up front

Credentials & certification programs

Undergraduate Graduate degree Professional degrees such as ph.D.,

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Active member in "Good Standing" with TXARNG, TXANG or TXSG.

Eligible ranks are: Enlisted (E1-E9), Officers (O1-O5), Warrant Officers (W1-W3).

Must have successfully completed Basic Training or RBOT prior to the start of the

Attend a Texas school - Public or Private



https://tmd.texas.gov/state-tuition-assistance-program











Operation Border Health Preparedness

TXSG Click here: OBHP 2025 Health Care Provider Credentialing Form

*Does not apply to Army or Air National Guard.



Operation Border Health 2025

Operation Border Health, formally Operation Lone Star, is an exercise to help the community get ready for disasters. DSHS and partners offer FREE services to the community during the event.

FREE SERVICES INCLUDE:



DSHS South Texas

Public Health Region 11 Serving You















Location information will be released when available. For more information please visit: dshs.texas.gov/obh2025 Informational email: phepphr11@dshs.texas.gov





















TXSG click here: OBPH 2025 Volunteer Interest Form (non-medical)







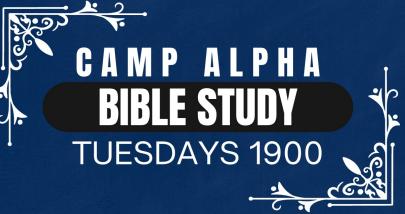


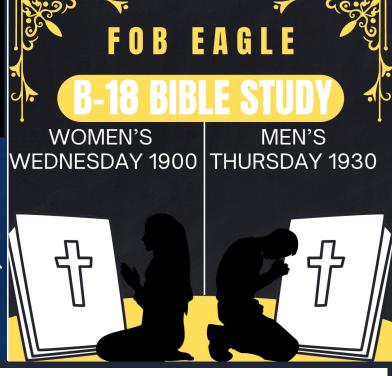


Del Rio Comic Con returns on May 3 and 4, 2025, at the Del Rio Civic Center's Pecan Ballroom, promising the biggest pop culture event in Del Rio with game tournaments, cosplay contests, and food vendors. This year's lineup features special guests including WWE Hall of Famer Rikishi Fatu, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles with their iconic van, and Star Wars Stormtroopers from the 501st Legion, along with live panels and a Youth Artist Alley showcasing local young talent. Tickets range from \$10 for a single day to \$20 for a two-day pass, with pre-sale buyers receiving exclusive signed collectibles and early entry, making it a must-attend celebration for fans of comics, gaming, and fandom culture



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FORWARD OPERATING BASE (FOB) EAGLE REFERENCE SHEET

Physical Address:

496 County Road 523 Eagle Pass, TX 78852

SECURITY - ECP #1

MAIN ENTRY CONTROL POINT

- Open 24/7
- * 100% ID Check.

HOUSING & BASE CAMP OPERATIONS

A-01 MAYOR CELL

- Daily Office Hours: 0600-2000
- Phone: <u>512-987-8462</u>
- * Mail pick up inside.

A-03 LAUNDRY SERVICE

- Daily Full-Service: 0700-1900
- Daily Self-Service: 0700-1600
- Phone: 512-987-8462 (Mayor Cell)
- *10 lbs. per laundry bag. No bag limit.

A-04 DINING FACILITY (DFAC)

•Breakfast: 0700-0900

Lunch: 1100-1300Dinner: 1700-1900

• Midnight: 2300-0100

Phone: <u>512-987-8462</u> (Mayor Cell)

MEDICAL

A-05 BASE AID STATION

Office Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1600Sat-Sun & After-Hours: On-Call

• Phone: <u>512-897-5234</u>

Mailing Address:

496 County Road 523 Suite A-01 Eagle Pass, TX 78852

BASE CAMP RESOURCES

B-01 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Office Open: Mon-Fri 0900-1700
- Daily On-Call: 0700-1900
- Phone: <u>512-542-4638</u>
- Crisis Line: 988

B-03 GYM

- Open 24/7
- Phone: 512-987-8462 (Mayor Cell)

B-05 MWR/LOUNGE

- Open Daily: 0600-0100
- Phone: <u>512-987-8462</u> (Mayor Cell)
- * Contact the Mayor Cell for reservations.

B-08 FORCEPRO

- Office Open: Mon-Fri 0800-1600
- Phone: <u>512-470-3850</u> (24 Hours)

C-05 CONFERENCE ROOM

- Open 24/7
- Phone: <u>512-987-8462</u> (Mayor Cell)
- * Contact the Mayor Cell for reservations.











In a heartwarming show of support for America's service members, *Yellowstone* actor Forrie Smith, alongside country artists Lucas Hodge and Lance Carpenter, joined forces with the USO to deliver a series of intimate concerts for troops stationed along the Texas border.

The trio brought their talents to multiple locations, including El Paso, Laughlin Air Force Base, and FOB Eagle, treating soldiers to live performances filled with music, personal stories, and laughter. Each show also featured meet-and-greet sessions, giving soldiers the chance to chat with the artists, snap photos, and collect autographs. The service members of FOB Eagle extend their sincere thanks to Forrie Smith, Lucas Hodge, Lance Carpenter, and the USO for creating such a memorable and uplifting experience.





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