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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
Governor

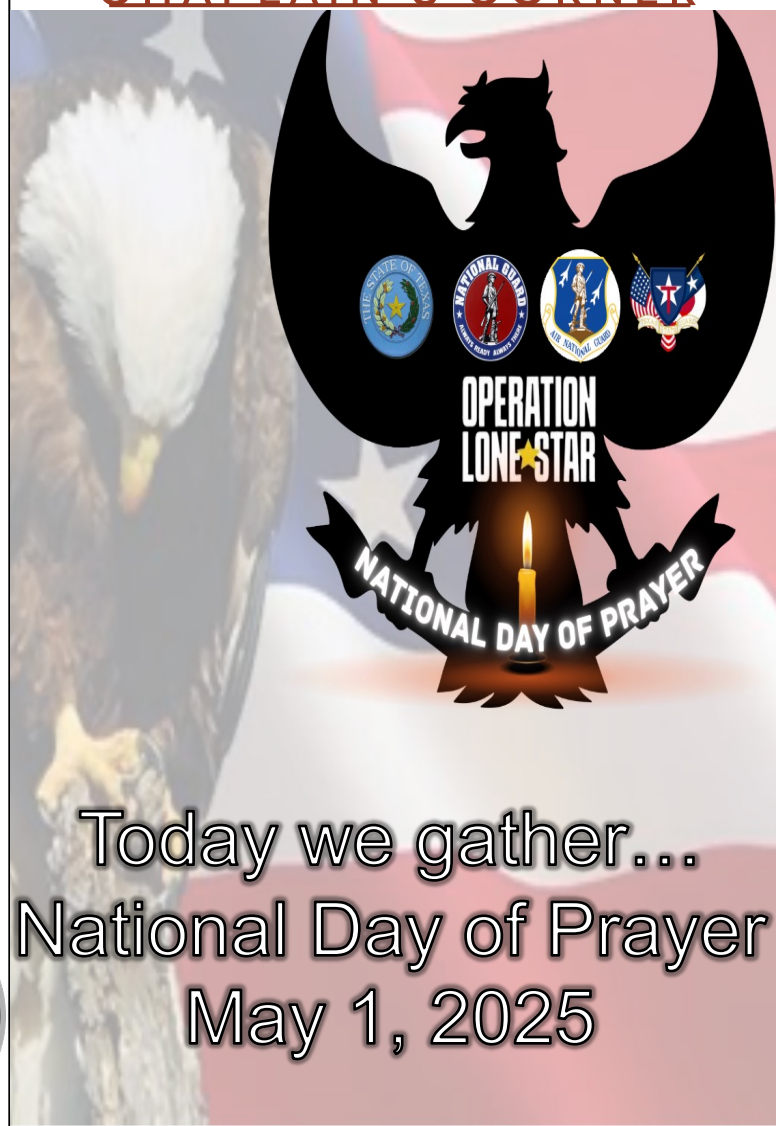
ATTESTED BY:

JANE NELSON
Secretary of State



PULSE

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Today we gather...
National Day of Prayer
May 1, 2025

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Stay Forever Home

Console: Meta Quest
Genre: VR Pet
Available Now

Rival Stars Horse Racing:

VR Edition

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



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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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...).
- 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.
- Trousers.** Will be bloused IAW AR670-1. No baseball-type blousing.
- 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. →



Education Support



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 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



scan me for more info!

WHAT IS STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE (STA)?

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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 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?

- Up to \$10,000 in tuition & mandatory fees
- ▲ Benefit paid up front
- Credentials & certification programs
- Undergraduate Graduate degree
- ▲ Professional degrees such as ph.D., Law & Pharmacy degrees
- Up to 12 credit hours

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 semester
- Attend a Texas school - Public or Private
- ▲ Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA

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



TXSG Click here: OBHP 2025 Health Care Provider Credentialing Form

*Does not apply to Army or Air National Guard.

JULY 21-25, 2025



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



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.

DSHS South Texas
Public Health Region 11 Serving You

FREE SERVICES INCLUDE:



MEDICAL



DENTAL



VISION



MENTAL



VETERINARY



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)



FEATURING
GEM CUTTER STUDIOS X JUCO COFFEE

MORNING MIX

MAY 3RD 11AM - 1PM

STREET 101 PLAZA
101 N. 10TH ST. MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501

MORNINGS HIT DIFFERENT WITH GOOD BEATS,
COFFEE, AND RETAIL THERAPY

Mother's Day Comedy Show [Mamma Knows Best : get tickets here](#)

Cine EL REY

Mamma Knows Best

STARRING HAPPY

MOTHER'S DAY COMEDY SHOW

Tickets : GA \$10 - \$15 | VIP tables of 8 \$120 - \$200
Saturday May 10th | Doors 7pm Show 8pm - 10pm
311 S 17TH McAllen Tx 78501

The Mamma Knows Best Comedy Show starring HAPPY is coming to Cine El Rey in McAllen, TX, on Saturday, May 10, 2025, promising a night filled with comedy, music, and magic from one of America's most versatile comedic entertainers. This lively show takes place in the historic Cine El Rey Theatre, a beloved venue known for hosting diverse entertainment including stand-up comedy and live performances in the heart of McAllen's entertainment district. Don't miss this unique blend of laughs and live entertainment that continues the theater's rich tradition of showcasing top talent.

Task Force East

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

OPERATION LONE STAR MILITARY BALL

MAY
SATURDAY 17 AT 6:00 PM
2025

THE GRAND BALLROOM, CASA DE PALMAS
101 N MAIN ST, MCALLEN

ATTIRE: (FORMAL) DRESS BLUES/ DRESS
MESS, SUIT AND TIE OR BALLGOWN

TICKETS: \$55 INCLUDES CHICKEN
CORDON BLEU
\$65 INCLUDES STEAK DINNER

PURCHASE TICKETS:
CASH APP \$C3TFE
RANK, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME

LAS PALMAS COMMUNITY CENTER

CANVAS & COFFEE

CREATE A MASTERPIECE WHILE ENJOYING A FRESH CUP OF COFFEE. THIS INSTRUCTOR GUIDED PROGRAM IS GREAT FOR ANYONE WITH OR WITHOUT PAINTING SKILLS.

DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 AM

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
May 24th | 873301-31
June 14th | 873301-32
July 12 | 873301-33
August 23 | 873307-34

Fee \$12 per person

Paint, sip, and relax!

Start your morning with a warm cup of coffee and a splash of creativity at Canvas & Coffee! This instructor-guided painting session is perfect for all skill levels—whether you're a total beginner or just looking to have some artsy fun. All supplies are provided, and you'll leave with your very own masterpiece to take home. It's a chill, creative way to kick off your day and connect with others. Reserve your spot at McAllenParks.net!

Las Palmas Community Center – 1921 N. 25th Street, McAllen
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Doors open at 8:30 AM)
\$12 per person

[CANVAS & COFFEE in MCALLEN](#)

7 DAY FORECAST FOR YOUR AREA

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
91° 76°	89° 75°	80° 71°	82° 71°	83° 75°	85° 76°	84° 74°



OLS Rally Point

PAY DATES FY25							
TASK FORCE	Period	Days	Date Paid		Period	Days	Date Paid
TF EAST	29 MAR - 28 APR	31	6-7 MAY		29 APR - 28 MAY	30	5-6 JUN
TXSG	31 MAR - 30 APR	31			01 MAY - 30 MAY	30	