

# THE DISPATCH

March 2012



## **FOOTBALL TO FIGHTER JETS** 4

149th Fighter Wing introduces new Honorary Wing Commander Program

---

## **MEDAL OF MERIT AWARDED** 5

Soldier awarded medal for quick thinking during barn fire

---

## **GEOTAGGING CAN BE RISKY** 14

Is a badge on FOURSQUARE worth your life?



Engineers train ANA truck drivers



Djiboutian conf.



Reserve center



Honorary command

# In the Dispatch:

- 4 149th Honorary Commander program
- 5 Soldier awarded Medal of Merit for action in fire
- 6 Engineers train ANA truck drivers, boost skills
- 7 Hiring Our Heroes
- 8 VA participates in settlement with mortgage bankers
- 10 Army Guard and Reserve join forces in Houston
- 11 Texas, Wisconsin recognized for top FRG programs
- 13 TXANG Chief of Staff visits the Lone Star Gunfighters
- 14 Geotagging poses security risks
- 15 Band of bloggers- PTSDSURVIVORDAILY
- 16 STAR Motorcycle course
- 17 TXMF Museum: Hidden gem in the heart of Austin
- 19 Military History- Women's Army Corps in WWII



Geomapping risks

**Col. John Kane (left) welcomes Jason Lohe of the San Antonio Talons professional arena football team, as an Honorary Commander of the Texas Air National Guard unit at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Feb. 11, 2012. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Wilson)**

# The Bulletin Board

The DISPATCH

Vol. 7, No. 3 March, 2012

## *New Army dental website*

The information site, the Dental Readiness Information Center (DRIC) contains up-to-date information on dental readiness requirements, available resources for examinations and treatment, and procedures to update a Soldier or unit's dental readiness status. Soldiers can access the website from anywhere via smartphone or by any other Internet connection device. The website is available to any Soldier -- active, Reserve, or National Guard. The DRIC website is located on Army Knowledge Online, [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), under the "Dental Readiness" drop down box found in the My Medical Readiness Status section under the Soldier's My Professional Data.

## *Senators look at women veteran homelessness*

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Patty Murray, Committee Member Jon Tester, and Senator Olympia J. Snowe sent a joint letter to Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinsekki and Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan asking for explicit answers to questions in light of a recent Government Accounting Office (GAO) report highlighting missed opportunities for the two departments to improve services for homeless women veterans. A Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on veteran homelessness is scheduled for March 14. The full GAO report is available on the GAO website at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-182>.

## *New reserve component dental plan*

National Guard and Reserve members separating from active duty after an activation of greater than 30 days in support of a contingency operation may now receive the same dental care benefits as active duty service members. The TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP) now provides coverage to these members in the Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP). Find out more at <http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/SpecialPrograms/TAMP>.

## *Special courts developed for vets*

Veterans facing criminal charges who are in need of mental health or substance use treatment may be eligible for Veterans Treatment Court, if they live in one of the growing number of communities where these courts exist. Veterans Treatment Courts were developed to avoid unnecessary incarceration of veterans who have developed mental health problems. Veterans Treatment Courts work with veterans of all service eras. There are now 88 Veterans Treatment Courts across the country with more on the way. For more information, visit the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) website at <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/keeping-PTSD-vets-out-JS.asp>, the American Legion website at [http://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/veterans\\_treatment\\_courts](http://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/veterans_treatment_courts), VA's Veteran Justice Outreach at <http://www.va.gov/homeless/vjo.asp>, and Justice for Vets at <http://www.justiceforvets.org/>.

## *AF Marathon offers best value*

The Air Force Marathon remains the best value race for runners in the Midwest. Prices for the full and half are \$85 and \$70, while the 10K and 5K are \$40 and \$25. All runners also get a shirt and goodie bag when registering. The AF Marathon will be held Sept. 15, 2012, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon website at [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).



Governor  
Gov. Rick Perry



The Adjutant General  
Maj. Gen. John F.  
Nichols

Public Affairs Officer  
Lt. Col. Amy Cook

Deputy Public Affairs Officer  
Maj. Deborah Molnar

Public Affairs Operations NCO  
Staff Sgt. Jennifer D. Atkinson

Public Affairs Staff  
Staff Sgt. Malcolm McClendon  
Staff Sgt. Eric Wilson  
Staff Sgt. Phil Fountain  
Spc. Maria Moy  
John Thibodeau  
Laura Lopez

Managing Editor  
Staff Sgt. Jennifer D. Atkinson

Contributing Writers and Photographers  
Staff Sgt. Malcolm McClendon  
Sgt. Darron Salzar  
Staff Sgt. Phil Fountain  
Mary Madewell  
Cheryl Rodewig  
Department of Veterans Affairs

\* The Dispatch is an authorized publication for members of the Texas Military Forces and the Department of Defense. Contents of the Dispatch are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the National Guard Bureau, the State of Texas, the Adjutant General's Department of Texas, or the Texas Military Forces. \* The editorial content of this publication is the responsibility of the Texas Military Forces Public Affairs Officer. \* Printed by Kinko's, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Government under exclusive written contract with the Texas Military Forces. \* The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement of the products or services advertised by the U.S. Army or Kinko's. \* Everything advertised in this publication will be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the publisher will refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected. \* Content is edited, prepared and provided by the Texas Joint Military Forces Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 10, 2200 W. 35th Street, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas. 78703.

# 149th Fighter Wing Inaugurates Honorary Commander Program

Story by Staff Sgt. Phil Fountain  
149th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



LACKLAND AFB, Texas -- The Texas Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Wing launched the Honorary Commander Program here

on Feb. 11, by welcoming executive leaders of the San Antonio Talons professional arena football team as the newest members of the Lone Star Gunfighters team.

Jason Lohe, owner and chief executive officer, and Cree Crawford, senior vice president and chief operating officer, both of the Talons organization, were selected to serve as the inaugural honorary commanders of the 149th Fighter Wing.

The U.S. Air Force developed the honorary commander program as a community relations initiative to educate those with limited knowledge about Air Force missions, customs, and traditions. Individuals are selected as honorary commanders because of their position or influence in the community, and have the ability to foster awareness and public support for the base.

The 149th Fighter Wing launched its program to forge a relationship with San Antonio's new professional football team. A ten-year old franchise, the San Antonio Talons are a member of the Arena Football League (AFL), and are new to the San Antonio community after relocating from Tulsa,

Oklahoma, in December 2011.

The inaugural honorary commanders have been paired with Col. John Kane and Col. Michael Kelley, the 149th Fighter Wing's commander and vice commander, respectively. They will experience first-hand how the 149th operates, from its federal F-16 training mission to humanitarian and disaster relief preparations on behalf of the state of Texas. The Talons and the Lone Star Gunfighters will also team up for various activities throughout the two year honorary commander term.

The kick-off event included a brief ceremony that was modeled after the military assumption-of-

command, where the honorary commanders were publicly presented Texas flags with a streamer indicating their new role with the South Texas military unit.

"The Honorary Commander ceremony is based on a time-honored tradition in the military, which visibly assures continuity of command," Kane said. "Today's event illustrates the San Antonio Talons assuming a role as true ambassadors of the 149th Fighter Wing and the Texas Air National Guard."

"We are honored by this recognition and are humbled to be able to partner with the 149th Fighter Wing," Lohe said.



**Col. John Kane (left) welcomes Jason Lohe of the San Antonio Talons professional arena football team, as an Honorary Commander of the Texas Air National Guard unit at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Feb. 11, 2012. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Wilson)**

# Soldier awarded Medal of Merit for quick actions during barn fire

Story by Mary Madewell  
 Courtesy of the Paris News

BIARDSTOWN, Texas—A hay barn near Biardstown blazed on a January night a year ago. Prized horses owned by Chisum agriculture teacher Steve Monkres stood petrified inside.

That's when neighbor and Texas Army National Guard Sgt. Kelsey J. Holland entered the scene and rescued seven horses valued at more than \$50,000.

Maj. Todd Lehenbauer presented Holland the Texas Medal of Merit on Wednesday at Camp Maxey where Holland serves as a range manager. About 15 fellow soldiers stood at attention near the Camp Maxey flag pole.

"I just did what I thought I needed to do—help save those horses," Holland said following the presentation.

The commendation describes Holland's actions and reads in part as follows.

"Sgt. Holland distinguished himself through exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding



Maj. Todd Lehenbauer pins the Texas Medal of Merit to Sgt. Kelsey J. Holland at Camp Maxey on Feb. 22, 2012. (Courtesy photo.)

service; he exposed himself to a high degree of danger in order to save

See MEDAL, page 12



## I.A.M. STRONG<sup>SM</sup>

INTERVENE \* ACT \* MOTIVATE

### Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention

**INTERVENE**

When I recognize a threat to my fellow Soldiers, I will have the personal courage to **INTERVENE** and prevent Sexual Assault. I will condemn acts of Sexual Harassment. I will not abide obscene gestures, language or behavior. I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I will **INTERVENE**.

**ACT**

You are my brother, my sister, my fellow Soldier. It is my duty to stand up for you, no matter the time or place. I will take **ACTION**. I will do what's right. I will prevent Sexual Harassment and Assault. I will not tolerate sexually offensive behavior. I will **ACT**.

**MOTIVATE**

We are American Soldiers, **MOTIVATED** to keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent Sexual Harassment and Assault. We will denounce sexual misconduct. As Soldiers, we are all **MOTIVATED** to take action. We are strongest...together.

# Engineers help ANA truck operators amplify skills

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Sierra  
Task Force Roughneck Public Affairs

**BALKH PROVINCE, Afghanistan** - A U.S. Army Embedded Training Team assisted the Afghan National Army to train qualified tractor-trailer drivers.

The Embedded Training Team from Task Force Roughneck, Task Force Sword, worked closely with the ANA 1st/209th Engineer Corps, which was recently fielded with new soldiers and equipment but required trained operators.

"We've always had a problem transporting our equipment," explained ANA Sgt. Gul Ahmad with the 1st/209th Route Clearance Company. "Now, we'll have enough qualified drivers to move our equipment from place to place. We're very grateful for the Americans' time and efforts to help us. We were in need of this technical training."

This Embedded Training Team's primary mission is advising and



*An Afghan National Army engineer from the 1st/209th Corps guides a truck backward using hand signals he learned from U.S. Army heavy equipment operators Sgt. Kyle Kienzle (background left) and Spc. Joshua Whitford (background right), both with the Embedded Training Team from the Forward Support Company, Task Force Roughneck, Task Force Sword. The Embedded Training Team assisted the ANA to train qualified tractor-trailer drivers Feb. 19.*

See **DRIVERS**, page 12

# Djiboutian military hosts decision-making seminar

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Malcolm McClendon  
Task Force Raptor Public Affairs



*Djiboutian army 2nd Lt. Houssein Ibrahim Alsaleh (center) and U.S. Army Maj. Patricia Hull, Task Force Raptor, U.S. Army 3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment, Texas Army National Guard, share experiences at a military decision-making process seminar at the Djiboutian army artillery base Feb. 20. Task Force Raptor soldiers participate in a variety of engagements with African nation militaries in support of Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.*

**CAMP LEMONNIER, Djibouti** - Officers with the Djiboutian Armed Forces hosted members of Task Force Raptor, U.S. Army 3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment, Texas Army National Guard, at the military decision-making process seminar here Feb. 20-24.

Djiboutian army 1st Lt. Ahmed Abdi Daher, volunteer interpreter for the group, implemented the seminar with his U.S. Army counterpart, Maj. Patricia Hull, liaison officer with Task Force Raptor. This was the second seminar Daher has attended.

"I think it's very constructive for American and Djiboutian soldiers to work together," Daher said. "I hope we have many more opportunities like this, and I look forward to use what I've learned here in the future."

U.S. Army Capt. Christopher Sedtal, headquarters troop commander for Task Force Raptor,

See **CONFERENCE**, page 12



**2012 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event - Houston, Texas**  
**Westin Galleria**  
**5060 West Alabama Street, Houston, Texas**  
**April 13, 2012**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Join us **April 13, 2012** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** for a hiring fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and eligible spouses in the Woodway 1 Room of the **Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama St, Houston, Texas**. This event will be a one-of-a-kind **FREE** hiring fair for both employers and job seekers.

**Employers and job seekers are strongly encouraged to pre-register for FREE at HoH.GreatJob.net. Walk-ins are welcome but space is not guaranteed.**

This Hero2Hired (H2H) and Call of Duty Endowment sponsored hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and held in partnership with the Greater Houston Partnership, the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), the Texas Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), NBC News, and other local chambers.

If you need assistance registering, please contact us at [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com).



100 Years Standing Up for American Enterprise  
**U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP  
[houston.org](http://houston.org)



**[WWW.USCHAMBER.COM/HIRINGOURHEROES](http://WWW.USCHAMBER.COM/HIRINGOURHEROES)**

*Hero2Hired (H2H.jobs) is a comprehensive employment program for Guard and Reserve members that provides job postings from military-friendly employers as well as career exploration tools, military-to-civilian skills translations, education and training resources, and a mobile app.*



## VA participates in settlement with mortgage banks

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs announced its participation in the largest state-federal legal settlement in history that deals with problems within the mortgage industry.

“Through this historic settlement, VA has ensured that Veterans, Servicemembers, and National Guard and Reserve members will continue to receive every possible opportunity to retain their homes,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

VA joined with the Department of Justice, a coalition of state attorneys general and other federal agencies in the settlement.

The nation’s five largest mortgage servicers have agreed to this landmark \$25 billion settlement that addresses past mortgage loan servicing and foreclosure abuses, provides substantial financial relief to borrowers, and establishes significant new homeowner protections in the future.

In addition to cash payments to avoid litigation, the banks also agree to undertake other activities, such as principal forgiveness, interest-rate-reduction refinancing, and forbearance during unemployment.

The settlement also enhances protections available under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and provides additional assistance

when Servicemembers are forced to sell their home at a loss due to reassignment to another location.

“VA will continue its oversight of lenders and servicers to ensure that Veterans and Servicemembers are able to enjoy the benefits of VA’s home loan program, including access to no-downpayment loans and assistance in retaining their homes should they encounter payment difficulties,” added Under Secretary for Benefits Allison A. Hickey.

VA has always provided assistance to Veterans and Servicemembers who experience trouble paying their mortgage, whether they have a VA loan or not. Depending on the situation, VA’s loan specialists can intervene on a Veteran’s behalf to help pursue home-retention options such as repayment plans, forbearances and loan modifications.

To get help, Veterans and Servicemembers – even those without a VA guaranteed loan – may call a national toll-free number, 1-877-827-3702 to speak with VA loan specialists who will provide information about the process of obtaining a VA-guaranteed home loan, or assistance in retaining their home loan or avoiding foreclosure.

Information about the VA Home Loan Guaranty program is also available online at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans>. To see videos of Veterans who reached out to VA and were able to keep their homes or avoid foreclosure, please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/alt-foreclosure.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/alt-foreclosure.asp).

Since 1944, when home loan guaranties were first offered under the original GI Bill, VA has guaranteed more than 19.4 million home loans worth \$1.18 trillion. VA helped over 72,000 (83 percent) Veterans who were in default on their VA guaranteed loan avoid foreclosure in FY 2011, a 10 percent increase from FY 2010. This assistance resulted in a 30 percent reduction in foreclosures over the same year.

VA’s foreclosure rate for the last 14 quarters and serious delinquency rate for the last 11 quarters have been the lowest of all measured loan types, according to a survey by the Mortgage Bankers Association.



# TEXAS VOLUNTEERISM IS WELL REPRESENTED!

Please join us at the 2012 National Guard Association of Texas Conference on March 23 as we recognize these outstanding volunteers and the 136th Airlift Wing for their impeccable selfless service to their Service and Family Members!

## 2012 REGIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Julianne volunteers with the American Cancer Society, Riders Club, Church nursery, Vietnam Veterans of America and Operation Homefront. She was instrumental in hosting the first Military Job and Resource Fair in Jacksonville, which culminated in the signing of the Community Covenant. Recently awarded the Adjutant General's Spirit Award (2010), Julianne has been involved in military support for 16 years. She serves the A Battery 1/133<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery as the Family Readiness Leader in Nacogdoches, Texas.

**Julianne Sanford**  
A BTRY 1-133 FA

## 2012 NATIONAL GOLD AWARD

Christine has been a military spouse for over 18 years, married to Staff Sgt. W. Scott Gilbreath. Their children, John(17) and Kaitlyn(15), are also very active in local FRG. She previously held a seat on the Board of Directors for the North Central Texas Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; she was a 'Founding Mentor' for the Women's Second Chance Program of Fort Worth, Texas. She takes pride in knowing that she can be a valuable resource to the Soldiers, families and communities she serves.



**Christine Gilbreath**  
HQ 2-149 GSAB

## 2012 REGION VI NG VOLUNTEER REP



Debra has been dedicating her time to volunteerism for over ten years. She has made it her own personal goal to increase awareness and support for all Texas Military Forces Members and Families. In addition to serving as a Battalion Advisor, she currently volunteers her time with the Texas Youth and Strong Bonds Programs. She is also a recipient of the TXMF Adjutant General's Spirit Award (2008) and the Texas Military Forces Texas Star Award (2009).

**Debra Boynton**  
HQ 636 BSB

## 2012 RESERVE FAMILY READINESS AWARD — HEIDI BEARDEN

# 136 AIRLIFT WING

The 136th Airlift Wing is one of two National Guard winners of the 2011 Department of Defense Family Readiness Award. The unit was selected by boards meeting at both the ARNG Readiness Center in Arlington, Virginia and by the ANG Readiness Center on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. This unit exceeded criteria guidance outlined in the DOD's Family Readiness Award memo.

# Army guard and reservists join forces in Houston

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Phil Fountain  
Texas Military Forces Public Affairs

HOUSTON, Texas - Soldiers, families and community leaders gathered together to celebrate the opening of the Northwest Houston Armed Forces Reserve Center in Houston, Texas.

Mandated through the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) process, the 18-acre joint military installation now houses the Texas Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery Regiment, and the U.S. Army Reserve's 63rd Regimental Support Command, and provides space for a wide range of activities, from administrative functions to weapons storage and vehicle maintenance.



Members of the Texas Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery Regiment, and the U.S. Army Reserve's 63rd Regimental Support Command participate in a ceremony honoring the grand opening of the Northwest Houston Armed Forces Reserve Center in Houston, Texas, Feb. 4, 2012.

Providing the keynote address, Maj. Gen. James K. "Red" Brown, commanding general of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Infantry Division thanked the guardsmen and reservists - and their families and employers - for their commitment to the state and nation.

"Every day that you put your arm into that uniform, and you wear the cloth of this nation, you make a difference. You make a difference in our community, you make a difference in the future of this nation, and you make a difference for the nation's in which we put boots on the ground," Brown said.

The general officer further explained that National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers are "now more [of an asset] than ever in the history of the United States of America, because of the downsizing of the service and the experience that you have received during ten years and two wars."

The modern armory is expected to provide long-term cost-savings to taxpayers by allowing the state and federal military organizations to better leverage training resources in order to maximize their capabilities. In total, 17 such facilities are scheduled to be built throughout the state of Texas.

In addition to combat readiness training, the reserve center also offers transition assistance for returning troops, and outreach services for the families of fallen Soldiers.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18), whose congressional district encompasses the newly constructed facility, was also on-hand to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony and received a site tour.

Noting that Texas leads the nation in the number of returning Soldiers, the congresswoman described her efforts to welcome troops home through the "Yellow Ribbon Campaign," which includes public events in the community.

"We have made it a point to respect our military in the state of Texas," Jackson Lee said. "We should never allow our Soldiers to come home to a silent community, neighborhood, state or nation."



Maj. Gen. James K. "Red" Brown, commanding general of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Infantry Division, provides the keynote address during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Northwest Houston Armed Forces Reserve Center in Houston, Texas, Feb. 4, 2012.

# Texas, Wisconsin units recognized for top family readiness programs

Story and photo by Sgt. Darron Salzer  
National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. - Texas and Wisconsin National Guard units were among several from the reserve components recognized Friday, Feb. 2 at the 2012 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Awards ceremony, here, at the Pentagon.

Representing the Army and Air National Guards, respectively, were 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, and the 136th Airlift Wing, Texas Air National Guard.

Edith Pond, Family Readiness Group program manager of the 1/147th, said representing the Army National Guard was an incredible honor.

“To have the opportunity to receive support from our community, as well as provide support for our community has been just wonderful overall ... having an opportunity to come together due to the sacrifices of the soldiers of the 147th ... and to also serve in our way.”

Pond said pre-deployment programs and support from local clubs and organizations that helped set the soldiers and family members of the 147th up for success.

“In return, we gave back to those that supported us by hosting blood drives and a water station for the American Legion at their national convention; we also did the same for the Madison Mini-Marathon in support of our soldiers,” Pond said.

Other programs that set the 147th FRG apart were their scheduling of guest speakers to present topics such as post-traumatic stress and the way in which they used technology to host meetings via phone bridges – seamlessly integrating and supporting members from the Michigan National Guard that were attached to the 147th.

“On behalf of Lt. Col. Marty Pond and the soldiers of the 147th, we just want our FRG to know how much they meant to us and how their support, taking care of our families and the camaraderie they built to help each other get through the mobilization

was appreciated by us,” said Army Sgt. 1st Class Troy Kleinheinz, military point-of-contact for the 147th FRG.

“We would not have gotten through it without their support and what they did to assure us that when we got home, everything was going to be OK. We had an amazing FRG.”

The hard work and dedication of FRG members to ensure that families are taken care of back home can ensure that soldiers and airmen are focused on the mission.

“You can take my best C-130 pilot, with the most years of experience and the most combat time, and put him in the skies over Afghanistan on a critical mission,” said Air Force Col. David M. McMinn, commander of the 136th AW. “If he just got a call from his wife that [the] refrigerator isn’t working ... right before he takes off, that guy is now useless.”

He’s no longer focused on the mission because he’s 4,000 miles away from home and unable to do his job as a husband, McMinn said.

“We really want our members to keep their head on and we want them [to know] that we will handle the families and work with the families,” said Laura Wedel, the 136th FRG leader.

Some of the key elements that set the 136th FRG apart were their events held during deployments, which included back-to-school parties and “powder-puff” football events and their involvement in a local council that consisted of FRG members from all of the other service branches, allowing them to build cross-component integration.

McMinn said the recognition by the DoD was “a testimony to the men and women that we have in our family readiness group and how hard they work.”

“A robust family readiness group back home, taking care of our families’ needs, helps us be effective when we deploy – that is the meat of why these folks are being recognized here today.”



Members of the Texas and Wisconsin family readiness groups. Both units were recognized for outstanding FRG activity and leadership at the 2012 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Awards ceremony on Feb. 17.

### **MEDAL, cont. from page 5**

property and rescue livestock; and if not for Sgt. Holland's actions, the animals most likely would have perished.

"His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself and the United States Army."

Monkres said he was in Fort Worth at the stock show and his wife and daughter were home.

"Kelsey stopped and said he thought the hay barn was on fire,"

Monkres said. "He didn't know there were horses in it."

Holland and Monkres' wife, Debra, entered the barn after Holland used fire retardant he had on hand, which knocked down some of the flames.

"If he had not stopped and rendered aid, the horses would have for sure been injured or probably some of them killed," Monkres said. "And without him being there I am sure my wife would have been hurt because she would have been trying to get it

done by herself."

Monkres expressed gratitude. "It is great to have neighbors like Kelsey that you know will help above and beyond," Monkres said. "We will forever be grateful to him. We had several other neighbors that came to aid that night and the Bairdstown VFW. To them we are grateful too. It is so great to live in an area that neighbors are neighborly and they don't stand around and watch when things happen.

"Thank you, Kelsey."

### **DRIVERS, cont. from page 6**

training ANA engineers to operate and maintain military transport vehicles.

The military tractor-trailer combination is very technical and requires detailed instruction.

The Embedded Training Team's goal of having the ANA soldiers trained to self-sufficiency required quality instruction to those soldiers with leadership potential. Although the instruction was technical, the members found ways to keep the training fun.

"One was, if you hit a cone while driving, you had to do push ups," said U.S. Army Sgt. Kyle Kienzle, a heavy equipment operator with the Forward Support Company, Task Force Roughneck. "They enjoyed obstacle courses,

competitions and compliments. By reducing the number of soldiers on ground, we were able to keep them focused and give them more hands on training. They were professional and fun to work with."

Both ANA and U.S. soldiers said it was a positive experience and their biggest obstacle was the language barrier. They said it was hard translating experiences and knowledge.

"This was an experience we won't forget," said U.S. Army Spc. Joshua Whitford, a heavy equipment operator with the Forward Support Company. "We learned a little about their culture and they learned a little about ours. We really respected their eagerness to learn and to take control of their own destiny."

### **CONFERENCE, cont. from page 6**

thought compatible personalities within the group led to smooth communication among participants.

"Maj. Hull is very expressive, and the Djiboutian officers have a great sense of humor, so the mixture of the two made for a more open, more receptive session," Sedtal said. "The Djiboutians understand English fairly well. They might not speak it, but they can understand. Lucky for us, we had an interpreter to

help us out on our end."

As the session continued, Sedtal realized the two countries' militaries share many similarities, not only concerning MDMP, but also with various other topics.

"I realized how similar we are when it comes to military decision-making," Sedtal said. "It's very interesting because the majority of the Djiboutian lieutenants in the discussion had the same questions and concerns our U.S. lieutenants have when first learning about MDMP."

The goal of the seminar was to promote partnerships with the local militaries, but for Sedtal, the experience was also personal.

"When we were going through our introductions, we shared a little about ourselves. We were no longer 'a uniform.' I didn't know any Djiboutians before this mission — now I know 24," he said. "I know their stories, like how long they've been in the service, and we even shared pictures of our families."

**FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP A DE-  
PLOYED TEXAS SERVICEMEMBER!!  
VISIT [HTTP://WWW.USO.ORG/WAYS-  
TO-VOLUNTEER.ASPX](http://www.uso.org/ways-to-volunteer.aspx)**



*Until Every One Comes Home.®*

# TXANG Chief of Staff visits **LONE STAR GUNFIGHTERS**

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Phil Fountain  
149th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AFB, Texas -- Brig. Gen. Brian C. Newby of Fort Worth, Texas, Chief of Staff for the Texas Air National Guard, visited the 149th Fighter Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during the unit training assembly, or UTA, Feb. 11, 2012.

In addition to meeting with senior leadership, Newby made a point to informally tour the various organizations within the F-16 training unit.

"I want you to know we appreciate you," Newby told the officers and enlisted members in their work sections. "Without you, we couldn't get the mission done."

During the visit, Newby also encouraged the members of San Antonio's hometown Air Force to provide feedback, and share their ideas and concerns with their senior NCOs and officers.

"We're accessible, we're here for you," Newby added. "At times, I may have to tell you no, but don't hesitate to ask."

*Brig. Gen. Brian C. Newby, Chief of Staff for the Texas Air National Guard, visits with Master Sgt. Juan Rodriguez, a member of the 149th Fighter Wing, also known as the Lone Star Gunfighters, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during the unit training assembly, or UTA, Feb. 11, 2012.*



**Susan Combs** Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

## **OPERATION: CLAIM YOUR HIDDEN CASH**

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts currently holds more than \$2.5 billion in unclaimed property, which includes cash, checks, forgotten bank accounts and security deposits just to name a few.

Completing your mission is easy. Just visit [www.ClaimItTexas.org](http://www.ClaimItTexas.org) and follow a few easy steps.

Remember to check [www.ClaimItTexas.org](http://www.ClaimItTexas.org) often and bookmark the website for easy reference. For Texas Unclaimed Property questions call 1-800-654-FIND (3463).

**COME AND GET IT.**  
[www.ClaimItTexas.org](http://www.ClaimItTexas.org)



# GEOTAGGING CAN POSE SECURITY RISKS

By Cheryl Rodewig  
Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. (March 7, 2012) -- "Is a badge on Foursquare worth your life?"

The question was posed by Brittany Brown, social media manager of the Online and Social Media Division at the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. It may sound outlandish, but in the age of social geotagging, it can be a reality.

There are a number of location-based social media applications and platforms, including Foursquare, Gowalla, SCVNGR, Shopkick, Loopt and Whrrl, currently on the market. They use GPS features, typically in the user's phone, to publish the person's location and offer rewards in the form of discounts, badges or points to encourage frequent check-ins.

## Security risks for the military:

A deployed service member's situational awareness includes the world of social media. If a Soldier uploads a photo taken on his or her smartphone to Facebook, they could broadcast the exact location of their unit, said Steve Warren, deputy G2 for the Maneuver Center of Excellence, or MCoE.

"Today, in pretty much every single smartphone, there is built-in GPS," Warren said. "For every picture you take with that phone, it will automatically embed the latitude and longitude within the photograph."

Someone with the right software and the wrong motivation could download the photo and extract the coordinates from the metadata.

Warren cited a real-world example from 2007. When a new fleet of helicopters arrived with an aviation unit at a base in Iraq, some Soldiers took pictures on the flightline, he said. From the photos that were uploaded to the Internet, the enemy was able to determine the exact location of the helicopters inside the compound and conduct a mortar attack, destroying four of the AH-64 Apaches.

Staff Sgt. Dale Sweetnam, of the Online and Social Media Division, said geotagging is of particular concern for deployed Soldiers and those in transit to a mission.

"Ideally, Soldiers should always be aware of the dangers associated with geotagging regardless of where they are," he explained.

## General hazards for family members:

While especially relevant for those in the military, cautions about geotagging extend to anyone who uses that feature.

Facebook is in the process of rolling out Timeline, a new layout that includes a map tab of all the locations a user has tagged.

"Timeline presents some unique security challenges for users who tag location to posts," Sweetnam said.

"Some of those individuals have hundreds of 'friends' they may never have actually met in person, he explained. "By looking at someone's map tab on Facebook, you can see everywhere they've tagged a location. You can see the restaurants they frequent, the gym they go to everyday, even the street they live on if they're tagging photos of their home. Honestly, it's pretty scary how much an acquaintance that becomes a Facebook 'friend' can find out about your routines and habits if you're always tagging location to your posts."

Most of the applications let people limit who can see their check-ins to friends or friends of friends.

"A good rule of thumb when using location-based social networking applications is do not become friends with someone if you haven't met them in person," Sweetnam said. "Make sure you're careful about who you let into your social media circle."

Even if there is nothing classified about an individual's location, a series of locations posted online over the course of a month can create a pattern that criminals can use.

"We live in a different world now," Warren said.

"If someone were going to get a hold of your phone, they could figure out a lot about who you are. It's like a beacon that's always out there communicating with towers and plotting your moves on a computer somewhere. Literally, if you don't turn off that feature on your phone people are going to be able to recreate your whole day."

## Ways to stay safe:

"In operations security, we talk about the adversary," said Kent Grosshans, MCoE OPSEC officer. "The adversary could be a hacker, could be terrorists, could be criminals; someone who has an intent to cause harm. The adversary picks up on pieces of information to put the whole puzzle together."

Grosshans suggests disabling the geotagging feature on your phone and checking your security settings to see who you're sharing check-ins with.

"If your husband's deployed and you go ahead and start posting all these pictures that are geotagged, now not only does an individual know your husband's deployed and he's not at home, but they know where your house is," he said.

Ultimately, it's about weighing the risks.

"Do you really want everyone to know the exact location of your home or your children's school?" Sweetnam said. "Before adding a location to a photo, Soldiers really need to step back and ask themselves, 'Who really needs to know this location information?'"

Grosshans said it's as important to Soldiers as to family members.

"Be conscious of what information you're putting out there," he said. "Don't share information with strangers. Once it's out there, it's out there. There's no pulling it back."



# PTSDSURVIVORDAILY

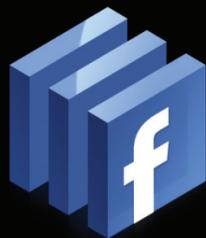
Mikey Piro is a two time Veteran of Iraq. He was formally diagnosed with PTSD in 2006 and has been managing and learning to deal with it since. His goal for this site is to help others manage their symptoms through education and support. His life goal is to achieve "Post Traumatic Growth" a zen-like state where his experience and training forge him into a greater mental state of understanding and acceptance. Currently, each day has its ups and downs and he uses his ever growing tool-kit and super support from his family to get by.

[HTTP://WWW.PTSDSURVIVORDAILY.COM](http://www.ptsdsurvivordaily.com)

Today, more than ever, Soldiers rely on technology to bring the fight to the front lines. That technology doesn't just include high-tech weapons, body armor or Blue Force Tracker. It also includes web logs, "blogs," that allow a more immediate glimpse into military life and history than ever before. Often funny, sometimes painful and poignant, these snippets of opinion, daily life, and commentary on war, the military, and life in general allow more people to see what our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are thinking, experiencing and fighting for.

**A VIEW FROM THE FRONT LINE**

## BAND OF BLOGGERS



[http://www.facebook.com/  
TexasMilitaryForces](http://www.facebook.com/TexasMilitaryForces)

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/  
texasmilitaryforces/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/texasmilitaryforces/)

The Flickr logo icon, which is a pink circle with a white center containing the word "flickr" in blue and pink lowercase letters. A white arrow points left from this icon towards the Flickr URL box.

flickr

**CHECK US OUT ON THE INTERNET!**



Suzuki GSX-R750

# *Attention Motorcycle Riders*

Jason Pridmore's

**STAR** (Skills & Techniques for Advanced Riding) Motorcycle School

will conduct training for Texas Military Forces Soldiers & Airmen May 22, 2012 at the Texas World Speedway in College Station, Texas at ***no cost to personnel registered to attend!***

Riders must have 1 year of riding experience - Training is on a race track

Completion of the basic or advanced riders safety course is recommended

Individual Medical & Motorcycle Insurance is required

Minimum of 250cc motorcycle, in good operating condition

Proper Riding Gear including

DOT or Snell approved helmet manufactured after 2000

Riding Suit or Leathers (limited number available at no charge through vendor)

***Training is open to all motorcycle types, from sports bikes to cruisers, except dirt bikes.***

***Riders will bring their bike, all required PPE, and proof of insurance to training***

Contact: Ms Linda Bovee in the  
TXARNG Safety Office for more  
info or to sign up. 512-782-5005  
or [linda.e.bovee@us.army.mil](mailto:linda.e.bovee@us.army.mil)



# TXMF museum: a hidden gem in the heart of Austin

*Story courtesy of Texas Military Forces Museum*

Many Texas Guardsmen are unaware that the oldest permanent military post belonging to the Texas National Guard sits right in the middle of Austin.

Established in 1892, Camp Mabry – named after Adjutant General Wooford Mabry – has a long and storied history. Today it is the headquarters of the Texas Army and Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard and the 36th Infantry Division.

“No state has a greater military history than Texas,” says museum director Jeff Hunt. “We have the Alamo and San Jacinto, Hood’s Texas Brigade and Terry’s Texas Rangers, the Lost Battalion from the Pacific War, the 36th Infantry Division in two World Wars, the Texas Air Guard in the Korean War – and that is just the tip of the iceberg!”

In addition to uniforms, weapons and equipment, the museum’s 20,000 piece collection also boasts personal items used by Soldiers and Airmen across the span of Texas history. Among the more interesting items on display are: Field Marshall Erwin Rommel’s cap (captured from his home at the end of WWII), an M1 helmet damaged by shell fire at the Rapido River in 1944, General Mabry’s dress uniform from the Spanish-American War, an F-16 Cockpit Egress trainer visitors can actually sit in and the battle flags of the 10th Texas Cavalry (dismounted) carried in the War Between the States.

In September 2011, the TXMF Museum opened a major new exhibit entitled 9-11 and Beyond: The Texas National Guard in the War on Terror. Among items included in that exhibit are an F-16 that flew combat missions in Iraq, the helmet worn by the first Texas Guardsmen killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the battle damaged window of the Humvee he was riding in, captured enemy weapons, a Texas flag flown over a Forward Operating Base in Afghanistan, and much more.

“This is one of the most meaningful and significant exhibits in the museum,” said Jeff Hunt. “Texas has the second largest National Guard force in the country, and no state has sent more Guardsmen to Iraq and Afghanistan. What our soldiers and airmen have done there is incredibly inspiring and historically significant. It is a story we are very excited to be telling.”

The new exhibit nestles alongside the story of the Texas National Guard in the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War and the increasingly common role of the Guard in peacekeeping missions in places like Bosnia, Kosovo and the Sinai Desert.

“We want photos, letters, emails, diaries, orders, maps, uniforms, equipment – anything that helps us tell the story and put a human face on it,” said deputy museum director Lisa Sharik.

About the only thing the museum doesn’t accept are plaques and trophies (unless they have great significance) or souvenir type items bought in local marketplaces overseas.

“We are much more interested in things our soldiers and airmen used than material related to enemy forces – unless there is a compelling story to go along with how you came to possess those items,” says Sharik.

One of the cardinal rules the staff of the museum preaches is that it is better to ask them if they are interested in something rather than assume that is the case.

“This much is certain,” Hunt stressed, “if we don’t have any material from a mission or a unit, we can’t tell their story in our exhibit or preserve it in our archives. Unless the units help us, the saga of their service, the story of the great things they’ve accomplished and the sacrifice of their comrades can never be told and risk being lost to history for all time. At the very least every unit ought to include the museum in its newsletter loop.”

The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 to 4. Admission is free. Camp Mabry is an open post; those wishing to visit the museum need merely show a valid photo ID such as a driver’s license to enter the post. Children do not need an ID. School groups, scouts and other organizations should contact the museum staff to schedule guided tours. To learn more visit <http://www.texas-militaryforcesmuseum.org/>.



# NEWS BRIEF

## VA Introduces Text Messaging to Expand Efforts to Prevent Suicide

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding its efforts to prevent suicide through several new initiatives that increase the availability of services for Veterans, Servicemembers and their families.

The new initiatives include a new, free, confidential text-messaging service in the existing Veterans Crisis Line, introduction of toll-free access from Europe, and collaboration with Vets Prevail and Vets4Warriors, two groups providing crisis help to Veterans, Servicemembers and their families.

“Offering text messaging services will help VA reach more Veterans and their friends and families,” said Dr. Janet Kemp, VA’s national mental health director for suicide prevention. “We are working to meet their needs by communicating through multiple channels -- over the phone, through online chat, and now via text, which provides quick, easy access to support. VA wants all Veterans to know that confidential support is only a text message away.”

Since its founding July 2007, VA’s Veterans Crisis Line and the later Chat

Service have received 500,000 calls and engaged in 31,000 chats resulting in over 18,000 rescues of Veterans in immediate crisis.

Now, in addition to the Veterans Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255 and Press 1) and online chat ([www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net)), Veterans and Servicemembers in crisis—and their friends and families—may text free of charge to 83-8255 to receive confidential, personal and immediate support. The text service is available, like the Veterans Crisis Line and online chat, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and connects a user with a specially trained VA professional -- many who are Veterans themselves.

As a part of the effort to extend VA’s reach, Veterans and members of the military community in Europe may now receive free, confidential support from the European Military Crisis Line, a new initiative recently launched by VA. Callers in Europe may dial 0800-1273-8255 or DSN 118 to receive confidential support from responders at the Veterans Crisis Line in the U.S.

VA’s Veterans Crisis Line continues to add external resources to provide Veterans with additional support. Two of these organizations include Vets Prevail ([www.VetsPrevail.org](http://www.VetsPrevail.org)) and Vets4Warriors ([www.Vets4Warriors.com](http://www.Vets4Warriors.com)).

In December, Vets Prevail launched a chat service that connects Veterans to caring responders who provide information on a wide variety of resources. If the Veteran is in crisis or needs mental health support, the conversation is then seamlessly transferred to a VA Veterans Crisis Line responder.

Vets4Warriors has helped thousands of their peers connect with confidential assistance through a free hotline (1-855-838-8255/1-855-VET-TALK) and online chat ([www.Vets4Warriors.com](http://www.Vets4Warriors.com)). If a Veteran is in need of professional crisis or mental health support, Vets4Warriors’ responders will transfer the Veteran to a responder at the Veterans Crisis Line.

For more information about VA’s suicide prevention program, visit: [http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention/](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/)

## VA Launches Personalized Health Benefits Handbook

WASHINGTON – Veterans enrolled in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs have begun to receive personalized booklets that explain their health care benefits and contain other useful information.

“VA is committed to providing our Nation’s Veterans with consistent, clear information about the services available to them,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The new booklet, called a Health Benefits Handbook, will provide a personalized listing of health benefits based on each Veteran’s specific eligibility. The handbook will also have contact information for their local VA medical facilities, appointment scheduling informa-

tion, guidelines for communicating with their clinical team and, as applicable, information about copays.

Distribution of the handbooks began this month, with all 8.5 million Veterans enrolled in VA’s health care system scheduled to receive their handbooks by 2013. Veterans will receive updates to their handbook to reflect changes to their benefits or eligibility.

VA operates 152 medical centers and more than 800 community-based outpatient clinics. Last year, inpatient facilities treated more than 690,000 patients, while outpatient clinics registered more than 79 million visits.

For more information about the Health Benefits Handbook, visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh) or call VA’s toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

# Military History - March

**1943**—La Senia, Algeria. A-20 and P-39 aircraft of the 111th Observation Squadron begin flying convoy escort missions looking for German submarines. The unit, organized in the Texas Guard in June 1923, deployed to Algeria as part of the Allied invasion of French North Africa in November 1942. Later in the war, under its new designation as the 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, it flew missions during the invasions of Sicily, Italy and Southern France, ending the war in Germany. For its service it earned nine combat streamers. Reorganized in the Texas Air Guard after the war, it was mobilized for the Korean War in September 1950. It was one of six Guard squadrons to actually serve in Korea, earning three additional streamers. In the mid-1960s it was issued F-102 Delta Dagger fighter-interceptor aircraft to use in homeland defense against possible Soviet bomber attack. Not mobilized in 1968 with other Air Guard squadrons for service during the Vietnam War, it continued to patrol America's skies. One of its pilots in this period was future 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush. In 2007, component of the 111th Fighter Squadron deployed to Balad Airbase, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terror. The unit is currently designated as the 111th Reconnaissance Squadron and located at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston, Texas.

## WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS — WWII

Ultimately, more than 150,000 American women served in the Army during World War II. The overall philosophy and purpose of the Women's Army Corps was to allow women to aid the American war effort directly and individually. The prevailing philosophy was that women could best support the war effort by performing noncombatant military jobs for which they were already trained. This allowed the Army to make the most efficient use of available labor and free men to perform essential combat duties.

The concept of women in uniform was difficult for American society of the 1940s to accept. In a 1939 Army staff study which addressed the probability that women would serve in some capacity with the Army, a male officer wrote that "women's probable jobs would include those of hostess, librarians, canteen clerks, cooks and waitresses, chauffeurs, messengers, and strolling minstrels." No mention was made in this report of the highly skilled office jobs which the majority of WACs eventually held, because such positions often carried with them significant responsibility and many people doubted that women were capable of handling such jobs.

Although women in key leadership roles both within and outside the government realized that American women were indeed capable of contributing substantially to the war effort, even they accepted the prevailing stereotypes which portrayed women as best suited for tasks which demanded precision, repetition, and attention to detail. These factors, coupled with the post-Depression fear that women in uniform might take jobs from civilians, limited the initial range of employment for the first wave of women in the Army.

Traditional restrictions on female employment in American society were broken during World War II by the critical labor shortage faced by all sectors of the economy. As "Rosie the Riveter" demonstrated her capabilities in previously male-dominated civilian industries, women in the Army broke the stereotypes which restricted them, moving into positions well outside of traditional roles. Overcoming slander and conservative reaction by many Americans, a phenomenon shared by their British and Canadian sisters in uniform, American women persisted in their service and significantly contributed to the war effort. The 1943 transition from auxiliary status to the Women's Army Corps was de facto recognition of their valuable service.

The Women's Army Corps was successful because its mission, to aid the United States in time of war, was part of a larger national effort that required selfless sacrifice from all Americans. The war effort initiated vast economic and social changes, and indelibly altered the role of women in American society.

*(Excerpted from The Women's Army Corps: A Commemoration of World War II Service by Judith A. Bellafaire CMH Publication 72-15)*



APRIL 21-22 · SATURDAY & SUNDAY · CAMP MABRY 8AM - 5PM



**FREE  
ADMISSION**



Texas Military Forces  
**OPEN HOUSE & AIR SHOW**  
American Heroes

INCLUDING MUSTER DAY

**SATURDAY**

- 7:00 AM Flag Raising Ceremony
- 8:00 AM American Heroes Air Show
- 10:00 AM Opening Ceremony
- 1:00 PM Helicopter Demo
- 1:30 PM K9 Search and Rescue Demo
- 2:00 PM WWII Battle Reenactment

**SUNDAY**

- 8:00 AM 5K Heroes Run
- 11:00 AM Church Service
- 1:00 PM Helicopter Demo
- 2:00 PM WWII Battle Reenactment

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

- Living History Camps, Weapons Displays
- Traveling Vietnam Wall
- Military Equipment and Vehicle Displays
- Exhibits and Demos
- Food Vendors and Souvenirs

Enter via 35th Street. Photo ID required for admission to post.

VISIT [WWW.TXMF.US](http://WWW.TXMF.US) FOR EVENT UPDATES