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A CH-47 Chinook crew chief with the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade looks out over Ft. Hood, during annual training July 19-Aug. 1, 2014. (Photo by Spc. Christina Clardy).

A CH-47 Chinook helicopter from B Co., 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, drops supply bundles to waiting ground troops from the 36th Sustainment Brigade, 36th Infantry Division, as part of a joint unit training mission during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 25, 2014. (Photo by Spc. Christina Clardy).



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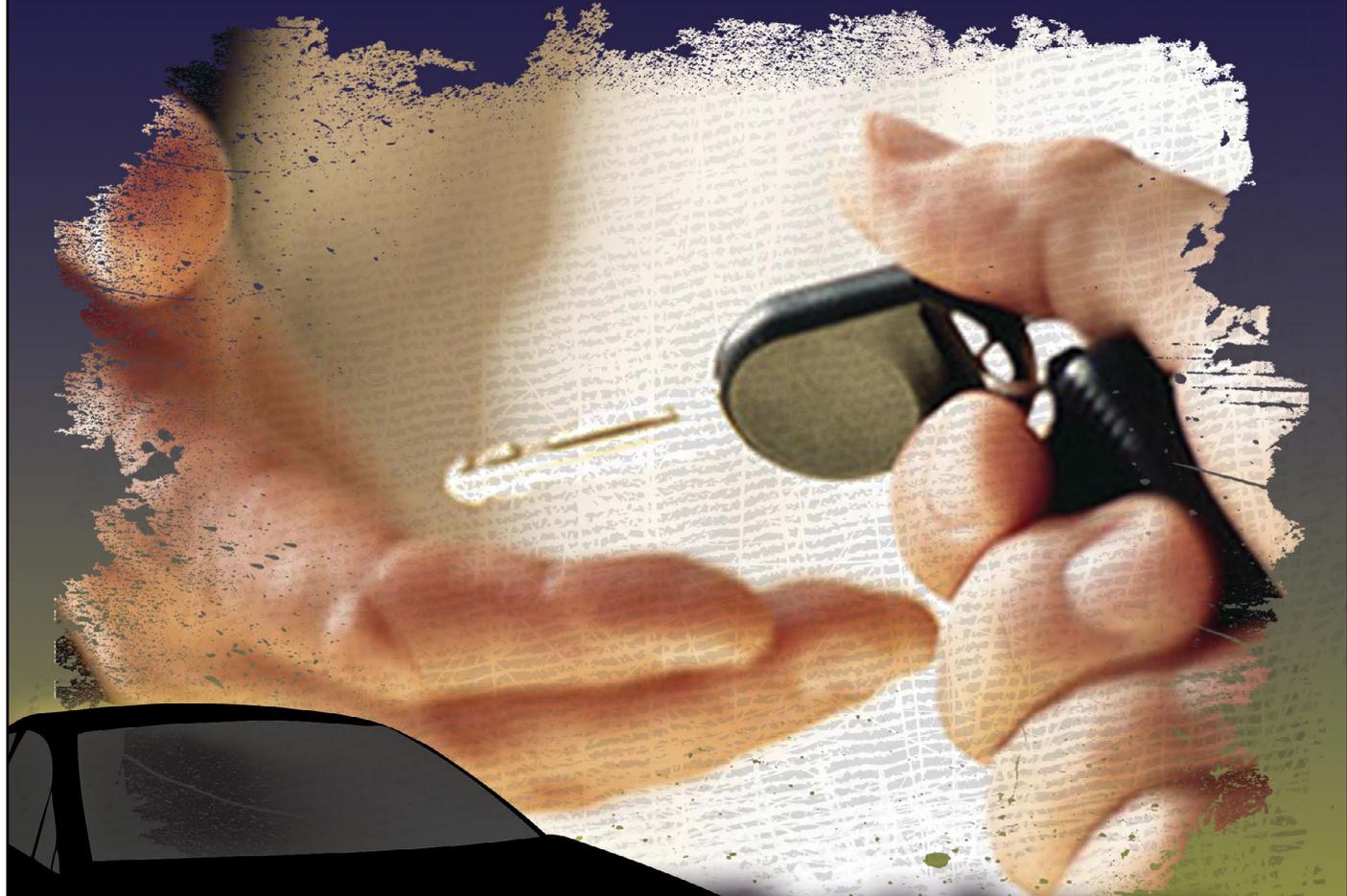
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Operation Strong Safety

Commentary by Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols
Texas Adjutant General

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Today, Governor Perry tasked us to increase our support to the Texas Department of Public Safety's Operation Strong Safety. The Texas National Guard will work in full support of this state-led border security surge operation to deter criminal activity along the Texas-Mexico border. Within the next 30 days we will send additional forces to the border who will act as force multipliers for the state.

We are not strangers to this mission. Our forces will enhance security efforts by amplifying the visible presence on the ground and along the river; working alongside commissioned law enforcement officers to detect and prevent criminals from infiltrating through the international border, and helping to ensure the safety of our fellow Texans. We have performed similar roles in support of various state and federal operations along the border since 2006. To our Texas Guardsmen already engaged in border support missions, thank you for your selfless service and dedication to this important effort.



To those whom we will send, the state and nation once again need you. In times of crisis, our civilian leaders call upon us without hesitation. For many, I know this is not the first call; you've been called in the past to serve our state and nation. Now the Governor of Texas is calling you to help secure our homeland. Times of great need are why we wear the uniform and serve. Times like these are why the Texas Guard exists.

The citizens of Texas continue to honor us with their absolute trust and confidence. They do so because they understand what I see every day: you stand ready and willing to serve, whatever the call may be. And I couldn't be more proud of you.

This is a critical moment in our state and nation. I'm thankful that at moments like this, Texas can rely on you for its safety and security. Texas Strong! - **FROM THE TOP**





OPERATION

Operation Lone Star is “Families helping families”

Story by Sgt. Adrian Shelton, 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS – Local education, state, federal, military, media, and partner organizations attended Operation Lone Star VIP Day at Edward Manzano Middle School in Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 7, 2014.

The luncheon provided an opportunity for city, county, school board, state, and other officials to gain first-hand information about the positive impact that the 16th annual operation has had on the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley.

Many service members from the Texas Army and Air National Guard and Texas State Guard provided the manpower support during the five-day disaster readiness and medical services real-world exercise.

“[Operation Lone Star] is about families serving families,” said Brig. Gen. Sean Ryan, commander of the 71st Troop Command, Texas Army National Guard. Ryan said many of the Citizen Soldiers align themselves with their communities and help them fulfill the Operation Lone Star theme of Texans serving Texans.

According to civilian officials, Operation Lone Star has had a significant turnout of both providers and recipients of the medical, dental and vision services.

“Since 1999, more than 125,000 people have received more than \$14 million worth of medical services,” said Barbara Adams of Texas Department of State Health Services. “This year we had almost 300 soldiers on the ground, about 200 public health staff, and about 1,000 community volunteers. Altogether it takes about 1,500 people to make Operation Lone Star week a success.”

Dr. Brian Smith, regional director and founder of Operation Lone Star, was awarded during VIP Day for his 16 years with Operation Lone Star. He said during his time as regional director, he has seen many people demonstrate what makes a great community, state and nation, that is able to work together to provide free medical services to the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley area of Texas.

Stan Brock, founder and president of Remote Area Medical (RAM), thanked everyone present for working with him to provide hundreds of dental chairs and the mobile trucks in which hundreds of prescription glasses per day were made at two of the five Medical Points of Dispensing (MPOD) sites. Guest speakers spent time with the local media immediately after the conclusion of the VIP Day luncheon. - **100th MPAD**



Top to bottom:

Brig. Gen. Sean Ryan, commander of the 71st Troop Command, Texas Army National Guard, speaks to guests, partners and the media at the Operation Lone Star VIP Day at Manzano Middle School in Brownsville. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Shelton).

Sgt. Justin A. Wilton, Texas Medical Command, prepares a patient's upper arm for an immunization at Operation Lone Star at Ringgold Middle School in Rio Grande City. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Shelton).

Spc. Amanda Patton, Texas Medical Command, performs a physical examination on a patient at Rio Grande City, Texas. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).

LONE STAR

Interagency medical exercise garners praise, international audience

Story by Sgt. Suzanne Carter, 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

LAREDO, TEXAS - Military Forces with international, state, and local officials, celebrated the successful collaboration among multiple agencies to plan and implement Operation Lone Star 2014 during a ceremony at the medical point of distribution (MPOD) in Laredo, Texas, Aug. 6, 2014.

Brig. Gen. Sean A. Ryan, commander of the 71st Troop Command, Texas Army National Guard, senior members of the Chilean military and a Chilean emergency response organization, and other officials toured the medical and emergency preparedness exercise site following the ceremony to see the cooperation among the various organizations represented.

“We’re directly working with the Department of State Health Services ... the state judges that you see, the superintendents, the leadership of a lot of the emergency services that we would be interacting with in the communities in the event of an emergency or disaster,” Ryan said. “[These partnerships have] just gotten better every year.”

Chilean military and emergency response representatives visited the Laredo MPOD to gain a greater understanding of interagency collaboration for disaster response as part of a standing partnership between the Texas Military Forces and Chile.

“Operation Lone Star is what we consider a remote type of emergency disaster response scenario,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Daniel Rodriguez, the bilateral affairs officer who coordinated the Chilean representatives’ visit through the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile. “With all the earthquakes and recent wildfires they’ve had in Chile, a lot of their areas are considered to be remote. So they’re just kind of taking some lessons learned and doing some subject-matter exchanges with the personnel at Operation Lone Star who have been doing this for years.”

While Operation Lone Star is a valuable training exercise for medical and emergency preparedness, it also provides much needed medical services to under served residents in Laredo and the Rio Grande Valley. These services include vision, hearing, and diabetes screenings, immunizations and physical health assessments. Five MPODs in Laredo and the Rio Grande Valley offered these and additional. - **100th MPAD**



Top to bottom:

1st Lt. Carlos Diaz of Texas Medical Command, and a representative of the Chilean Navy examine a list of immunizations available at a Operation Lone Star site in Laredo. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).

Representatives of Chilean military and a Chilean national emergency response agency at a health awareness booth. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).

Brig. Gen. Sean Ryan, left, commander of the 71st Troop Command, Texas Army National Guard, and representatives of Chilean military at Operation Lone Star. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).



Top to bottom:

Staff Sgt. Yvette Bocanegra, a medic with Texas Medical Command at the Laredo Civic Center in Laredo. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).

Spc. Diana Cousins, a medic with Texas Medical Command, takes a client's blood pressure during the first day of Operation Lone Star in Laredo. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).

Maj. Stephen L. Short, Texas State Guard, checks the vital signs of Leticia DeLeon at Palmview High School in Mission. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Shelton).

OPERATION

Interagency training exercise benefits from Citizen Soldier presence

Story by Sgt. Suzanne Carter, 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS – Military Forces, in partnership with state and local authorities, gained valuable training experience from the 16th iteration of Operation Lone Star in the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo, Texas, Aug. 4-8, 2014.

Texas State Guard, a component of the Texas Military Forces, in particular, put into practice the second step of its shelter, recover, and return emergency response plan during this annual, medical and emergency preparedness exercise that covered five sites throughout South Texas.

“[Civil authorities] would have us come in, work with them, and we would run the operation of the shelter, managing the clients within it, meeting their needs, keeping them safe in a disaster situation,” said Capt. Vicky Nunn, 39th Composite Regiment, 1st Battalion, Texas State Guard. “[Meeting client needs] is what you’ll see here. It’s recovery training.”

The interagency collaboration necessary to activate Operation Lone Star, one of the largest medical and emergency preparedness missions in the country, benefits from the inherent value in utilizing the Texas Military Forces to serve the citizens of Texas.

“It’s a good value for the state of Texas because as Citizen Soldiers, we’re able to be activated, come down, provide the care, and then go back to our civilian jobs after that,” said Army Capt. Adam Wood, a field surgeon with Texas Medical Command, Texas Army National Guard. “So the amount of resources and time and money it takes to use us in that tactical situation is significantly less than it would be to use the active duty side in that same tactical setup.”

Brig. Gen. Sean A. Ryan, commander of the 71st Troop Command, Texas Army National Guard, also emphasized the role of the Texas State Guard in the planning and implementation of this collaborative training exercise.

“We have more relied on our Texas State Guard to the point where we’re pretty much ready to turn it over to [them] to do all the planning, the preparation, the training” for Operation Lone Star, Ryan said. “I think it has really helped us to exercise ... the Texas State Guard to really do their mission. They are a huge part of what we do during a natural disaster.”

Texas Army, Air and State Guard involvement in Operation Lone Star also

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fosters vital relationships with state and local agencies that they would work with in an emergency situation.

“This is just another incident in a different county with different relationships with other authorities,” Nunn said. “Because we may be deployed here at some point if they need us, I think it is very important to build those contacts.”

Service members often form relationships with patients who return to Operation Lone Star every year for the critical health services that are provided.

“Some of our Soldiers look forward to coming back here year after year to see individuals who might be returning and to see the updates in those families and how their children have grown and how their lives have changed,” said Army Maj. Jerri Gates, senior behavior health officer with Texas Medical Command, Texas Army National Guard.

Spc. Marcus Fernandez, 39th Composite Regiment, 1st Battalion, Texas State Guard, said that interacting with patients was all part of the training experience that prepares him and other service members for future emergency response situations.

“We see, throughout the week, so many different things that if we have to open a shelter, anybody that comes to the door, we should be able to handle it because we have this experience,” he said.

Area residents who visited Operation Lone Star expressed appreciation for the services that were available through the collaborative training exercise.

“Seeing the men and women in uniform is an awesome blessing, because everyone is walking around with a smile, very happy,” said Zulema Silva, a Brownsville resident. “It’s just a happy feeling to see y’all here, helping us and providing us with services that we otherwise wouldn’t be able to afford. Again I appreciate everything that you all do for us in the community.”

- **100th MPAD**



Top to bottom:

Sgt. Ronald Shea Birdwell, Texas Medical Command, takes a dental X-ray at Palmview High School in Mission. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Shelton).

Hundreds of Rio Grande Valley residents turn out at Palmview High School for free medical screenings and care at Palmview. (Photo by Col. Robert Morecook).

Capt. Laura Lokey, an optometrist, 149th Fighter Wing, checks a patient's eyes at Manzano Middle School in Brownsville. (Photo by Sgt. Suzanne Carter).



READY AT HOME OR ABROAD

Engineers with the 836th Eng. Company prepare for both scenarios

*Story and photos by
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - The National Guard has a long history of supporting the citizens of the United States with worldwide deployments, as well as stateside disaster response. One Texas Guard unit, the 836th Engineer Company, must maintain proficiency in two very different mission sets, those of combat breaching and clearing, and of life-saving search and extraction. For one week, from July 12 through 18, 2014, at Camp Bullis in San Antonio, these Guardsmen trained on and refined their two disparate objectives during their summer annual training period.

“This is actually a great opportunity for us to come out here and hone our skills,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jason D. Sanchez, a platoon sergeant with the 836th Engineer Company. “It’s been a while since we’ve done demolitions, but we definitely are getting back to our greener side. Engineers have always been the people that you call on to breach an obstacle or go around it or through it. We’re the type of people you call when you can’t get through.”

The Soldiers refer to their deployment mission as “green” while their stateside mission of disaster response and inter-agency cooperation is characterized as “white.”

“The white mission complements us well because we’re really good at planning and we practice our troop leading procedures,” said Sanchez. “Fundamentally, it works really well for us because we’re already well-structured.”

Their green training during the week included barrier

breaching with the use of explosive charges. Tasks such as breaking through doors and frame demolition helped to maintain the warfighting skills for the unit, whose last deployment was in 2009. As qualified Sappers, these combat engineers are trained in some of the most specialized and detail-oriented work in the Army, and precision is the key to success.

“My favorite part,” said Pfc. Victor Roque, a combat engineer with the company, “was the breaching and the clearing rooms with the water impulse charge and the doughnut charge, getting that adrenaline rush.”

Following these maneuvers, the engineers practiced the life-saving rescue drills associated with their role as a contributor to the FEMA Region VI Homeland Response Force mission. During the day long collective exercise held July 17 that included their battalion headquarters and the Austin Fire Department’s Special Operations team, they practiced their extraction techniques, rappelling, and civil authority cooperation.

“This applies to our overall mission in the Guard by showing the command our versatility,” said Sanchez. “Not only do we dig holes and construct stuff but it’s also an explosive field where we can show the commander that he has broader options when it comes to sensitive missions.”

This training additionally feeds into the company’s internal culminating event scheduled for November, during which they will integrate the breaching standards into



836th Engineer Company, part of the 6th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, conduct search and extraction training at Camp Bullis in San Antonio. July 17, 2014.





Engineers from the 836th Engineer Company, part of the 6th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, conduct search and extraction training at Camp Bullis in San Antonio. July 17, 2014.

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scaled scenarios, complete weapons qualification, and conduct other warrior tasks.

“It’s truly the essence of what the National Guard brings,” said Col. Lee Schnell, the commander of Joint Task Force 136 (Maneuver Enhancement Brigade), the higher headquarters for the engineers. “We bring the ability to do our wartime mission and also train for our defense support to civil authorities, so it’s just an incredible thing to see.”

By engaging these two fields of Army engineering and keeping their skills fresh, the 836th fosters confidence in the public that no matter the mission, they are ready to serve.

“This is what I signed up for,” said Roque. “This is good; this is good stuff.” - **136th JTF-MEB PAO**



ANNUAL

36th ID takes over Ft. Hood
Photos by Spc. Christina Clardy





TRAINING



A Soldier with the 3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment, 71st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, successfully completes an airborne jump during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 25, 2014 .



Capt. David Jones, left, Headquarters Support Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, demonstrates his technique for applying stitches to a laceration using a piece of raw chicken during the 36th Infantry Division's Annual Training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 19 through Aug. 1, 2014.



Soldiers conducting mortar fire exercises during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 25, 2014



Soldiers with the 3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment, 71st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, successfully complete an airborne jump during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas on July 25, 2014.



A Soldier with 3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment, 71st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, successfully completes an airborne jump during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 25, 2014.



Chief Warrant Officer Jeampy Keto plays music during a mass held for Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, on Sundays during two-weeks of annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, Jul. 19 - Aug. 1, 2014.



Soldiers headed to the ranges for another day of training during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 25, 2014 .

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TEXAS AIR GUARDSMAN IS PART OF AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB

*Story by
Matthew M. Burke
Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA - When Jesus Yanez joined the Marine Corps in 1993, military service became a way of life.

Over the years, the El Paso, Texas, native went from one job to the next, one command to another. He requested downrange deployments and continued his years of service. More than 20 years later, the 39-year-old has a rather unusual military resumé.

Deployed to Afghanistan from the Texas Air National Guard's 204th Security Forces Squadron, Yanez has served in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

The Defense Department doesn't closely track how many troops have served in all four main branches, but it's a pretty exclusive club.

In the past 10 years, more than 2 million U.S. troops have deployed overseas. Of those, only 40,385 have served in more than one branch, according to Defense Department records.

"I didn't do it intentionally," Yanez said, laughing when reached by phone last month from Bagram Airfield, where he has been deployed since June. "It just happened."

Yanez — now serving with the 455th Expeditionary Base Defense Squadron — said he hadn't really thought about it until a friend pointed it out to him.

Yanez, the middle child of five raised by a single mother, grew up fast and was a worker, delivering newspapers, selling greeting cards and working at a local pizzeria. When he was a junior in high school, he sought out the local Marine recruiter and signed up through the delayed entry program.

"I went looking for [the recruiter] before he could come looking for me," Yanez said. "Everyone thought I was crazy, joining the Marines as a junior in high school."

Yanez was "in the rear with the gear" in logistics and as a warehouseman. He loved being a Marine. But then he got married, and after a few years,

he decided to get out, separating in 1997.

Soon after, he was divorced and said he got the itch to serve again. "I guess that's what I missed a lot, the military way," he said.

In 1999, he joined the Navy Reserve as a master at arms. But the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks prompted him to switch gears. He sought and received a conditional letter of release from the Navy so he could join the Army Reserve.

"I really wanted to deploy," he said. "I wanted to do my part."

In the Army Reserves, Yanez served as a heavy wheel mechanic at Fort Bliss, Texas.

But he didn't get to deploy, which led him to ask for another conditional release - this time to join the Air Force's 204th Security Forces Squadron, which Yanez described as an Air Force "light infantry unit." The full-time job, which he took in





Staff Sgt. Jesus Yanez stands in front of his sector station at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, July 2, 2014. Yanez has served in every branch of the military except for the Coast Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Evelyn Chavez)



Staff Sgt. Jesus Yanez, 455th Expeditionary Base Defense Squadron walks a perimeter patrol at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, July 2, 2014. Yanez has served in every branch of the military except for the Coast Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Evelyn Chavez)

2006, keeps him in El Paso, where he is raising his two children.

“As a single father, this was a better option, because it avoided moving my kids to another place,” he said previously in an Air Force statement.

It also allowed him to finally get downrange, first to Iraq in 2010, where he guarded Baghdad International Airport with a .50-caliber machine gun, and now to Afghanistan, where he checks vehicles and locals for contraband and vehicle-borne explosives.

His experience has made him an asset to his unit and garnered the attention of his superiors.

“He brings a ton of experience to the fight,” 455th Expeditionary Base Defense Squadron’s chief enlisted manager, Chief Master Sgt. Eric Soluri, said in the Air Force state-

ment. “Younger airmen and NCOs look up to him, and he is the ‘go-to guy’ in his sector.”

From the Marine Corps to the Navy, the Army to the Air Force, Yanez has noted more similarities in the branches than differences — in the camaraderie, teamwork and in the responsibility to take care of one another. Yet each branch has taught him lessons that he tries to instill in junior airmen. For one, he said, he got his discipline from the Marine Corps: “Once a Marine, always a Marine.”

For every bead of sweat shed in service of the country he loves, Yanez said he has been paid back in full. He is the only member of his family with a college degree. He received his master’s degree while serving. He has also earned the admiration of his children.

“My son and daughter think of me as their hero,” he said. “They’re always bragging about me.”

Yanez has 11 years in the active-duty military and 10 as a reservist. He plans to retire when he hits 30 years of service.

He has no second thoughts about dedicating his life to the military. “Not a day goes by where I regret what I do,” he said. “If you want to do something for your country, you do it right.”

At 39, Yanez said he has no plans of joining the Coast Guard, even though he has looked into it. “I’d have to go to their boot camp,” he said, with a laugh. “I’ve looked into it. ... I think I’ll just stay with the Air Force and retire.” - **STARS AND STRIPES MAGAZINE**

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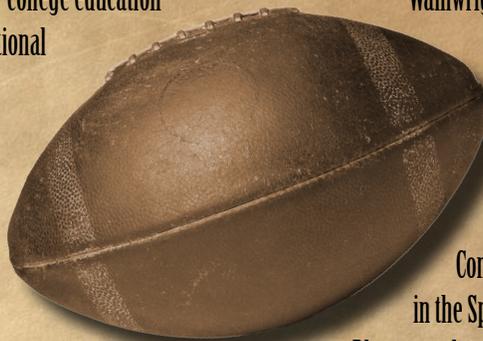
The Greatest Football Team: the 2nd Texas

A historical interpretation by
Lt. Col. Enrique Villarreal

For many Texans, fall means football. It all kicked off at the first intercollegiate football contest held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, November 6, 1869. There, Rutgers beat Princeton 6 goals to 4, using a soccer-style round ball, played on a huge field (120 yards long and 75 yards wide) with 25 players on each side. Over the years, the game evolved and by May 1914, the Southwest Conference was formed, thus creating an interest in the game for Texans that continues to this day.

TWO YEARS AFTER the Southwest Conference formed many of the collegiate players put their college education on hold, to serve in the Texas National Guard along the Texas-Mexico border. Many signed up to fight Pancho Villa and his rogue band of "Villistas". However, the hardships of life in the field and the lack of an enemy with which to do battle dulled the enthusiasm of the militiamen on the border.

Entertainment was difficult to provide for the numerous encampments scattered along the border. Guardsmen fortunate enough to be located near a sizeable town, such as El Paso, where they might be treated to an occasional dance, undoubtedly fared better socially than their comrades elsewhere. Perhaps the most successful effort at providing relief from the boredom of border service was the formation of several unit football teams.



The idea to form a team for Texas came from Lt. Col. Alfred Wainwright Bloor, a member of the first football team at Texas A&M in 1894. As many others did, Bloor left school and enlisted into the First Texas Infantry, serving as a sergeant from 1895 until 1898 and later deployed with Company L, First Texas Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American War. After the war, Bloor completed his education and was appointed as a battalion commander in the 2nd Texas Infantry and later, the regimental commander of the 142nd Infantry Regiment during World War I.

At the end of summer on 1916, Bloor was on the border and recommended to his commander, Col. B. F. Delameter, about forming football teams. Delameter agreed and some 30 soldiers signed up to play the game, and thus the Second Texas football team was born.

The soldiers cleaned off a thicket on a plot of ground near what is now Santa Fe and Booty Streets on the bay front area of Corpus Christi. The field they practiced on had no grass only crushed shells, which cut up and bruised the team members. They had no uniforms, some had limited football equipment from their schools and none played with headgear and a few with shoulder pads. Also lacking a formal coaching staff, the team nominated fellow players, James Marcellus Kendrick, a right end from Texas A&M and Charles E. Turner, a left end from the University of Texas, to act as playing coaches.

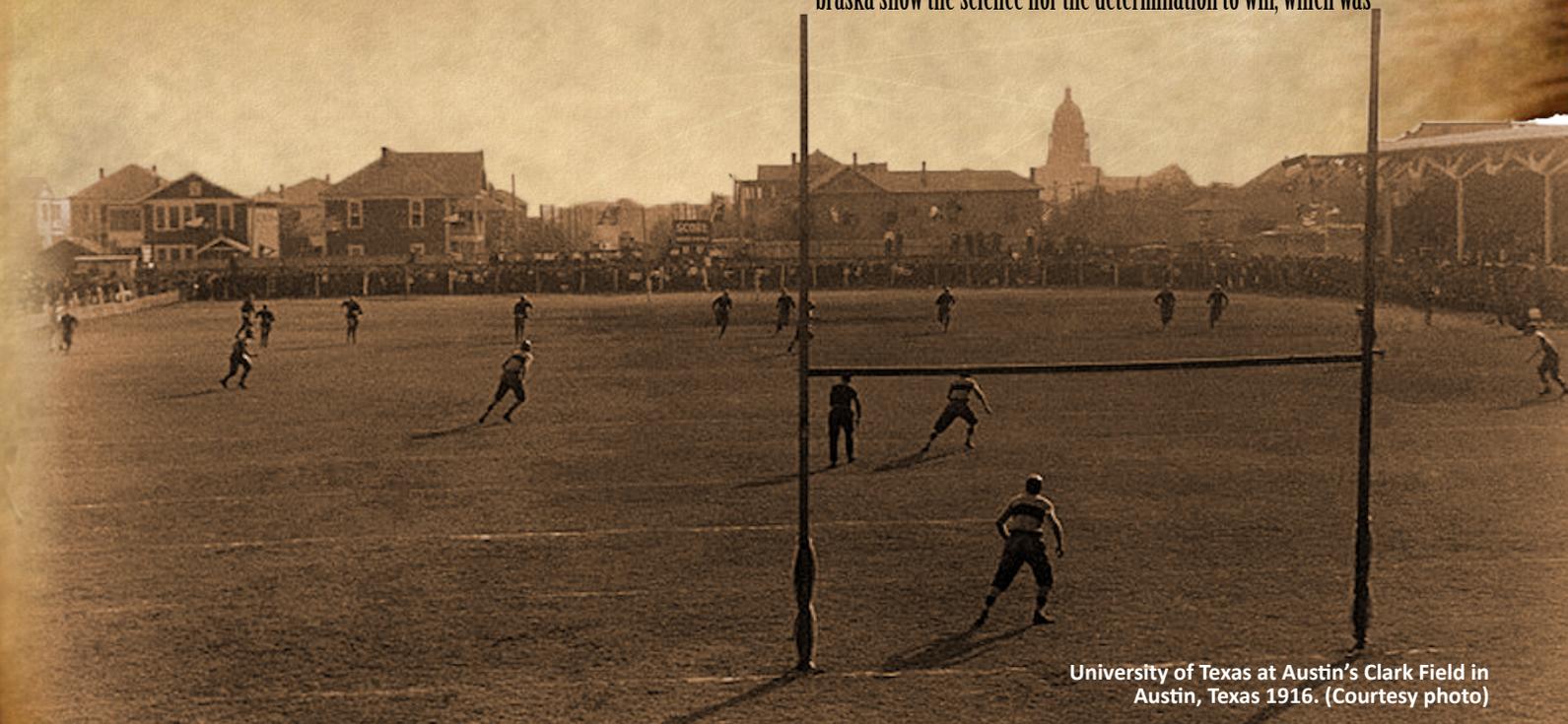
Despite their hurdles, the newly formed team gave it their all, practicing daily from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

The players understood each other perfectly, being able to run plays without signals. Their offense centered on unusually fastbacks, Henry Warren "Rip" Collins, a halfback from A&M, and Phillip "Spitz" Clark another halfback from UT, with power drives provided by Kearie Lee Berry, a guard from UT and Eugene M. "Nig" Dotson, a fullback from Baylor.

The first game was scheduled against the 3rd Texas Infantry Regiment. However, once the opponents actually laid eyes on the Second Texas, they knew they were beat even before stepping on the field and respectfully declined to play. Seeing that there were no challengers from the Texas ranks, the 2nd placed an ad in the newspaper challenging any team from the other states to a game in Laredo. Then Guardsmen from the 1st Missouri Artillery accepted the challenge.

Even though the game proved to be a splendid exhibition of football, the Missourians were no match for the steamroller the Second Texas team, who shut out the Missouri Guardsmen, 33-0. Not satisfied with the outcome, the Missourians challenged the Texans for a rematch, this time with an all-star team. Two weeks later, the Second Texas shut the Missourians out once more, 13-0. The Texans also played a game in between these two matches, slaughtering the 1st Wisconsin Infantry, 60-0.

The next team to fall under the crushing precision of the Second Texas was the 4th Infantry from Nebraska. At no time did Nebraska show the science nor the determination to win, which was



University of Texas at Austin's Clark Field in Austin, Texas 1916. (Courtesy photo)



characteristic of the Texas team. The game ended with Texas on top 68-0. The 2nd continued their winning streak laying waste to the 1st Virginia Artillery. Not only did Texas outweigh, outplay and out think the Virginians, they flattened their defense, scoring in the first few minutes of the game. Through a superb passing offense and airtight defense, the Second Texas ran circles around the Virginians, ending with a 53-0 score

The most brutal and most lop-sided of games was against the 7th New York Infantry. Before the contest New York boasted that it would run up 40 points and then send in its substitutes because "they didn't want to ruin the morale" of the Texas team. Needless to say, they did not ruin the Second Texas spirits, who won 102-0. For the New Yorkers, it was a humiliating defeat, and they demanded a rematch in order to regain their honor.

In the meantime, the 12th Provisional Division, headquartered out of Fort Sam Houston formed an aggregate team of all-stars, coached by a young West Point graduate by the name of Lt. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The game was played on Clark Field in Austin, with a sleet storm discouraging fans from attending, but not discouraging either team. The Texans would once again prove they were unbeatable. During the last half of the game, the Texans used substitute players, in order to conserve the strength of the main players for the rematch against the New Yorkers a few days later. This change resulted in the only score against the Texans ever, 34-6.

After an undefeated season, the final game was set and the Second Texas took on the New York Guard, this time represented by their 1st Cavalry. The New York went beyond Guardsmen, compromised by a juggernaut of 33 lettermen from big Eastern schools like Syracuse, Harvard, Dartmouth, Cornell and Princeton, all football powerhouses back then.

The crowd reached nearly 25,000, the biggest to see a football game in the Southwest, at the time. Gen. Frederick Funston and his staff officers occupied reserved seats in the grand stands; their presence gave the game prestige in military circles. The match was comparable to the big Army and Navy football games played in the East.

Despite the efforts of the New York team, they were no match for the undefeated The Second Texas who surprised the New Yorkers when they went into action without calling any signals and scoring their first touchdown within seven and half minutes of the game. The Texans defeated the New Yorkers 69-0. "Red" Wilkinson, the captain for the New York team stated after the game, "The Texas team was a great big surprise for us. I never played against such a machine... and I do not believe there is a team in the East that could have won. Their running attack and perfect interference is the best I have ever seen."

The Second Texas football team would eventually return home briefly and return to duty with the outbreak of WWI and forming part of the 141st Infantry Regiment.

The team, credited as being the greatest team ever to take the field, averaged 54 points a game, scoring a total of 432 points and only one touchdown scored against them. Ten years after that unforgettable season its fame was such that the great Notre Dame coach, Knute Rockne while lecturing at a coaching school in 1926, diagrammed an impossible situation on the blackboard and commented, "even the Second Texas couldn't do that," giving credit to a team that could do just about anything. Today, we are fortunate to remember the contributions of these Texas Soldiers and the legacy they leave the Texas National Guard and Texas football, both on and off the field. - **DISPATCH**

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Second Texas. (Courtesy photo)

The members of the Second Texas football team:

James Marcellus Kendrick (Right End, A&M)	Charles W. Ogden (UT)
Kearie Lee Berry (Right Guard, UT)	Butte Steen, (Baylor)
Henry Warren "Rip" Collins (Left Halfback, A&M),	Frank Miller, (Baylor)
Eugene M. "Nig" Dotson (Fullback, Baylor)	Harry E. Stuhlken, (Baylor)
Sylvan B. Simpson (Left Tackle, UT)	T. D. Mitchell (Quarterback, Baylor)
Addison Baker Duncan (Right Tackle, UT)	George Lane (Waco High)
John Diller (Center, Yale)	Howard "Whitey" Davis
Walter S. Birge (Left Guard, UT)	Victor Bintliff
Charles E. Turner (Left End, UT)	Dick Lane
Alfred Grady "Rats" Watson (Quarterback, UT)	Buhl Smith
Phillip "Spitz" Clark (Right Half, UT)	Dave C. Nelson
Oscar "Ock" Abbott (Quarterback, A&M)	John Oilier

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Drop zone support Soldiers with the 36th Infantry Division sprint to two airborne jumpers who nearly collided during an airborne jump during annual training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 25, 2014. (Photo by Spc. Christina Clardy).

