



The Guard Post

A Quarterly Update from the Texas State Guard

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TXSG CG'S MESSAGE

To my fellow Texas Patriots,

As we close out the year, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to serving the people of Texas. Whether supporting Operation Lone Star on the border, responding to severe weather like the July floods, or training to sustain readiness, you have upheld the highest standards of Guard service.

In 2026, the Texas State Guard will mark 85 years since our founding as the state's homeland defense force—then known as the 'Texas Defense Guard'—though our roots reach back to the earliest days of the Republic of Texas. Across generations, our missions have evolved to meet each moment, but Texas' volunteer citizen militia has always answered the call.

That evolution continues. A strategic initiative is underway to ensure the Texas State Guard is fully equipped and structured to meet the state's changing security and emergency needs. In the months ahead, we will enhance readiness, modernize recruitment and training, and sharpen capabilities across all components. While some structural changes are expected, the reason we serve remains as constant as ever: a deep love of Texas.

As families gather for the holidays, I am mindful of our loved ones who support us out of uniform. I am proud to see the expansion of the Family Readiness Group, which you can read more about in this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do for the State of Texas and your fellow Texans. We have much to be proud of and a busy year ahead. I hope your holidays are happy, restful, and full of the spirit of the season.

"Duty First, Texas Always!"

Maj. Gen. Roger O. Sheridan
Commander, Texas State Guard



BREAKING | A New Chapter for the Corps: TXSG Welcomes Senior Enlisted Advisor Kovar



AUSTIN — The Texas State Guard marked a milestone Oct. 25 as Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Kovar assumed responsibility as the organization's senior enlisted advisor during a ceremony at Camp Mabry blending long-standing Army tradition with unmistakable Texas spirit.

The outgoing Senior Enlisted Advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Harlan Thompson, was honored for his three years of service in that post: an era marked by steady leadership, rising standards and an emphasis on strengthening the NCO corps. He received the Texas Outstanding Service Medal (Third Award), recognizing the professionalism and morale he helped build across the force.

Maj. Gen. Roger Sheridan, TXSG commander, presided over the ceremony and oversaw the passing of the NCO sword: a ritual dating to 1840, symbolizing the authority and responsibility entrusted to the senior enlisted advisor. The moment marked Thompson's farewell to the role and Kovar's first step into it. Though leaving Headquarters, Thompson is not leaving the TXSG — far from it. Thompson is taking a new role in the TXSG's Recruitment and Training Command based at Camp Swift.

A Marine Corps veteran with decades of enlisted leadership experience, Kovar used his remarks to reflect on his path to the Guard and to chart a course for where he intends to take the corps next. He emphasized accountability, higher expectations and preparing for the expanded missions now facing the TXSG. "We're going to pick up our packs and show everybody who we are and what we're made of," Kovar said, urging fellow Guard members to meet change with confidence and readiness.

Family members, Texas Military Department leaders and service members from across the state filled the hall at Camp Mabry, celebrating both the legacy of an outgoing leader and the momentum of an incoming one. The event closed with a benediction and applause for the corps that remains the backbone of the Texas State Guard.





TXSG HEADQUARTERS

TWO TEXAS STATE GUARD LEADERS SELECTED FOR SENIOR MILITARY COLLEGE INITIATIVE

AUSTIN, Texas — Two Texas State Guard leaders have been selected to represent the Texas Military Department in a competitive, state-funded leadership program supporting the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets.

1st Lt. Andrew Canham and Command Sgt. Maj. David Ocasio were chosen for the Texas Military Department Senior Military College Leadership and Teaching Initiative, which places select members of the Texas Military Forces in full-time coaching and mentoring roles at Texas A&M University.

The initiative is designed to help shape the next generation of military and civic leaders while strengthening the longstanding partnership between the Texas Military Department and Texas A&M. A total of 11 service members from across the Texas Military Department were selected.

More than 600 applicants from the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard and Texas State Guard competed for the positions. Only 30 advanced to the final interview phase. Canham and Ocasio were selected based on their demonstrated professionalism, instructional ability and alignment with the values of the Texas Military Department and the Texas State Guard.

Their selection reflects both individual achievement and the Texas State Guard's continued emphasis on leadership development, professionalism and mission readiness. The assignments also underscore the Guard's expanding role in joint operations and its contribution to statewide leadership initiatives.

The selection of Canham and Ocasio also highlights the caliber of service members within the TXSG, reinforcing its growing reputation for excellence.



CSM David Ocasio



1LT Andrew Canham



CYBERSECURITY STARTS WITH BEHAVIOR, NOT HACKERS

By Master Sgt. John Gately, T6 Headquarters, TXSG

Cybersecurity problems rarely begin with hackers. More often, they begin with convenience.

Be suspicious of anything that creates urgency — phrases such as “act now,” “account locked” or “verify immediately.” That is how phishing works, and it remains the No. 1 entry point for cyber intrusions. Never click links or open attachments unless you are expecting them, especially in email or text messages.

Passwords alone are no longer a sufficient security strategy. Use unique passwords for every account and rely on a password manager to manage them effectively. If a site offers multifactor authentication and it is not enabled, you are accepting unnecessary risk.

Keep systems updated. Most cyber incidents exploit vulnerabilities for which patches already exist. Delaying updates increases exposure. The same rule applies to routers, mobile devices, and internet-connected equipment.

Assume public Wi-Fi networks are unsecured. Avoid accessing sensitive accounts without a virtual private network. If you do not control the network, you do not control who may be monitoring it.

Backups matter more than antivirus software. Ransomware does not depend on how clean a system is — only on whether data can be recovered. Maintain offline or immutable backups to ensure continuity.

Finally, trust your instincts. If something feels wrong, it likely is. Cybersecurity is less about technical expertise and more about disciplined skepticism and consistent habits.



Family Readiness Group Expands to Support Texas State Guard Service Members

AUSTIN — The Family Readiness Group (FRG) program has taken a major step forward in strengthening connections between service members and their families. The launch of the newest FRG unit was made official with a brief informal ceremony at Camp Mabry (Texas State Guard Headquarters) on Oct. 25.

The new branch of the FRG will serve the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) and plans are underway to expand the program to reach units statewide.

Newly appointed HHC FRG Leader Hannah Fitz Gerald said her goal is to ensure that every family member knows where to turn for support.

"It's about making sure our family members have someone to contact — a battle buddy — when their service member is drilling, deployed, or just needs a little extra help," Fitz Gerald said. Her husband, Col. Darren Fitz Gerald, serves at Texas State Guard Headquarters.

The FRG is not officially tied to the TXSG but serves as an independent volunteer support group.

Stacey Dove, FRG director and longtime leader of the program, said the expansion marks nearly a decade of growth since the program's founding in 2016.

"When my husband (Capt. William Dove) started with the State Guard, there was no program in place," Dove said. "I suggested (to leadership at the time) and was told, 'If you can put it together, we'll see what works.' It's still working today."

The Family Readiness Group began in the 19th Regiment and grew to serve the 1st Brigade. Now, with the establishment of an FRG presence at Headquarters Company, leaders hope to replicate that success statewide.

"We're trying to bring the family into the fold so they're more engaged and committed," Dove said.

Dove described FRG's work as part support network, part logistics hub.

"We're like USO, MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation Program), and FRG all rolled into one," she said. "We inform, educate, and support our families so they can better support their soldiers. That helps everyone perform at their best."

The FRG's framework mirrors a structure that supports federal service members, with coordinators positioned at the battalion level. Family members seeking help or wishing to volunteer can reach the FRG by email at S.Dove@1BDEFRG.org.

"We're here for them — soldiers and family members," Dove said. "We wouldn't have gotten this far without their support, and we're just getting started."



TXSG Honors Graduates of Elite Leadership Programs



AUSTIN — The Texas State Guard celebrated its newest class of top leaders Saturday, Oct. 25, during a ceremony at Camp Mabry honoring graduates of two of its toughest professional military education programs — the Senior Leadership Command Course (SLCC) and the Intermediate Level Education (ILE) Course.

Graduates of the SLCC were Col. Thomas Mitchell, commander, 1st Brigade; Col. Michael Potts, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC); Lt. Col. James Donaghue, 1st Brigade; Lt. Col. Michael Moore, HHC; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Arcilia Perez, HHC; Command Sgt. Maj. Fredrik Taylor, 1st Brigade; Sgt. Maj. Loren Ledlow, HHC; Sgt. Maj. Douglas Shelton, 1st Brigade; 1st Sgt. Philip Harralson, 4th Battalion, 6th Brigade; and 1st Sgt. Pedro Sosa, 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade.

ILE graduates included Col. Pedro Barreda, Regimental Training Command (RTC); Lt. Col. Daniel O'Neill, HHC; Lt. Col. Jan Petreczko, 6th Brigade; Maj. Adam Gonzales, 6th Brigade; Maj. William Przybyla, RTC; Maj. Stephen Vollbrecht, HHC; and Capt. Stephanie Ritz, 1st Brigade.

The ILE course — an intensive, six-month academic program — prepares field-grade officers for the next level of command and staff responsibility. The SLCC, required for advancement to senior leadership ranks, focuses on decision-making, operations and strategic leadership. Together, the programs form the backbone of the Guard's effort to develop disciplined, capable leaders ready to respond when Texans need them most.

"The rigor of these courses reflects the Guard's commitment to excellence," said Maj. Gen. Roger Sheridan, commanding general of the Texas State Guard. "Our soldiers' success shows their dedication to leading with integrity and professionalism."

Sheridan also invited families of the graduates to stand for recognition, noting that their support and sacrifice make Guard service possible.

This year's Col. Stephen B. Springer Academic Excellence Award — the top honor for the ILE program — went to Col. Pedro Barreda for earning the highest academic score. Established in 2014 by then-Col. Stephen Springer and renamed in his honor the following year, the award symbolizes the Guard's pursuit of excellence in leadership education.

"These graduates represent the future of the Texas State Guard," Sheridan said. "Their leadership will help shape the force for years to come."



1st Brigade



1BDE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: FACING CHALLENGE & OPPORTUNITY

The 1st Brigade stands at a pivotal moment, where significant challenges are accompanied by meaningful opportunities. The recent approval of Texas House Bill 101 signals that state lawmakers recognize the need for enhanced resources and capabilities across the Texas Military Department.

This legislative action points toward growth in the Texas State Guard's organizational structure and readiness, particularly in support of disaster response and other state-level missions. As demands increase, so too does the expectation that we remain prepared, adaptable and mission-ready.

Change is never easy, but it is often where commitment, courage, and character are most clearly revealed. This period calls on each of us to reexamine how we lead, how we operate, and how we support one another as teammates. Every new process we adopt, every capability we develop and every structural adjustment we make presents an opportunity to strengthen readiness, improve teamwork and build a brigade that is more agile, innovative and resilient.

Based on the brigade's past performance and accomplishments, I am confident in the Vanguard's ability to meet the coming season with purpose and confidence. Transformation is not simply about adapting to change — it is about advancing together. As a team, we will continue shaping a future that reflects our values and unlocks our full potential.

Col. Thomas Mitchell Jr., Commander, 1st Brigade, TXSG



1ST BRIGADE UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are some of the key upcoming training dates that we are looking forward to:

- ☒ Jan. 17-18: RTO Class, Dallas
- ☒ Jan. 21-25: BIC/ICE, Ft. Worth
- ☒ Feb. 22: Command Post Exercise, Main BN locations



Thanks to Command Sergeant Major Freddrik Taylor, we were able to capture a breathtaking Texas sunrise that marked the beginning of 1st Brigade's Annual Training. More than just a beautiful view, a Texas sunrise holds powerful meaning for those who serve. It symbolizes a fresh start, renewed purpose, and the promise of a new day in service to our state. For the Texas State Guard, it represents resilience, duty, and the quiet strength of those who stand ready before the rest of the world wakes up. With the rising sun casting light on the mission ahead, the 1st Brigade stepped into training with clarity, pride, and an unwavering commitment to Texas.



1st Brigade

PROFESSIONALISM IS NOT A HOBBY

An Essay by Command Sgt. Maj. Fredrik D. Taylor

Texas State Guard, 1st Brigade

Volunteer service is often misunderstood as "free time generously given." But professionalism within the Texas State Guard is not optional — it is essential. Communities depend on volunteers for their willingness to help. As a Texas State Guard member, everyone depends on you for your reliability and standards.

Commitment: Show Up with Purpose

- Being on time and prepared communicates respect for the mission.
- Reliability builds trust with fellow members, joint agencies and the public.
- Commitment transforms volunteering from casual help into serious service.

Standards: Hold Yourself Accountable

- Professionalism means following protocols and respecting procedures.
- It is about consistency — doing the right thing even when no one is watching.
- Standards protect both the mission and the reputation of service members.

Respect: Elevate Your Role as a Texas State Guardsman

- Professional conduct earns credibility in the eyes of the community.
- Respect for others — teammates, leaders and those served — strengthens unity.
- When you act professionally, you uplift the entire organization.

Responsibility: Serve Beyond Expectations

- Our service may not come with financial reward, but it carries weight.
- Communities measure impact by quality, not hours.
- Responsibility means treating every mission as if lives depend on it — because many times, they do.

Conclusion: The Heart of Texas State Guard Service

Professionalism is the dividing line between hobby and service. For Texas State Guard service members, it is not about casual involvement — it is about embodying responsibility, respect and commitment. Professionalism is not a hobby; it is the very heart of our service.



CERTIFIED: BRAVO COMPANY GUARDSMEN COMPLETE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

By Pfc. Clay Bishop, Unit Public Affairs Representative

LUBBOCK, Texas — Members of Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade completed Community Emergency Response Team training Aug. 18, strengthening the unit's ability to support civilian authorities during emergencies and disasters.

The training was conducted by the Amarillo Office of Emergency Management and led by its director and deputy director. The course combined classroom instruction with hands-on exercises designed to prepare participants for a range of disaster response scenarios.

During the training, troops received instruction in fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations and team organization. The course concluded with all participants successfully completing certification requirements.

Unit leaders said the certification enhances Bravo Company's capacity to assist communities during crises while reinforcing coordination and partnerships with local emergency management officials.

The training reflects the Texas State Guard's continued commitment to readiness, resilience and service to communities across the state.





1st Brigade

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL: A JOURNEY WORTH TAKING

This article is part of an occasional series featuring firsthand reflections from Texas State Guard service members. Written by the author in his own words, it offers a personal look at training, leadership development and life inside the Texas State Guard.

My OCS Journey – Class 24

By 2nd Lt. Ivan Sierra, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade

“Half of you will not graduate.” Those words opened Officer Candidate School Class 24 at Camp Swift, and they proved true. Thirteen candidates started. Seven finished. OCS is demanding by design, but that challenge is what makes it meaningful.

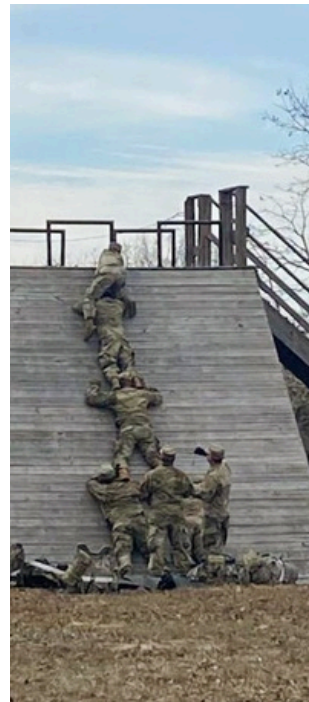
My path began months earlier at the Officer Preparatory Course at Camp Mabry, where we learned the fundamentals and, more importantly, defined our “why.” That sense of purpose carries candidates through OCS, from ruck marches and field training exercises to rigorous academics and constant evaluation under the cadre’s watchful eye.

OCS pushes candidates mentally, physically and emotionally. Tests, briefings, leadership lanes and the honor code reinforce a simple truth: Nothing is given; everything is earned. Counseling and feedback help shape better leaders, while teamwork makes success possible. No one completes OCS alone.

When asked about my greatest accomplishment, my answer was simple: I did not quit.

OCS builds leaders through shared struggle, discipline and service. For those considering the journey, it is hard, but it is worth it.

“Stand Strong”— OCS Class 24





2nd Brigade

MESSAGE FROM THE 2BDE COMMANDER

It has been six busy months since the change of command. During that time, the brigade has focused on additional training, mission support and the Young Heroes of the Guard Toy Drive. Support to the Austin mission and augmentation of Operation Lone Star clearly demonstrate 2nd Brigade's commitment to the state of Texas, its citizens and their property.

Training continues across multiple programs, including Community Emergency Response Team, iSTAT and pSTAT, with more than 100 personnel trained and ready to execute future missions. As the brigade prepares for annual training scheduled for April 23-26, Guardsmen will also participate in the Norwegian Foot March on Jan. 24, which will include medical training and reception, staging, onward movement and integration.

February and March drill periods will continue to focus on mission rehearsal plan preparation in advance of team validations during annual training.

I would like to thank all 2nd Brigade volunteers who donated their time and resources to collect more than 2,000 toys to date for the Young Heroes of the Guard Toy Drive, in partnership with the Texas Toy Drive, a 501(c)(3) organization. These efforts help bring joy to children in local hospitals and those supported by Child Protective Services.

Finally, Command Sgt. Maj. Smith and I wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season and the opportunity to achieve a healthy work-life balance as we prepare to meet the challenges of 2026.

I will see you downrange.

Col. Arthur Levesque
Commander, 2nd Brigade



2ND BRIGADE UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are some of the key upcoming training dates that we are looking forward to:

- ☒ Jan. 10: 2BN, Waterborne SAR, shelter training.
- ☒ Jan. 24: Norwegian Foot March, Richmond, TX.
- ☒ Feb. 8: 3BN, METL training; 14: 1BN, AT Prep/MRP training, 2BN, Swim qualification.

GUARDSMEN CONDUCT SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING WITH AVIATION SUPPORT IN ANGLETON

By Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gregory Illich, 2nd Brigade Public Affairs Office

ANGLETON, Texas — Guardsmen assigned to 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Texas State Guard, conducted search and rescue, land navigation and aeromedical evacuation support training Nov. 15, 2025, with assistance from personnel of the United States Armed Forces Museum and its CH-46 helicopter.

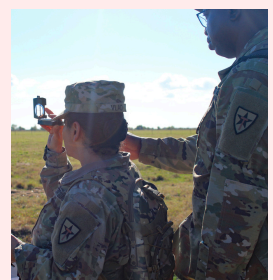
The training focused on preparing Texas State Guardsmen to support aviation operations during natural disasters and other emergencies. Participants reinforced basic first aid skills, practiced loading and unloading patients and learned how to prepare an ad hoc landing site suitable for helicopter operations in austere conditions.

Unit leaders said the exercise strengthened coordination with partner organizations while building practical skills required for real-world disaster response missions.

"These field exercises develop and strengthen the capabilities needed to assist civil authorities during emergencies," leaders said.

The Texas State Guard thanked its agency partners for their support, noting that collaborative training is essential to maintaining readiness across the force. Such training is further evidence of the 2nd Brigade's commitment to its motto — to be "Ready for Anything."

(Texas State Guard photos by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Willie Grimes)





2nd Brigade



3RD BATTALION SHARPENS SEARCH AND RESCUE SKILLS AT HISTORIC CAMP HEARNE

HEARNE, Texas — Guardsmen assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Texas State Guard, conducted a ruck march and practiced basic search and rescue skills at Camp Hearne on Sept. 13, 2025.

The training took place at the 240-acre site of a former World War II prisoner of war camp. Following a successful ruck march and historical tour at the San Jacinto Monument last year, Maj. Robert McConnell, commander of 3rd Battalion, continued the tradition of combining physical training with visits to historically significant locations. This year's training included a tour of the Camp Hearne World War II Historic Site and Exhibit.

During the visit, Guardsmen learned that nearly 5,000 prisoners of war — primarily from the German military — were housed at Camp Hearne between June 1943 and January 1946. Enlisted prisoners worked in a repair shop mending blankets and raincoats or were assigned to local farms, where they harvested cotton, onions and pecans.

Following search and rescue training that included knot-tying and rope skills, Guardsmen continued conditioning through site marches designed to improve endurance and physical readiness. The training also helped prepare the unit for the Norwegian Foot March scheduled for next year.

2BDE VOLUNTEERS COLLECT 2,000+ TOYS FOR TOY DRIVE

By Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gregory Illich, 2nd Brigade Public Affairs Office

Members of the Texas State Guard's 2nd Brigade collected more than 2,000 toys in support of the Young Heroes of the Guard Toy Drive, benefiting the Texas Toy Drive, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

From November through December, Guardsmen volunteered their time and resources to help bring holiday cheer to children in local hospitals. Volunteers staffed toy collection boxes at multiple locations, including Walmart stores in Navasota and Caldwell and PetSmart locations in Houston and Alvin, where stuffed animals and other toys were donated.

Community partners supporting the effort included Houston's Eagle 106.9/107.5 (radio station), Hines Properties, Tomfoolery Toys and Books, Rollo Insurance and Harmony School of Excellence.

Continuing a 12-year tradition, Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston invited 2nd Brigade volunteers — including costumed superheroes — to personally distribute toys to children spending the holidays in the hospital during the second week of December.

Lucia Ramirez, manager of volunteer services and special programs at the hospital, said the Young Heroes of the Guard toy drop-off and visit is one of the hospital's most anticipated events each year and helps ensure there are enough toys available to last throughout the year.

In addition to hospital deliveries, toys are also provided to communities as needed. The first toy delivery this fall took place at the beginning of the school year, when toys were distributed to Kerrville Independent School District students affected by devastating floods in July.

Texas State Guard leaders thanked all volunteers and partners who contributed to the drive and helped make a positive difference in the lives of children across Texas.

The Young Heroes of the Guard Toy Drive continues year-round. Donations can be made online at texastoydrive.org.





2nd Brigade

REGION 2 RECRUITING OFFICE RELOCATES TO JOINT RESERVE BASE ELLINGTON

By Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gregory Illich, 2nd Brigade Public Affairs Office

HOUSTON — The Region 2 Recruiting and Retention Office has relocated to a new facility at Joint Reserve Base Ellington to better support recruiting and training efforts across 2nd Brigade and Southeast Texas.

The office is now located in Building 1055, known as the LARK building. The move was completed Sept. 26, 2025, with support from volunteers from the Texas State Guard, Texas Air National Guard and local civilian partners, ensuring a smooth transition.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Ward, Region 2 chief of recruiting and retention, said the new location provides improved workspace, infrastructure and a more professional environment. The facility also allows recruiters to reestablish structured training sessions and improve collaboration, enhancing support for both new and current service members.

Within weeks of the move, Region 2 recruiters staffed a booth at the Wings Over Houston Airshow at Ellington Airfield, engaging with attendees and sharing information about Texas State Guard missions and service opportunities.

This office move comes as the Guard takes action to strengthen and modernize its recruitment efforts state-wide. Recruitment information can be found online at tmd.texas.gov/texas-join-now.



1ST BATTALION FIRST TO RECEIVE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING UNDER NEW INITIATIVE

CONROE, Texas — Guardsmen assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Texas State Guard, completed U.S. Army ACE (Act, Care and Escort) suicide prevention training during a battalion-wide drill Nov. 8, marking the first unit to receive the training under a new initiative this fall.

The training was led by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gregory Illich, a 2nd Brigade suicide intervention officer, who engaged Guardsmen through practical exercises, small-group discussions and real-world application scenarios.

During the session, Guardsmen learned how to develop protective measures, including building rapport with fellow members through active listening and mutual involvement in activities, training opportunities and self-care. The training also focused on identifying risk factors and warning signs that require immediate action, empowering participants to step in and support those who may be struggling.

1st Battalion Chaplain Jason Deatherage and 2nd Brigade Chaplain John Mathews were present to provide support and emphasize the importance of individual responsibility in building resiliency across the force. Mathews noted the training will now be conducted annually, following the U.S. Army model, as part of a Texas Military Department initiative.

If you need help or know of someone who does, remember that no one has to face challenges alone and there are people ready to help. Some excellent crisis and support resources are listed below:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Dial or text 988

Veterans Crisis Line: Text 838255 or call 988, then press 1

Texas Military Department Counseling (non-crisis): 512-782-5069

(Photos by 1st Sgt. Jason Wadley)





3rd Brigade

MESSAGE FROM THE 3RD BRIGADE COMMANDER

December ends the 5th year of Third Brigade. Although we are a relatively young unit, we have had an extremely busy half-decade, and this year was no different. We continued to support OLS, conducted East and West AT, the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program, and supported the Raymondville Flood Response, all while preparing to support other pop-up operations. I personally had a chance to visit Laredo and El Paso and look forward to returning at least twice in the upcoming year, in addition to the detachment in Midland. The new year brings multiple training opportunities, and I'm excited that we will be completing our CERT training (no small feat when scattered as far across Texas as we are), our joint AT with 6th Brigade, and continuing to reach out to our local emergency response partners and communities. I am grateful for all the hard work you do and the effort you are willing to put in to serving Texas and beyond, and I cannot express my gratitude enough to the individual soldiers of the brigade. I am constantly amazed by your dedication to our great state. And so, I challenge all my soldiers to use the holiday season to recharge and get ready for the coming year. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

COL Ian "Spooky" Arvizo, Commander, 3BDE, TXSG

3RD BRIGADE UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are key steps to take control of your company's financial health:

- ☒ April 2026: Annual Training: East & West
- ☒ June 2026: Texas Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP)





3rd Brigade

HOLIDAY SPIRIT SHINES AS 3RD BRIGADE HOSTS CHRISTMAS DINING OUT

By Capt. Joe Martinez, 3rd Brigade Public Affairs

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — The 3rd Brigade gathered Dec. 6 for its annual Christmas Dining Out, bringing soldiers, leaders and guests together for an evening of tradition, camaraderie and appreciation.

Hosted by Col. Ian Arvizo and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade staff, the event honored the brigade's service members and their families while providing a moment to reflect on the year's accomplishments.

The Dining Out, a longstanding military tradition, served as more than a holiday celebration. Leaders said the event helped boost morale, strengthen esprit de corps and recognize the dedication of soldiers who balanced demanding training and operational requirements throughout the year.

Lt. Col. Stephen Walker, who oversaw planning and execution of the event, said the goal was to create a meaningful experience for soldiers and their spouses.

"Our soldiers and their families have earned moments like this," Walker said. "This was about showing appreciation for their service and giving everyone a chance to reconnect outside the day-to-day pace of operations."

The evening featured formal toasts, remarks from brigade leadership and ceremonial elements characteristic of a traditional Dining Out. The South Padre Island setting provided a relaxed backdrop that contributed to the event's celebratory atmosphere.

The event concluded with remarks from Arvizo, who emphasized the importance of recognizing the people behind the mission. As the brigade looks ahead to the coming year, leaders said the Dining Out reinforced a shared sense of unity, pride and commitment to service.



3RD BRIGADE LAUNCHES CERT TRAINING TO BOOST DISASTER READINESS

By Capt. Joe Martinez, 3rd Brigade PAO

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Brigade began participating in Community Emergency Response Team training in October as part of a statewide effort to strengthen disaster preparedness across the Texas State Guard.

The training will continue until all brigade members are certified. The Community Emergency Response Team program, developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, provides participants with practical skills needed to respond effectively during emergencies and natural disasters.

Training focuses on disaster response organization, basic medical operations, fire safety and light search and rescue, giving soldiers tools they can apply both during missions and within their local communities.

Brigade leaders said the initiative is focused on building operational readiness rather than simply meeting requirements. By investing in CERT training, leaders aim to ensure the brigade can respond quickly and confidently when emergencies arise, whether on mission or in surrounding communities.

As the program continues, Guardsmen will complete a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on exercises designed to mirror real-world disaster scenarios. Upon completion, the brigade will be fully CERT-certified, enhancing its ability to support civil authorities during times of crisis.

The CERT initiative reflects the 3rd Brigade's continued commitment to readiness, resilience, and service to Texans.





6th Brigade

MESSAGE FROM THE 6TH BRIGADE COMMANDER

As we close out the year, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to every Sentinel of the 6th Brigade for your unwavering commitment and professionalism. Throughout the year, and across every mission of 2025, you met every obligation placed before you and delivered mission-ready capabilities with the precision, pride and discipline that define the Texas State Guard.

Time and again, you rose to the challenge — often under demanding conditions — and demonstrated that our strength lies in our readiness, teamwork and shared dedication to serving the people of Texas.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to our new service members joining the Sentinel family. Your energy and dedication strengthen our formation from day one. We are particularly proud to welcome 2nd Lt. Bustamante and 1st Sgt. Howard, and we look forward to your leadership and contributions in the months ahead.

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice and your steadfast spirit. I encourage each of you to stay safe, enjoy time with your families and carry this momentum forward into the year ahead.

Sentinels Stand Ready!

Col. Jonathan MacClements, M.D.,
Commander, 6th Brigade



6TH BRIGADE UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are some of the key upcoming training dates that we are looking forward to:

- ☒ Jan: SAR-R Training
- ☒ Jan: TETN Refresher Course (Bryan, TX)
- ☒ Feb: Best Warrior Competition FY26
- ☒ Feb: TICE 1 Inspections & TICE 1 Training Exercise
- ☒ Mar: HF Radio Operator Training (all BDEs)



More than 50 service members mobilized in mid-October in Austin to support a multi-agency cleanup and safely relocate individuals experiencing homelessness, helping restore public areas and support community needs.





6TH Brigade



TXSG RECOGNIZES NEWLY QUALIFIED ENGINEERING PERSONNEL

By Sgt. Jason Hunter, 6BDE PAO, TXSG

More than two dozen Texas State Guard service members have successfully passed the engineering pre-vetting test, a key requirement for supporting Operation Lone Star barrier, visibility and infrastructure missions along the Texas-Mexico border.

The testing, conducted this fall, evaluated each service member's ability to meet Texas Military Department engineering standards. The assessment measured practical skills, mission knowledge and readiness to serve in specialized engineering roles.

Service members who passed the pre-vetting test are now cleared to advance in the vetting process and stand ready to support state and partner agencies when engineering capabilities are required.

By expanding its bench of trained engineering personnel, the Texas State Guard strengthens its ability to respond quickly and effectively to mission requirements. These newly qualified service members reflect the Guard's continued commitment to professionalism, readiness and service to Texas.

Texas State Guard leaders congratulated all participants who successfully completed the engineering pre-vetting test and advanced to the next stage of mission support.



"Alamo Guard's" 4th Battalion completed Stop the Bleed training during October drill at Martindale Army Heliport, strengthening lifesaving readiness for future missions.



CPL Sarah Payton, PFC Sang Nguyen, and PV2 James White received SOC 'challenge' coins on Nov. 20, 2025, at the State Operations Center, where Mr. Ruben Alonzo recognized their outstanding service to Texas.





Recruit Training

THE FORMATION: NEW TXSG BOT CLASS READY TO SERVE

By WO1 Steven Kahla, RTC PAO, TXSG

Training Command Public Affairs Officer and Boats Instructor

Each Basic Orientation Training cycle is distinct. New members of the Texas State Guard with no prior federal military or ROTC experience are immersed in a world of selfless service and rigorous instruction. During that first formation, the full spectrum of emotion is visible — uncertainty, anticipation and determination. By the end of training, members understand the foundations of teamwork and the value of knowledge, humility and service. Doubt and apprehension give way to confidence and accomplishment.

Basic Orientation Training Class Cycle 04-2025 was not extraordinary by itself. Its men and women were not super soldiers, but everyday Texans dedicated to serving their communities and their state. That commitment reflects what makes the Texas State Guard exceptional: ordinary individuals, motivated by purpose, coming together as a team to achieve remarkable outcomes.

The Training Command is launching a periodical to accompany each Basic Orientation Training cycle — and eventually each individual training program — including BOAT, SARR, DIVE, noncommissioned officer professional military education, officer professional military education, BIC/AIC/SIC, Officer Candidate School and DCOOC/WOC. Each edition will highlight the programs, cadre, support staff and students working to improve their skills and readiness.

The upcoming first edition of 'The Formation' offers an overview of daily training conducted during Basic Orientation Training, supported by images documenting the most recent class as they progressed through the course. Transparency in training, adherence to approved curriculum and a commitment to exceeding standards — supported by forthcoming training manuals — will continue to strengthen the Texas State Guard.

To the 23 graduates of Basic Orientation Training Cycle 05-2025: congratulations, and welcome to the Guard.

RTC UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

Here are some of the key upcoming training dates that we are looking forward to:

- ☑ Jan. 07-11: Initial Entry Training, OCS, DCOOC, SAR-R, Camp Swift
- ☑ Jan. 21-25: Basic and Advanced Instructor Courses - 1BDE
- ☑ Feb. 4-8: Training Command AT, OCS, Camp Swift
- ☑ Mar. 18-22: IET, TC AT, OPC, OCS, Basic and Advanced Instructor Course, Camp Swift





RECRUIT TRAINING

TRAINING COMMAND 4-SHOP RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

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Four members of the Training Command 4-Shop (Logistics Support Team) were awarded the Texas State Guard Commendation Medal in recognition of their dedication, selfless service and significant contributions to maintaining and improving the TA-II training facilities at Camp Swift.

Led by Master Sgt. Tonya Cooper, the 4-Shop team has supported the continual improvement of TA-II facilities over several years. The section is responsible for the distribution and accountability of equipment, assets and supplies before, during and after each Training Command drill weekend.

Over the past year, the team expanded its support beyond routine logistics operations. Members assisted with structural repairs to multiple buildings, sanitized shower facilities in large head areas, installed gutters on the administration building and repaired several obstacles on the Leadership Reaction Course.

The service members recognized were Pfc. Matthew De Paolo, Spc. Edward Hawkins, Sgt. Michael Bilodeau and Master Sgt. Tonya Cooper.

Training Command leadership congratulated the award recipients and praised their professionalism, initiative and continued commitment to mission readiness.



LT. COL. DAVID FISH CONCLUDES 16 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH TEXAS STATE GUARD

y WO1 Steven Kahla, RTC PAO, TXSG

Training Command Public Affairs Officer and Boats Instructor

Lt. Col. David Fish recently concluded 16 years of service with the Texas State Guard, closing a chapter marked by leadership, mentorship and spiritual support across some of the Guard's most demanding missions.

Fish served with the Training Command and the Texas State Guard Chaplain Corps, providing care and guidance to service members during natural disasters, border operations and extended training deployments. His service included support during Hurricane Harvey and an extended assignment on Operation Lone Star, where he helped strengthen chaplain support for both Texas State Guard and National Guard personnel.

Born in New Zealand, Fish later made Texas his home, where he and his wife, Bonnie, raised two sons and remained active in their church community. Known for his calm presence and approachability, Fish served as a trusted confidant to Guardsmen across the state.

During Operation Lone Star, Fish helped establish the "Holy Smokes" morale event, designed to provide troops an opportunity to decompress, build camaraderie and support mental resilience. The event became a recurring morale activity across the joint operations area.

In his final year of service, Fish continued to lead through faith, including officiating multiple baptisms during training and operational assignments. Reflecting on one such baptism, Fish's recalled with his signature wit,

"...none of my seminary professors advised how long an individual should be held under the water. It seems that anything over two minutes is considered bad form — perhaps one of our medics could chime in on this — and although it's really neither here nor there, the individuals don't appreciate it very much either. So, frustrating as it was, we did the supposedly right thing and brought him up again soon enough that we didn't send him straight to heaven. Congratulations, mate."

Fish's service has been recognized through numerous state and national awards. In acknowledgment of his 16 years of dedicated service, he was presented the Texas State Guard Outstanding Service Medal.





RECRUIT TRAINING

TXSG NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY: BUILDING LEADERS AT EVERY LEVEL

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The Texas State Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy continues to strengthen the force through a progressive, standards-based professional military education program designed to develop confident, capable leaders at every stage of their careers.

With Command Sgt. Maj. Harlan Thompson now serving as commandant, the academy is entering a new chapter marked by focused leadership and a renewed emphasis on training excellence. Through the Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course and Senior Leader Course, members gain the knowledge, skills and leadership competencies required to serve effectively in an expanding and increasingly professional Texas State Guard.

Each course follows the Leadership Requirements Model and blends self-paced online instruction with a four-day resident phase. Across all levels, students develop skills in communication, critical thinking, counseling, troop-leading procedures, drill and ceremonies, training management, physical readiness, character development and team building. Coursework also reinforces understanding of Texas State Guard programs, expectations and standards while preparing members for increased responsibility and promotion eligibility.

Leader Development at Every Level

The Basic Leader Course prepares specialists and corporals for duties as sergeants by introducing the fundamentals of small-team leadership. Students complete online Noncommissioned Officer Education System modules before attending the resident phase, where cadre validate instruction through small-group engagement. Corporals who meet prerequisites — including FEMA training, Mass Care Level I, TETN awareness and MOS qualification — may enroll. Completion certifies members to lead at the team level.

The Advanced Leader Course builds on that foundation and prepares sergeants to assume staff sergeant responsibilities. The course deepens leadership, communication, problem-solving and mission-planning skills while reinforcing the ability to train and mentor soldiers. Enrollment is based on brigade order of merit lists, and graduates become eligible for advancement in accordance with Texas State Guard promotion policies.

The Senior Leader Course prepares staff sergeants for service as sergeants first class and senior enlisted leaders. Instruction emphasizes organizational leadership, operational planning and strategic thinking while continuing to reinforce communication and team development. The course is offered twice annually, and eligible members enroll through the automated system.

A Standardized Path to Readiness

Across all three courses, the commandant's intent remains consistent: ensure every Texas State Guard member receives high-quality, standardized education aligned with operational requirements. Entry standards — including FEMA coursework, Mass Care, TETN, MOS qualification and height-and-weight compliance — promote fairness, readiness and professionalism across the force.

Together, the academy's tiered education system forms the backbone of noncommissioned officer development in the Texas State Guard, strengthening readiness and empowering leaders who serve Texas with professionalism and purpose.





PROMOTIONS

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Afolabi, Olusegun, PV2
Ajayi, Matthew, PV2
Akhigbe, Polycarp, PV2
Anierobi, Charles, PV1
Baldwin, Harold, PFC
Bank, Nandor, SSG
Barrett, John-Michael, PFC
Barry, Christopher, PV2
Bernal, Laura, PFC
Blanco, Luis, PFC
Bollier, Weldon, PV1
Bowie, Jenetta, PV2
Brandon, Peter, CPT
Brown, Harold, PV1
Brown, Metric, PV1
Bustamante, Christian, 2LT
Byers, Ryan, PV2
Cachero, Andre, SPC
Cantu, Rafael, PFC
Cavazos, Juan, PFC
Chapa, Jose Angel, SPC
Chen, Haiyan, OC
Coronado, Melissa, 1LT
Cruz, Kenneth, PV1
Cubillan, Alessandro, PV2
Daigle, James, SFC
De la Garza, Luis, CW2
Degorostiza, William, PV2
Deleon, Richard, PV1
Diaz, Moises, PV1
Djekounmbaye, Onel, PFC
Dugger, Jared, 1SG
Duley, Connor, SPC
Dykens, Alan, OC
Dzuno, Blaise, PV2
Ecker, Devin, SPC
Efon Franklin, Ekangwo, PFC
Efretuei, Moses, PV1
Elestwani, Margarita, MAJ
Esparza, Andres, PV2
Esparza, Hector, PV2
Esparza, Luis, PV2
Esquivel, Jeson, PV2
Ferrer, Dalila, PV1
Fomdieu, Gabriel, PFC
Fontenot, Kevin, SPC
Franklin, David, MAJ
Frebourg, Greg, MAJ
Gaddy, Christopher, SGT

Garcia, Efren, SGT
Garcia, Elde, PV1
Garcia, Juan de Jesus, PV1
Garcia, Rosa, SPC
Garza, Jorge, PV1
George, Douglas, MAJ
Gonzales, Maria, PV2
Gonzalez, Adolfo, MSG
Gonzalez, Lazaro, PFC
Grandmont, Russell, PV1
Grattet, Zackary, PFC
Gutierrez, Adrian, PFC
Gutierrez, Peggy, CPT
Hard, Cody, PV2
Harr, Remington, PFC
Hart, David, SFC
Haskey, Sarah, PV1
Helms, Andrew, CPT
Hernandez, Daniel, CPT
Hernandez, Eveart, SGT
Hill, Maurice, PV2
Himes, Miri, 1LT
Hogan, Paul, CW2
Holland, Andrew, PV2
Howe, Gary, LTC
Hryekewicz, Andrew, SGT
Hudler, Taylor, SPC
Hunter, Briana, SSG
Isais, Maria, SPC
James, Nicole, PV2
Janzen, Chloe, PV2
Joseph, Sakki, SPC
Kadiri, Dare, SPC
Kalinijabo, Herman, PFC
King, Joshua, SPC
King, Melisa, PV2
Kirby, Clarence, PV1
Kirby, Michelle, SGT
Kovar, Jerry, CSM
Latham, John, MAJ
Le, Chinh, PV1
Lenox, Gerald, PV2
Leverett, Alexaundria, CPL
Lewis, Robert, PV1
Lopez, Judith, PFC
Lozano, Nicholas, PV2
Lujano, Roxana, PFC
Madrid, Louis, PFC
Maldonado Rosa, Felix, PFC
Malone, Jason, PFC
Marmolejo, Christopher, SFC
Marsh, Brooke, LTC

Massey, Dwayne, SSG
McAdams, Matthew, OC
McGinn, James, LTC
McLain, John, PV1
McNeal, Gary, LTC
Meaders, Mitchell, 1LT
Montalvo, Henry, CPT
Moreno, Daniel, PV2
Mowery, John, 1LT
Muirhead, Yvonne, CW3
Murphy, Michael, MAJ
Nguyen, David, PV1
Njouka Fotso, Epiphane, SPC
Odulate, Samson, PV2
Oguh, Chinonye, PV1
Olalekan, Taiwo, PV2
Ontiveros, Pedro, PV2
Ortiz, Alexander, PV1
Othieno, Salvatore, SGT
Payne, Ethan, PFC
Payton, Jason, PV2
Pena, Ricardo, PV1
Pimentel, Erik, PV2
Piniones, Ariana, PV1
Platt, Shaun, PV2
Pocevičiute Bagdzevice, Indre, PV1
Porter, Paul, 1LT
Przybyla, William, LTC
Quintanilla, Ernesto, SSG
Ramirez, Jose, SPC
Ramirez, Rodolfo, PV2
Ratley, Makaila, SPC
Ray, James, SGM
Revonhart, Arieious, PFC
Rincon, Martha, PV1
Rios, Teresa, PFC
Robinson, Roger, PFC
Robles, David, PV1
Rodriguez, Juan, SPC
Rojas, Jose, PV1
Rojo, Gabriel, 2LT
Ruiz, Cecilia, PFC
Sanchez, Alexandro, PV1
Santillan, Maricela, PV2
Schaub, Jason, PFC
Semplice, Ross, SSG
Sepulveda, Gustavo, PFC
Sikes, Clinton, SGT
Smith, Clayton, WOC
Steeb, Jeremy, PV2
Stevens, Michael, SGT
Talk, Colton, OC
Taylor, Jonathan, PV2

Tehy, Uriel Saint, PV1
Thompson, Harlan, CSM
Tilton, Charles, OC
Torres, Eduardo, PV2
Torres, Ryan, PV2
Trejo, Karla, PV2
Vargas, Timothy, PV1
Webb, James, SPC
Williams, Austin, PV1
Woolf, Bradford, 1LT
Zakaryan, Harut, PV1





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Adjutant Generals Individual Award

Bishop, Sheryl, 1SG
Chua, Ulysses, SPC
Downs, Ricky, CW4
McMillon, Bradley, SGT
Morgan, Keara, SFC

Commanding Generals Individual Award

Bell, Ryon, PV2
Brockett, Nicholas, PV2
Matute Graterol, Nelson, PV2
McMurrey, Ray, SPC
Nunez, Sarah, LTC

Meritorious Unit Award

Daigle, James, SFC

NCO Professional Development Ribbon

Acosta Campos, Jorge, CPL
Alvidrez, Melissa, CPL
Bigelow, Zachary, SPC
Castro, Veronica, CPL
Daigle, James, SFC
De La Garza, Gladys, SGT
Drake, Jeffrey, SGT
Eaton, Brenton, SPC
Edmonston, Michel, SSG
Edmonston, Theresa, SGT
Evans, Kevin, SGT
Evans, Steven, SSG
Ferrer-Russ, Kristine, SPC
Forcha, Ernest, SPC
Foster, Jacquelyn, SGT
Garcia, Adam, SGT
Garza, Martha, SGT
Hart, David, SFC
Hawkins, Edward, SPC
Hilyard, James, SSG
Hunter, Briana, SSG
Lara, Josue, SPC
Le, Hiep, SGT
Lopez, Antonio, SGT
Miller, Mark, SGT
Pardo, Joaquin, SGT
Parker, Cameron, SGT
Pasley, William, CPL
Repass, John, SPC
Scott, Chad, CPL
Semplice, Ross, SSG
Stovall, Jason, SSG
Wagstaff, David, SSG
Willenberg, Nicholas, CPL
Writer, Michael, SSG
Zemkouo Touyem, Noel, SGT

Officer Professional Development Ribbon

Barringer, Daniel, 1LT
Costanzo, Christian, 1LT
Gibson, Ashley, 2LT
Gomez, Sandra, CPT
Gosdin, Gregory, CPT
Kline, Mary, CPT
McCall, Blair, 1LT
Stroud, David, 1LT
Tighe, Rogelio, 2LT
Villegas, Cristian, 2LT

SGAUS Faithful Service Medal

Bishop, Sheryl, 1SG
Dugger, Jared, 1SG

SGAUS Longevity Medal

Garraway, Meredith, SSG
Ocon, Boyd, WO1

SGAUS Meritorious Unit Citation

Waddington, James, MSG

SGAUS Military Emergency Management

Specialist Badge - Senior

Hart, David, SFC

SGAUS Professional Development Award

Graham, Seth, CPL

TXSG Achievement Medal

Bernal, Laura, PFC
Bishop, Sheryl, 1SG
Bond, Philip, PV2
Briones, Alan, SGT
Cookson, Justin, SGT
Gonzales, Roman, SSG
Kanick, Robin, SPC
Lopez, Antonio, SGT
Marx, Katherine, SSG
McAdams, Matthew, OC
Olivarez, Omar, SFC
Smith, Roger, SSG
Smith, Sheri, SPC
Stuart, Michele, MAJ

TXSG Commendation Medal

Bilodeau, Michael, SSG
Cobo, Javier, SSG
Cooper, Tonya, MSG
De Paolo, Mathew, PFC
Hawkins, Edward, SPC
Hogan, Paul, CW2
Olea, Martin, SPC
Pacheco, Manuel, SGT

TXSG Exemplary Service Medal

Cervantes, David, 1SG
Landa, Michael, 2LT
Tinajero, Luis, LTC
Tressider, Michael, LTC

TXSG Good Conduct Medal

Adebiyi, Adeyemi, SGT
Allen, Matt, SGM
Alvidrez, Melissa, CPL
Arsikere, Supriha, WOC
Baldwin, Harold, SGM
Bassham, Michael, SFC
Bennett, Christopher, PFC
Bergeron, Kenneth, MAJ
Bishop, Sheryl, 1SG
Braithwaite, Joseph, CPT
Brown, David, CPT
Burnett, Randy, CPL
Burns, Brynja, MSG
Cain, Briscoe, CPT
Cena, Travis, SGT
Cole, Christie, SGT
Connett, Brent, SFC
Correa, Zachry, SGT
Cross, John, SFC
Davis, Robert, CPT
De Leon, Anna, SSG
Dean, Ricky, PFC
Dowdell, Clifford, SFC
Durden, Darin, SGT
Edmonds, Jerry, CPL
Esan, Oluwole, SGT
Evans, Kevin, SGT
Evans, Steven, SSG
Galias, Arthur, SPC
Garcia, Michael, CPT
Garcia, Ricardo, SGT
Garcia, Rosa, SPC
Garza, Martha, SGT
Gibson, Ashley, 2LT
Gimble, Jon, 2LT
Gonzalez, Carlos, SGT
Gonzalez, Monica, PFC
Grattet, Zackary, PFC
Haislett, Douglas, SGT
Hamilton, Michael, CPL
Hedger, Dwight, SSG
Hernandez, Oscar, SPC
Hesse, John, CPT
Hesse, Kevin, SFC
Jacob, Gladwin, 1LT
Jenkins, Gustavia, SPC
Jones, Charles, SSG
Jones, Jeffrey, SSG
Jones, Justin, PFC
Jones, Richard, SGT
Jordan, Wandra, SGT





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TXSG Good Conduct Medal

(Continued)

Kanick, Robin, SPC
Komorowski, Allison, 1LT
Kotara, Matthew, SSG
Kwiecinski, Dariusz, SGT
Lawyer, Michael, CPT
Ledlow, Kelley, PFC
Lewis, David, SGT
Lopez, Danny, PFC
Luce, Austin, SPC
Male, Richard, COL
Marcaccio, Douglas, SGT
McCune, James, LTC
McDuff, John, SGT
McMillon, Bradley, SGT
McMurrey, Ray, SPC
Melendez, Ryan, SPC
Mempas Min, Divald, PFC
Milan, Maritza, LTC
Miles, William, SGM
Missildine, Michael, CPT
Mitchell, Thomas, COL
Montelongo, Saul, PFC
Montero-Rodriguez, Jennifer, SPC
Morales, Jeffrey, CW2
Moran, Felicia, 1LT
Moses, Idoko, PV2
Neumann, Sheryl, SPC
Ocampo, Jon Albert, 1LT
Ocasio, Anne Marie, SFC
Ofisi, Gideon, CPT
Pacheco, Manuel, SGT
Pasley, William, CPL
Patterson, Roy, SFC
Potts, Michael, COL
Przybyla, William, LTC
Ramirez, Christopher, SPC
Raymond, Richard, CPT
Roberson, Melissa, CPT
Roberts, Robert, CSM
Rodriguez, Patrick, SFC
Roemer, Ron, SPC
Rogers, Andrew, MSG
Ruiz, Johnny, SGT
Schmidt, Ed, CPT
Sellers-Benjamin, Nicole, SGT
Smith, Jonathan, PFC
Sosa, Pedro, 1SG
Spikes, James, SGM
Still, James, CPT
Stout, Keith, SGT
Taguding, John, 1SG

TXSG Good Conduct Medal

(Continued)

Tejeda, Jesus, SSG
Torres, Adriana, 1LT
Towa Njankou, Alain Bedos, PV2
Trejo, Aylin, PFC
Turbeville, Norman, CPT
Vanover, Charles, COL
Villalobos, Carlos, SPC
Villanueva, Regina, SSG
Villegas, Cristian, 2LT
Walker, Teresa, SSG
Walsh, Grant, LTC
Webb, Allen, PFC
Wiest, Irma, SFC
Winkler, Raymond, MSG
Wood, Ariel, SGT

TXSG Meritorious Service Medal

Ayati, Ambrose, CPT
Barreda, Pedro, COL
Crouse, Jared, SFC
Cuevas, Carolyn Elizabeth, MAJ
Deal, Pauline, SSG
Flores, Miguel C, 1SG
Garza, Armando, COL
Jones, Dwight, SGT
Muirhead, Yvonne, CW3
Petreczko, Jan, LTC
Robinson, Brian, SFC
Surdam, Zeb, 1SG
Wilson, Trinity, SGT

TXSG Physical Fitness Ribbon

Acosta Campos, Jorge, CPL
Afolabi, Olusegun, PV2
Ajayi, Matthew, PV2
Akhigbe, Polycarp, PV2
Alvidrez, Melissa, CPL
Barringer, Daniel, 1LT
Barry, Christopher, PV2
Bigelow, Zachary, SPC
Byers, Ryan, PV2
Costanzo, Christian, 1LT
Cubillan, Alessandro, PV2
Davis, Timothy, WO1
De La Garza, Gladys, SGT
Eaton, Brenton, SPC
Esparza, Andres, PV2
Esparza, Eduardo, SPC
Esparza, Hector, PV2
Esquivel, Jason, PV2
Evans, Kevin, SGT
Ferrer-Russ, Kristine, SPC
Forcha, Ernest, SPC

TXSG Physical Fitness Medal

(Continued)

Garcia, Adam, SGT
Garza, Martha, SGT
Gonzales, Maria, PV2
Gosdin, Gregory, CPT
Hawkins, Edward, SPC
Hill, Maurice, PV2
Holland, Andrew, PV2
Hope, Kaydance, 2LT
Hunter, Briana, SSG
Lara, Josue, SPC
Le, Hiep, SGT
Lenox, Gerald, PV2
Lerma, Regina, CDT
Lopez, Antonio, SGT
Marrero, Dennis, SGT
Martins, Olumide, SPC
McAdams, Matthew, OC
Miller, Mark, SGT
Moreno, Daniel, PV2
Najera, Michelle, SPC
Ochoa, Alberto, SGT
Odulate, Samson, PV2
Olalekan, Taiwo, PV2
Ontiveros, Pedro, PV2
Pardo, Joaquin, SGT
Penano, Omar, 1LT
Pimentel, Erik, PV2
Platt, Shaun, PV2
Poppe, Sergio, SPC
Ramirez, Rodolfo, PV2
Repass, John, SPC
Rodriguez, Gerardo, CPT
Santillan, Maricela, PV2
Scott, Chad, CPL
Seethoff, Scott, SPC
Steeb, Jeremy, PV2
Stovall, Jason, SSG
Taylor, Jonathan, PV2
Torres, Ryan, PV2
Trejo, Karla, PV2
Wagstaff, David, SSG
Walker, Rachel, WO1
Willenberg, Nicholas, CPL
Zemkouo Touyem, Noel, SGT
TXSG Recruiting Badge - Master
Trejo, Karla, PV2
TXSG Recruiting Ribbon
Canham, Andrew, 1LT
TXSG SAR Technician Skills Badge
Sosa, Pedro, 1SG





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TXSG Service Medal

Adams, Kristopher Joe, PFC
Amador, Perla, SPC
Arion, Joseph, CPL
Barringer, Daniel, 1LT
Bennett, Christopher, PFC
Cappel, Mark, PFC
Colglazier, Jacob, PFC
Collins, Alan, CPL
Doherty, Connor, SGT
Garza, Steven, SGT
Godinho, Joseph, SPC
Hernandez, Oscar, SPC
Hunter, Jonathan, SPC
Isais, Maria, SPC
King, Joshua, SPC
McMullan, Joseph, SPC
Mendoza, Ignacio, SPC
Oyedele, Obafemi, PFC
Pasley, William, CPL
Puls, William, CPT
Riley, Roosevelt, SFC
Sajche, Sergio, PFC
Silva, Kaitlan, SGT
Snyder, Andrew, SGT
Tanton, Zachary, CPT
TXSG Training Ribbon
Afolabi, Olusegun, PV2
Ajayi, Matthew, PV2
Akhigbe, Polycarp, PV2
Alaqeeli, Nabeel, SPC
Alves Da Silva, Gustavo, SPC
Arsikere, Supritha, WOC
Barry, Christopher, PV2
Bowie, Jenetta, PV2
Byers, Ryan, PV2
Cubillan, Alessandro, PV2
Dang, Jesse, 2LT
Davis, Timothy, WO1
Degorostiza, William, PV2
Esico, Eric, CDT
Esparza, Andres, PV2
Esparza, Eduardo, SPC
Esparza, Hector, PV2
Esparza, Luis, PV2
Esquivel, Jeson, PV2
Fernando, Orlando, SPC
Francisco, Crisel, CDT
Garcia, Jennifer, SPC
Gonzales, Maria, PV2
Hard, Cody, PV2
Hill, Maurice, PV2
Holland, Andrew, PV2

Texas Service Medal

(Continued)

Hope, Kaydance, 2LT
James, Nicole, PV2
King, Melisa, PV2
Lenox, Gerald, PV2
Lerma, Regina, CDT
Lozano, Nicholas, PV2
Marrero, Dennis, SGT
Martins, Olumide, SPC
McAdams, Matthew, OC
Moreno, Daniel, PV2
Moreno, David, SPC
Najera, Michelle, SPC
Nguyen, Thi Kim Cuc, PV1
Ochoa, Alberto, SGT
Odulate, Samson, PV2
Olalekan, Taiwo, PV2
Ontiveros, Pedro, PV2
Penano, Omar, 1LT
Pimentel, Erik, PV2
Platt, Shaun, PV2
Poppe, Sergio, SPC
Ramirez, Rodolfo, PV2
Rodriguez, Gerardo, CPT
Santillan, Maricela, PV2
Seethoff, Scott, SPC
Steeb, Jeremy, PV2
Taylor, Jonathan, PV2
Torres, Eduardo, PV2
Torres, Ryan, PV2
Walker, Rachel, WO1

Texas Faithful Service Medal

Barringer, Daniel, 1LT
Becker, Warren, SSG
Campbell, Scott, MAJ
Canham, Andrew, 1LT
Coover, Douglas, CPT
Cox, Wayne, CPL
Davidson, Brian, SFC
Garcia, Ricardo, SGT
Gorena, John, CW4
Grimes, Willie, WO1
Harvey, David, LTC
Hernandez, Oscar, SPC
Kaufman, Ryan, SPC
Lawler, Mark, 1LT
Lawyer, Michael, CPT
Lee, Jason, CW2
Mills, Gloria, SSG
Mitchell, Thomas, COL
Oliver, Joseph-Cameron, SPC
Pasley, William, CPL

Texas Faithful Service Medal

(Continued)

Prewett, Lisaann, CPL
Przybyla, William, LTC
Rivas, Frank, MSG
Skym, Jeffery, CPT
Spikes, James, SGM
Stubbs, Jason, MSG
Thomas, Clifford, SFC
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