



Texas Military Forces News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Members of the media are invited to cover the toy distribution preparations on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, beginning at 8 a.m. at the National Guard Armory at 1175 California Crossing, Dallas, Texas 75220.

Those media wishing to cover the toy distribution at the area hospitals are welcome to do so at Medical City Children's Hospital at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, and must arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. for parking and coordination. Medical City Children's Hospital is located at 7777 Forest Ln., Dallas, Texas 75230.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, by 5 p.m. with the 19th Civil Affairs Regiment, Col. Robert Hastings at 817-528-2790 or email at robert.hastings@txsg.state.tx.us.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas State Guard to Deliver Toys to Dallas Area Hospitals

AUSTIN, Texas (Dec. 11, 2014) – Dozens of uniformed members of the Texas State Guard (TXSG) will sort, organize and prepare thousands of toys for delivery to pediatric patients at Dallas and Fort Worth area children's hospitals, on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, beginning at 8 a.m.

Following the sorting, organizing and loading of toys, volunteers with the TXSG will personally deliver collected toys to children at Medical City Children's Hospital in Dallas. Just one of several hospitals being visited by members of the Guard on Saturday, other toy distributions are being arranged across the state in Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Lubbock.

In its fifth year, the toy distribution is part of the "Young Heroes of the Guard" toy roundup program designed to collect and deliver new toys to pediatric patients at every dedicated children's hospital in Texas during the holiday season. Additionally, the goal is to collect enough toys to leave behind an inventory of stuffed animals, games, dolls and more for the hospitals to give to patients throughout the following year.

"This year thanks to the generous donations of communities throughout Texas, we have been able to raise more than 13,000 toys," said Col. Robert Hastings, commander, 19th Regiment, Texas State Guard. "This is the largest amount of donations in the program's five year history and doubles last year's figures."

Since 2009, Texas State Guard volunteers have collected and distributed more than 21,000 toys to children across Texas who are spending the holiday season away from home. For more information about the Texas State Guard and the "Young Heroes of the Guard" Toy Drive visit www.txsg.state.tx.us.

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The mission of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Forces are commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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