



Texas Military Forces News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Those media wishing to cover the toy distribution at the area hospitals are welcome to do so at Children's Memorial-Hermann Hospital at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, and must arrive no later than 1:45 p.m. for parking and coordination. Children's Memorial-Hermann Hospital is located at 6411 Fannin St., Houston, Texas 77030.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, Dec. 18, 2014, by 5 p.m. with the Texas State Guard public affairs representative, Capt. Shawn James at 713-376-8210 or email at shawn.james@txsg.state.tx.us.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas State Guard to Deliver Toys to Houston Area Hospitals

AUSTIN, Texas (Dec. 16, 2014) – Dozens of uniformed members of the Texas State Guard (TXSG) will deliver thousands of toys to pediatric patients in Houston area children's hospitals, on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, beginning at 9 a.m.

Having sorted and organized more than 3,000 toys for the Houston area, volunteers with the TXSG will personally deliver collected toys to children at Children's Memorial-Hermann Hospital. Just one of several hospitals being visited by members of the Guard on Friday, other local hospitals receiving toys include Shriners Hospital and the main campus of Texas Children's Hospital.

In its sixth 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 the TXSG has raised more than 18,000 toys, making it the largest amount of donations in the program's five year history. Other toy distributions are being arranged across the state in Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Lubbock.

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.

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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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