



# Texas Military Forces News

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the deployment ceremony at the San Angelo Convention Center in San Angelo, Texas on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, at 10 a.m. and must arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Leadership and Soldiers from the company will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, by 12:00 p.m. with the Texas Military Forces state Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or via email at [ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil). Media will be required to show credentials.

The San Angelo Convention Center is located at 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76903.

**FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:**

## San Angelo Based Engineers Deploy to Afghanistan

**CAMP MABRY, Texas (Feb. 11, 2014)** - On Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., the Texas Army National Guard will bid goodbye and good luck to the 454th Engineer Company as they mobilize to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The deployment ceremony will be held at the San Angelo Convention Center in San Angelo, Texas.

The San Angelo based engineer company is aligned under the 111th Engineer Battalion located in Brownwood, Texas. While deployed the company's mission will be to provide route clearance patrol with convoys, in order to detect buried explosive hazards on the roadways. Just one of a handful route clearance mission teams within the National Guard and the only one within the Texas National Guard, leaders with the company are honored for this opportunity to serve their nation.

"This multifaceted mission is critical in that it enables the rest of the forces the ability to move freely around the battlefield," said Capt. Eric Leatherman, Commander, 454th Engineer Company. "It also allows the National Guard to prove how diverse it is and be a recognizable force alongside our active duty counterparts."

The company is made up of approximately 100 Soldiers, with the majority of them calling West Central Texas and the Big Country home.

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