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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the Homeland Response Force External Evaluation VIP Day, on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, should arrive to Camp Gruber, 100 Highway 10, Braggs, Oklahoma 74423, at 9:30 a.m. for coordination and escort. Personnel will be available for interviews following the event.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 4, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. with the JTF-136 (MEB) Public Information Office and will be required to show credentials.

For more information, please contact the JTF-136 (MEB) Public Information Office, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Griego at 512-660-7171; email daniel.a.griego.mil@mail.mil.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas Guardsmen certify to conduct regional, life-saving mission

ROUND ROCK, Texas (Feb. 20, 2014) – From Feb. 26 - March 9, 2014, Soldiers and Airmen with Joint Task Force 136 (Maneuver Enhancement Brigade), Texas Military Forces, will conduct a large-scale simulated response effort in order to certify their Homeland Response Force mission at Camp Gruber in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The mission bridges the gap between civilian first responders and military support personnel in the event of disaster, and covers all of FEMA Region VI, which includes Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

These specialized National Guardsmen are equipped to handle emergency response needs such as search and extraction, decontamination, and medical triage. As a military outfit, JTF-136 (MEB) functions entirely at the request of and in support of its civilian counterparts such as fire and police departments.

This training exercise is the official National Guard Bureau-mandated certification necessary for the brigade-sized element to continue the Homeland Response force mission for another three years. As this is an external evaluation, the validating entity, Joint Interagency Training and Education Center (JITEC), is a non-NGB organization qualified to assess the effectiveness of our Guardsmen in their life-saving mission tasks.

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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 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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