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Texas State Guard Provides Community Service at Bike-A-Thon

MIDLAND, Texas (Aug. 11, 2015) – Soldiers from the 39th Composite Regiment, Texas State Guard, performed route and safety guidance for the Cactus & Crude MS-150 Bike-A-Thon, sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society, July 25-26, 2015. The 150-mile route stretched from Midland to Lubbock.

Those volunteers, in direct support of local law enforcement, worked to create a safe roadway for the cyclists at multiple highway intersections, blind curves, and other potentially dangerous points along the route.

"The soldiers of the 39th Composite Regiment, along with event organizers, local emergency management, law enforcement and emergency medical services, did an outstanding job of ensuring the safety of all cyclists along the two-day 150-mile route," said Col. Barney E. Welch, commander of the 39th Composite Regiment, Texas State Guard. "In the process, our soldiers used this event as a training opportunity for future missions where the regiment is needed for maintaining traffic flow and assisting with the evacuation of citizens during an emergency, such as a hurricane or a wildfire. The 39th is always ready and "equal to the task"."

Working together, the organizers, cyclists, and soldiers, saw this community event as a shining example of how cooperative efforts among citizens, local authorities, and the Texas State Guard can achieve a successful outcome.

In the spirit of the event, Sgt. 1st Class Rosalind Roger, 3rd Battalion, 39th Composite Regiment, entered the race and finished among the top riders.

"The ride was great, the weather was fabulous, and the support from the Texas State Guard was amazing," said Roger. "I am proud to be a part of a great team like the Texas State Guard. I look forward to this event next year."

The Texas State Guard is the state's volunteer military agency; trained, organized and ready to respond when a disaster strikes and Texans need help. The Texas State Guard is comprised of more than 2,000 volunteers organized into four components – Army, Air, Medical and Maritime – with individual units assigned throughout the state. The Texas State Guard serves Texans by

providing assistance during emergencies such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires, and community events.

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