



Texas Military Department News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the Open House are invited to do so on Saturday, April 16, 2016, or Sunday, April 17, 2016 and must coordinate with the Public Affairs Office for parking and a media escort. Representatives from the Texas Military Department, City of Austin and the American Heroes Show will be available for interviews.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday April 15, 2015, by 5 p.m., with the State Public Affairs office at (o) 512-782-5620 or (m) 512-413-7574; email: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Media is being asked to access Camp Mabry via the Exposition Blvd. gate from 35th Street. Media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas Military Department Open House and American Heroes Show This Weekend

AUSTIN, Texas (April 13, 2016) – The Texas Military Department will be opening the doors of Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 16-17, 2016, for its annual open house featuring the American Heroes Show.

The free two-day event will feature a helicopter show, opening ceremony and parachute jump team, the Traveling Vietnam Wall, a naturalization ceremony for members of all military branches, World War II and Vietnam reenactments, the Missing in America Project, local first responder demonstrations, a JROTC Drill competition, as well as many other events. This year, the event will be honoring the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War with a special tribute including a battle reenactment and an outdoor film screening of the movie 'The Green Berets' hosted by the Alamo Drafthouse's Rolling Roadshow.

The event will also highlight the crucial role of helicopters in Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Urban Search and Rescue and National Guard Support to Civil Authorities in Domestic Operations through aerial demonstrations, weather dependent.

“This is our opportunity to thank the community for supporting the Texas Military Department as we have deployed thousands of your hometown guardsmen overseas as well as right here in

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Texas,” said Texas Adjutant General Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols. “It's an honor to serve Texas citizens both home and abroad.”

Admission to the event is free and anyone entering Camp Mabry must show a valid photo ID. For complete event information or to view the schedule of events, please visit our website at <https://tmd.texas.gov/tmd-open-house>.

**Events such as the opening ceremony, naturalization ceremony, the JROTC Drill Competition and the showing of ‘The Green Berets’ will be relocated to an indoor location should weather become a factor. Up to date weather contingency plans will be posted on the Texas Military Department’s social media channels and website.

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

For more information about the Texas Military Department visit our website at <https://tmd.texas.gov>.

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