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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas on Sunday, August 13, 2017, at 10 a.m. and must arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. to allow for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, August 11, 2017, by 4 p.m. with the Texas Military Department State Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or email at ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil. Media will be required to show credentials.

Camp Mabry is located at 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, Texas 78731

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

San Antonio resident to be inducted to Texas Military Hall of Honor

AUSTIN, Texas (August 8, 2017) – Texas Air National Guard retired Chief Master Sgt. Horace E. Hobbs, of San Antonio, will be inducted into the Texas Military Department's Hall of Honor for his extraordinary impact on the Texas Military, during a 10 a.m. ceremony at Camp Mabry in Austin, Aug. 13, 2017.

Hobbs served 40 years in the Texas Military, joining the Texas Air National Guard in 1971. He continually demonstrated the highest qualities of enlisted leadership as he ascended to the office of Command Chief Master Sergeant and was entrusted with the responsibility of advising commanders on matters impacting more than 1,100 Airmen in the 149th Fighter Wing and its geographically separated units.

In 1983, Hobbs was named Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 149th Fighter Group, a prestigious honor for enlisted Airmen. In 1985, he went on to cross train to the Computerized Automatic Test Station career field and was named honor graduate for a second time. He served as lead 149th Fighter Wing subject matter expert for all F-16 Gold Flag/Air Force Repair Enhancement Program initiatives between 1990 and 2000.

In 1998, Hobbs was again a key contributor to the Wing's mission conversion to a Fighter Training Unit where he helped to establish methods to efficiently produce highly trained fighter pilots for the Air Force.

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Additionally, Hobbs collaborated with Texas State Command Chiefs to develop important enlisted promotion guidelines that impact thousands of enlisted personnel. Moreover, he co-authored the Texas Air National Guard's instruction for E-8 and E-9 promotions and established time requirements for E-7s to complete formal leadership training-directives still in use today.

Hobbs' superior leadership and strategic vision were the cornerstone for four consecutive "Excellent" ratings for the 149th Fighter Wing during major inspections in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010. In 2011, Hobbs culminated his career by being awarded the National Guard Minute Man Award.

Following his retirement, he continued to serve the Texas Military community through his work as a historian and Yellow Ribbon manager for the 149th Fighter Wing, ensuring deployed members and their families were aware of the benefits and cared for throughout the deployment process.

Hobbs' tireless efforts and devotion to the Texas Air National Guard and the state of Texas for 40 years had a significant impact on the force that will undoubtedly continue far into the future. His competence and outstanding contributions to the Texas National Guard reflect great credit on the Texas Military Department and the state of Texas.

The Hall of Honor program was established in 1980 to recognize outstanding Texas Air, Army and State Guard members. Since its inception, more than 95 members of the TMD have been inducted. Hobbs' picture and a narrative explaining his service will hang in the conference room of the Brig. Gen. John C.L. Scribner Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin.

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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, 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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