



Texas Military Department News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the resolution and competition's media day on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and must coordinate with the Public Affairs Office for parking and a media escort. You will be asked to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, March 3, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. with the Texas Military Department state Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or email ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Camp Swift is located at 1705 Hwy 95 North, Bastrop, Texas, 78602

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas National Guard partners with international armed forces for annual Best Warrior Competition

AUSTIN, Texas (Feb. 28, 2017) – On Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Texas Military Department will host a media day at Camp Swift in Bastrop, Texas, near Austin, as 28 Texas National Guard soldiers and airmen, Czech and Chilean armed forces members compete in the final round of the statewide Best Warrior Competition.

Immediately following a 12-mile foot march, the competitors will gather as the Bastrop County Commissioner reads an official resolution celebrating the contributions of the local military and its service members, as well as renewing Bastrop's support of the TMD Best Warrior Competition. After the proclamation by Bastrop officials, media representatives are invited to cover the "mystery event," a fast-paced, high-intensity event that will test all competitors on numerous warrior tasks.

The Best Warrior Competition is a rigorous three-day competition that tests the tactical and technical expertise of service members through scored events, such as an oral knowledge exam board, a tactical road march, obstacle course and physical fitness test, as well as "a mystery event" announced the day of the competition.

For the first time, representatives from Texas' State Partnership Program countries of the Czech Republic and Chile will be competing in this event. The purpose is to build camaraderie and strengthen inter-agency relationships between Texas Guardsmen and those they serve alongside of both at home and abroad.

The winners of this year's Best Warrior competition will be named and honored at an upcoming banquet in April. Winners from the Army National Guard will continue to represent Texas in regional and/or national Best Warrior competitions later this year.

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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).

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

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