



# Texas Military Department News

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the media/VIP day on Friday, July 13, 2018, at 1 p.m. and must arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. to allow for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, July 13, 2018, by 11 a.m., with the State Public Affairs office at (o) 512-782-5620 or (m) 512-426-0909; email: [ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

Camp Mabry is accessed at the Maintenance Drive gate from 35th Street. Media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

### FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

## Camp Mabry's STARBASE outreach program celebrates 5th year of serving Austin-area students.

**AUSTIN, Texas (July 10, 2018)** – Camp Mabry's STARBASE outreach program invites members of the media to a media day, on Friday, July 13, 2018, at 1 p.m. at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. During this time, media will be able to watch the students take part in the 'Eggbert' experiment, in which they utilize the Engineering Design Process to create a safety restraint device to protect a raw egg in a simulated crash landing.

As the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) focused program prepares to graduate its 37th group of students for the 2017-2018 year, Texas STARBASE Austin is on track to host more than 2000 Austin-area students this year.

STARBASE Austin, is a Texas National Guard youth education program, with the objective to raise the interest and improve the knowledge and skills of at-risk elementary students in STEM by offering exemplary instruction using an engaging curriculum that meets and exceeds Texas standards (TEKS).

"While at Camp Mabry, students participate in authentic STEM learning experiences and interact with military personnel to explore careers and observe STEM applications in the 'real world.'" said Patrick Yonnone, Director of STARBASE Austin.

STARBASE Austin is housed at Camp Mabry and funded by the Department of Defense (DoD). The commitment by the Texas Military Department to host STARBASE is part of the Texas National Guard's goal to add value to our communities and develop and participate in local, state and national programs that provide a positive impact in our communities. The program's success relies on collaboration between Camp Mabry, the local community and participating schools.

DoD STARBASE is a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. At STARBASE students interact with military personnel to explore careers and observe STEM applications in the "real world." The program provides students with 25 hours of stimulating experiences at National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force Reserve, Army and Air Force bases across the nation.

For more information about STARBASE email [ContactUs@STARBASEAustin.org](mailto:ContactUs@STARBASEAustin.org) or visit <https://tmd.texas.gov/starbase>.

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