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For more information about this campaign, please contact Ms. Jacki Jackson, Grants Project & Partnership Coordinator for TMD at 512-782-1218 or email at grants@cfmo.mil.texas.gov.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas Military Department receives grant money for environmental projects

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 6, 2018)- The Texas Military Department (TMD) has been awarded a grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) to conduct an environmental restoration and educational awareness campaign at Camp Mabry, in Austin, to support National Public Lands Day (NPLD), the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands. The campaign kicked off Sept. 22, 2018 and runs through Dec. 14, 2018.

The campaign will enhance the organization's efforts to promote environmental conservation and stewardship of natural resources at Camp Mabry. A beauty berry patch will be established on Camp Mabry, as well as maintenance and land improvements to the public fishing pond and hiking trails throughout the installation. The campaign will conclude with the planting of 300 native tree species at Camp Mabry.

As part of the campaign, TMD will initiate a conservation effort for the Chimney Swift bird, a near threatened species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Act, a Chimney Swift tower and educational site will be constructed on Camp Mabry to support this initiative. The site will serve as an educational opportunity and learning experience for the community and general public.

The environmental team under the TMD Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO) will be providing educational opportunities and hands-on activities throughout this campaign. Past activities have included infield observation of native wildlife and plants, nature conservation and invasive species management tips, and hands-on construction and assistance in building conservation structures.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or participant, you can contact the TMD Grants and Public-Public/Public-Private (P4) Partnership Program at grants@cfmo.mil.texas.gov to express your interest and receive additional information.

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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) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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