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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the open house are invited to do so on Saturday or Sunday, April 13-14, 2019, and must coordinate with the Public Affairs Office for parking and a media escort. Representatives from the Texas Military Department, Austin Police Department and the American Heroes Show will be available for interviews.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday April 12, 2019, by 4 p.m., with the State Public Affairs office at (o) 512-782-5620; email:<u>ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil</u>.

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:

Texas Military Department welcomes public for annual open house

AUSTIN, Texas (April 9, 2019) The Texas Military Department and Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas, will host its annual open house from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., this Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14, 2019. The event will feature the American Heroes Show.

The free two-day event will feature a variety of military vehicles and equipment on display, a helicopter show, the Traveling Vietnam Wall, a World War II reenactment, local first responder demonstrations, and many other events. This year, the department will award the Lone Star Medal of Valor to more than a dozen service members for their exceptional contributions during Hurricane Harvey.

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.

"I look forward to this event ever year. Opening our gates and welcoming the public into Camp Mabry gives us a chance to educate our friends and neighbors on the many missions of the Texas Military Department," said Texas Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Tracy R. Norris. "This is a great opportunity for our fellow Texans to see how coordination with local communities and partner first responders is crucial in our efforts to serve our citizens both at home and abroad."

Admission to the event is free and food vendors will be set up throughout the event. Anyone entering Camp Mabry must show a valid photo ID. For complete event information or to view the schedule of events, visit https://tmd.texas.gov/tmd-open-house.

**All events can be relocated or canceled due to inclement weather. Please check Texas Military Department's social media and website for up-to-date information.

Texas Military Department Public Affairs P.O. Box 5218, Building 10 Camp Mabry (Austin), Texas 78703 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 Office of the Executive Director (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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

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