



Texas Military Department

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to attend the Texas State Guard Assumption of Command Ceremony on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. Media must arrive no later than 1:30 p.m. to allow for parking and coordination. Leadership and Soldiers from the unit will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

Members of the media are requested to RSVP no later than Friday, January 25, by 12:00 p.m. with the Texas Military Department Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or Ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil. Upon arrival on the day of the event, please contact Sgt. 1st Class John Gately at 512-912-6947.

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:

30-year Veteran assumes command of Texas State Guard

AUSTIN, Texas (January 22, 2019) – On Saturday, January 26, 2019, Maj. Gen. Robert J. Bodisch will assume command of the Texas State Guard. The assumption of command ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the auditorium in Building 8 on Camp Mabry, in Austin.

Bodisch was appointed to the position by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on October 25, 2018. Bodisch served as the interim commander for nearly a year and previously served as the Deputy Commanding General of the Texas State Guard. This appointment follows the retirement of Maj. Gen. Gerald ‘Jake’ Betty. In all, Bodisch has served in the guard for over 30 years since taking his oath in August 1988.

The assumption of command ceremony will mark the official start of Bodisch’s command. He will receive the colors by newly appointed Adjutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris. The ceremony will also include a change of flag and speech from Bodisch, where he will provide his vision for the Texas State Guard.

“Our most important and valuable asset is our people. Each of our leaders is expected to exhibit the integrity, dependability, judgement, and accountability we expect of each of our troops.” Bodisch said.

Prior to being appointed to his current role, Bodisch was the Deputy Director of Homeland Security and Services at the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin, Texas.

The mission of the Texas State Guard (TXSG) is to provide mission-ready military forces to assist state and local authorities in times of state emergencies; to conduct homeland security and community service activities under the umbrella of Defense Support to Civil Authorities; and to augment the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air National Guard as required.

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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 Office of the Executive Director (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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