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Annual Training Camp Swift



The Texas State Guard Welcomes the Texas Maritime Regiment,
RADM (UH) Peter Andrus and GySgt John Nichols (w/guidon), and their troops first AT

CAMP MABRY, TEXAS (August 11, 2007): On Thursday 2 August 2007 thru 5 August 2007 the 1st, 8th, 19th Regiment, the Texas Maritime Regiment and the Quick Reaction Teams from the 2nd, 4th, and 39th Regiments conducted annual training at Camp Swift, Bastrop Texas. The Air Division and the Texas Medical Brigade provided personnel to participate in specific training events.

AT 07 training focused on training to support the Homeland Security/Homeland Defense missions of the State. The general concept of training at AT07 was both classroom presentations and field training which was held on Friday and Saturday 3 and 4 August 07. The HQ, JFTX, J2 conducted a Quick Reaction Team (QRT) competition for the Army regiments.

During AT 07 the training sessions consisted of:

- Red Cross Shelter Management Training. The Governors Division of Emergency Management has incorporated the Texas State Guard into their emergency planning for this mission.

- FEMA workshops IS 100, IS 200, IS 700 and IS 800 which are a priority for the Texas Adjutant General.
- Basic Orientation Training (BOT) which is a training event designed for those who are new to the Texas State Guard and have no previous military training. The instruction covered drill and ceremony, wearing of the uniform, military customs, rank identification and other basic courses.
- Interim Satellite Incident Site Communications Set (ISISCS) training. HQ JTFTX J6 staff conducted hands on training of the communications system. AN/PRC 150 Familiarization Training was integrated into the training.
- Military Radio Procedure training was designed to familiarize TXSG personnel with proper military radio procedures, the military phonetic alphabet and hands on training in sending and receiving radio traffic.
- Amateur Radio (HF) Certification training featured licensed amateur radio trainers and certification officers. Those in attendance were tested and those who passed earned their amateur radio technician's license. The goal is to establish a state-wide TXSG amateur radio network.
- The Personnel and Administration Workshop was designed to review and provide updates of TXSG P&A regulations and recent revisions in TXSG manning documents.
- Weapons qualifications were conducted on the firing range.
- Quick Reaction Team (QRT) Competition consisted of four phases: Physical fitness, land navigation, weapons qualification and leadership reaction.
- A commanders call was conducted on Saturday for regimental and battalion commanders.
- Swift Water Awareness training was conducted for the Texas Maritime Regiment.
- The Staff Judge Advocate conducted a workshop on legal issues.

On Saturday evening Chapel services were conducted by military chaplains and on Sunday Annual Training 2007 came to a close with a promotion and awards ceremony.

Clifford Durham 3rd Bn, 1st Regt, was promoted to Captain

Kirk Sullivan 2nd BN/8th Regiment, Houston, TX was promoted to First Lieutenant

Joe Cave was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, 2nd BN, TMAR, San Antonio, TX

Arnold Steed was appointed to the grade of Ensign, HQ TMAR, Houston, TX

David Barnwell was promoted to First Lieutenant, HQ 8th Regiment, Houston, TX

Joe Trevino was promoted to Sergeant Major, HQ 1st Regiment, San Antonio, TX

Roger Rios was promoted to Master Sergeant, HQ, 1st Regiment, San Antonio, TX

Norma Cuellar promoted to Sgt, HQ 1st Regiment, San Antonio, TX

Terry Green promoted to Sgt, Company A 1st Battalion, 19th Regiment, Dallas, TX

John Helenberg, WO2 awarded the Medal of Merit as an Intelligence Officer working the State Operation Center while participating in Operation Wrangler.

Todd Radford, WO awarded the Medal of Merit as Officer in Charge of the McAllen LE LNO Team in Operation Wrangler.

Thomas Hurley, MSG, HQ 19th BDE Dallas, TX was awarded the Medal of Merit for his service as Shelter Operations NCOIC, Angelina County Expo Center during Hurricane Rita.

Vaughn McCauley, SGT awarded the Medal of Merit for service at the Angelina County Expo Center during Hurricane Rita.

John Golliday, Major was awarded the Medal of Merit, 3rd award, for his service during Operation Rio Grande, in support to the Texas Border Watch program.

Joseph Conte, 1st Lt, 39th CA Regiment Lubbock, TX was awarded the Adjutant General's Individual Award for his participation in Operation Wrangler in Del Rio, TX.

Jon Icenhower, Major was awarded the Order of St. George, from the United States Armor Association.