



**TEXAS MILITARY**  
**DEC 2014**  
**BIENNIAL REPORT**



The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711



Dear Governor Perry:

During the past biennium, the Texas Military has achieved numerous successes. We have leveraged our resources; built effective partnerships; and our Soldiers, Airmen, and State Guardsmen have responded to accomplish our state and federal missions.

Pursuant to Section 437.107, Texas Government Code, the Texas Military submits this report containing the following information: an account of all arms, ammunition, and other military property owned by or in possession of this state and its present location; a statement of the number, condition, and organization of the Texas military forces; the suggestions important to the military interests and conditions of this state; a list and description of all Texas Military Forces missions that are in progress; and a statement of department plans to obtain and maintain future Texas National Guard missions, including proposed missions that are consistent with the United States Department of Defense's strategies.

We remain vigilant and are available at your call whether supporting domestic operations within our state's borders during Operation Strong Safety; providing defense support to civil authorities during severe winter weather events, flooding or wildfires; or sending troops and assets abroad in support of Operation United Assistance, the Multi-National Force Observer mission, and Global War on Terrorism.

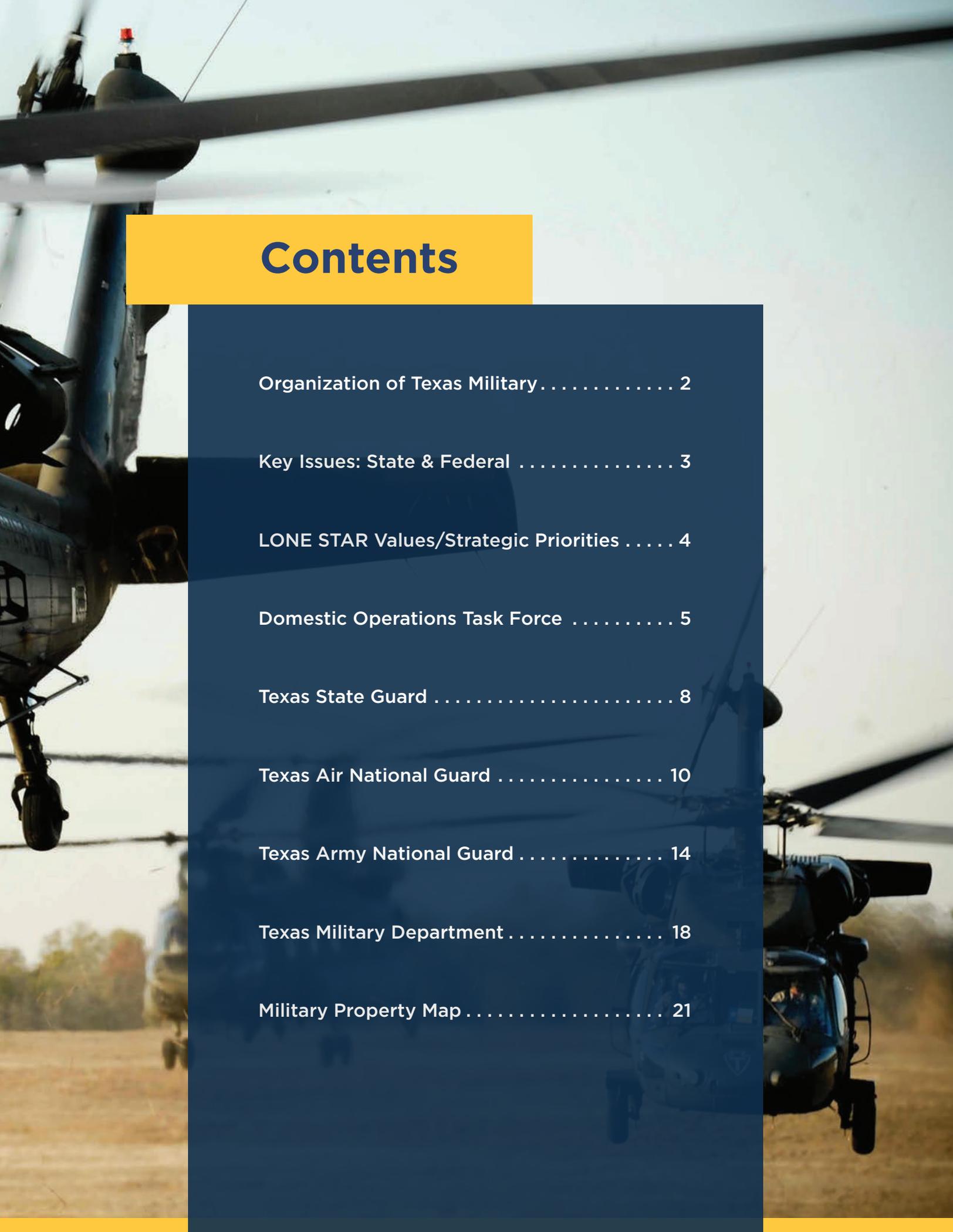
We are proud to be Texans Defending Texas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**JOHN F. NICHOLS, Major General**  
Adjutant General





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# Organization of the Texas Military

The Texas Military is authorized and organized under Chapter 437 of the Texas Government Code. The adjutant general leads this multi-faceted, state-federal organization; the Governor of Texas serves as the commander-in-chief. Service members operate within the U.S. Department of Defense's chain-of-command and are responsible to the president only when augmenting the U.S. Army or the U.S. Air Force.

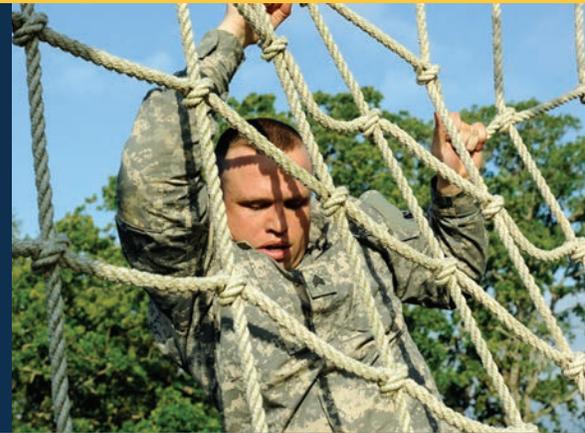
As an enterprise, the Texas Military has about 23,000 members and employees who live and work all across Texas. The Texas National Guard components currently meet or exceed established recruiting and retention goals.



# Key Issues: State & Federal

## State:

The ancillary benefits of federal activity since 9/11 have allowed the state to increase its emergency response readiness. In the face of reduced federal missions and budgets, the state must invest in the Texas Military's infrastructure to include facilities, technology, and appropriate staffing, as well as ensuring forces are available to the governor to aid fellow Texans during emergencies.



## Federal:

While fiscal uncertainty and constrained federal budgets lead to changing defense policy and military structure, it is important to recognize the National Guard maintains defense capabilities at one-third of the cost of the active component. Failure to recognize these efficiencies has led to decisions that reduce the capabilities of the National Guard within Texas, with no demonstrated benefit to the United States. The potential changes under consideration include removing the AH-64 Apache helicopters and a large brigade of trained and ready Soldiers from Texas. Additionally, the federal government has failed to ensure modernization of the state's Air National Guard airframes.

## LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS THAT INVEST IN THE TEXAS MILITARY

### Texas State Guard Operations

Infrastructure to support the daily operations of 2,300 volunteers

### Texas State Guard Annual Training Days

Four days training to ensure disaster preparedness

### Emergency Operations Management

Automated administrative system to facilitate faster disaster response

### Disaster Funds

Increase funding baseline to support for long-term or multiple events

### Satellite Support for Missions and Training

Sustainable emergency communication capability among responders

### Daily Maintenance

Preventative maintenance of more than 100 facilities

### Huntsville Armory

Buy out lease to ensure long-term presence at key staging area

### Mental Health Initiative

Two additional mental health counselors

### CAPPS - Accounting System

Implement new statewide enterprise planning system

### Fund Nine Statewide Projects

Match federal dollars to repair and rehabilitate existing facilities

### Fund Energy Upgrades at Facilities Statewide

Draw federal matching dollars and create ongoing cost savings

### Land for Southeast Texas Readiness Center

Obtain location for East Texas troops and equipment placement

### Range Abatement and Conversion Projects

Clean and abate eight firing ranges and convert space

### Road Maintenance

Roads, parking, flatwork, and aviation surfaces statewide



# LONE STAR Values/Strategic Priorities



**LOYALTY**

**OPPORTUNITY**

**NETWORKED**

**ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE**

**SELFLESS SERVICE**

**TEXAS SPIRIT**

**ADAPTABILITY**

**READY**

**T**he Texas Military is committed to provide the governor and the president with ready forces in support of state and federal authorities at home and abroad. This will, undoubtedly, be accomplished by the tireless effort of the Texas Military by:

#### **Putting People First**

The single most valuable resource we have is human capital. It is incumbent upon each one of us to train, coach, mentor, and guide the next generation of strong, ethical leaders—with no exceptions.

#### **Being Relevant**

It is critical that we continue to find new ways to distinguish ourselves as the force provider of choice. We cannot fail to recognize current threats and ignore opportunities to expand our capabilities.

#### **Standing Ready**

As time marches onward, we enter an ever-changing and uncertain environment in terms of politics, budget, and constant change that shape the circumstances in which we operate both at home and overseas.

#### **Communicating**

We must ensure effective communication between all constituents of the Texas Military Forces and Texas Military Department, and improve our ability to communicate with our state agency partners, first responders, and external agencies.

#### **Partnering**

We must never forget our organization's success is dependent upon effective multi-national, joint, interagency, public, and private sector collaboration; we cannot accomplish our mission without the support of our partners, both within and outside the government.

# 30,000

**SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN HAVE DEPLOYED OVERSEAS SINCE 9/11.**

# Domestic Operations Task Force

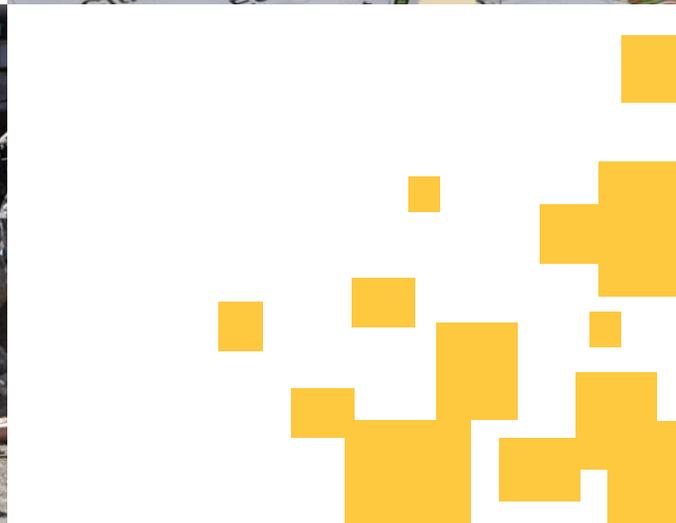


The Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) commander is eligible to become a dual-status commander, as authorized under the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, which allows for a unified command of state (Title 32) and federal (Title 10) military forces during a major disaster response effort.

## The following are components of the DOMOPS command:

The Joint Task Force, headquartered in Round Rock, is the designated Homeland Response Force for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 6, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 68 federally recognized Tribal Nations. The Joint Task Force also includes the 6th Civil Support Team (CST), based at Camp Mabry, which is capable of responding to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) threats. The task force has 536 personnel who augment civil authorities with CBRN mitigation capabilities.

An engineer brigade, headquartered in Grand Prairie, provides portable bridges and woodland fire suppression equipment to the joint task force. The engineer brigade possesses unique equipment and capabilities not traditionally available to local civil authorities.



**The DOMOPS supports civil authorities in protecting the lives and property of Texas from natural hazards, criminal enterprises, terrorist threats, cyber threats, and industrial related incidents.**



# Domestic Operations Task Force (cont'd)

## MISSIONS

### Operation Strong Safety

In 2014, Governor Rick Perry activated state military forces to assist the Texas Department of Public Safety with border-enforcement operations.

### Civil Operations

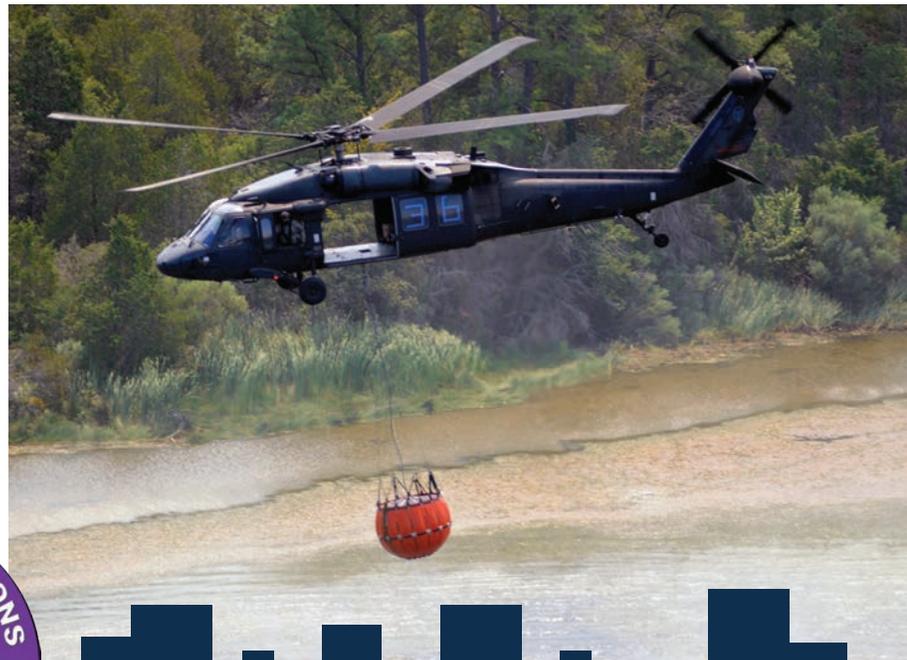
The National Guard Civil Operations Program educates communities and community anti-drug coalitions in creating partnerships, programs, processes, and plans that support healthy living.

### Operation Crackdown

Counterdrug Task Force Soldiers and Airmen help local governments demolish structures associated with the drug trade. To date, this program has demolished 1,414 structures using heavy equipment paid with federal asset forfeiture funds (seized drug money). To say it plainly, the operation uses seized drug money to demolish drug houses across Texas.

### Operation RINGGOLD

Foreign language counterdrug signal intelligence intercepts and produces classified information for the federal agencies working on counter-narcotic and narco-terrorism missions.



## INVESTIGATIVE CASE ANALYTICAL SUPPORT

Counterdrug Task Force Soldiers and Airmen are embedded with law enforcement agencies throughout Texas to assist the construction of case files through link analysis, document exploitation, and commodity-financial analysis.

# The Counterdrug Task Force

Headquartered in Austin, the Counterdrug Task Force assists law enforcement agencies and other community-based organizations in the disruption of illicit drug financing, production, transportation, and distribution. The Counterdrug Task Force uses drug seizure funds to promote drug-free living through grants awarded to community-based education and prevention programs.

## STARBASE

The STARBASE program provides integrated education programs to at-risk youth in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The program aims to ignite a desire for learning that will ultimately produce a highly educated and skilled workforce that can meet the advanced technological goals of the military.

## Texas ChalleNGe Academy

The Youth ChalleNGe Academy, located in both Sheffield and Eagle Lake, is a voluntary, military-based program that provides opportunities to high school dropouts and those at risk of dropping out. The Texas ChalleNGe Academy operates two, 22-week residential classes with a one-year mentorship program. The academy graduates 200 former high school dropouts per year, and has had more than 2,500 students graduate from the academy since 1994.

## Special Operations Detachment (SOD)

The SOD conducts low visibility, counterdrug surveillance operations to detect and report illegal drug activities in support of law enforcement drug interdiction operations. The SOD provides training support to law enforcement agencies in military subjects and skills useful in counterdrug operations.

## The Task Force Liberty

The Task Force Liberty, based in Laredo, provides aviation support throughout the Rio Grande Valley to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a law enforcement agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Task Force Liberty is manned through a systematic rotation of states.



## TEXAS COUNTERDRUG AVIATION PROVIDES:

6

UH-72 LAKOTA HELICOPTERS

6

PILOTS AND 4 CREW CHIEFS

11

SA-227 FAIRCHILD METROLINER AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR USE

1

FULL COMMUNICATIONS SUITE (SECURE, UNSECURE, VIDEO DATA LINK)

# UNLIMITED

HOURS OF VIDEO AND IMAGE COLLECTION FOR EVIDENCE CREATION

# Texas State Guard

*Equal to the Task!*



“Texas State Guard members volunteer their one training day per year or when called to

The Texas State Guard (TXSG) provides volunteer, mission-ready military forces to assist state and local authorities during state emergencies. Additionally, the TXSG supports the state’s homeland security and community service activities, and augments the other Texas Military Forces components.

The TXSG is composed of 2,300 members who train statewide. While the TXSG functions as an organized state militia under the authority of Title 32, United States Code, and Chapter 437, Texas Government Code, it does not own or maintain any arms or similar equipment.

The TXSG is a highly flexible, disciplined, and rapidly deployable emergency military augmentation force. It is capable of a wide variety of missions and is immediately deployable in times of state emergency. The unique structure and tasks of the TXSG allow for members to be on-site anywhere in Texas typically within eight hours.

The TXSG is organized into four components—Army, Air, Medical, and Maritime—with individual units assigned throughout the state. Because TXSG members train locally each month without pay, the force is a cost-effective and efficient resource available to the state. A TXSG response costs a fraction of other state

organizations.

TXSG personnel are among the first responders to hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other disasters. The TXSG provides systematic “search and remains” recovery teams consisting of twenty-five service members who deploy for five-day missions to the border region monthly.

**Currently, the TXSG provides the state more than 320,000 man-hours per year of uncompensated service for a savings of nearly \$4.8 million annually. The TXSG currently has 73 personnel on permanent deployment to support the border mission.**

# MISSIONS

## **George Washington Birthday Celebration (GWBC)**

This two-week operation in Laredo assists the local community and interagency partners by providing security and community support. Additionally, service members participate in the international bridge ceremony and air show that demonstrates Texas Military Forces capabilities.

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## **Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP)**

This annual operation supports the Texas Department of State Health Services in eradicating rabies in Texas. The three-week mission distributes approximately two million doses of oral rabies vaccine over 29,000 square miles in the La Grange, Zapata, and Del Rio areas. The operation is demonstrating an effect on the last remaining terrestrial rabies variant in Texas—the skunk variant.

## **Operation Border Star**

This state initiative places forty-three service members in joint operation information centers around the state. These service members gather intelligence about illegal border activities for local law enforcement.

# SUSTAINABILITY OF THE VOLUNTEER FORCE

Funding for annual training and mission specific preparedness is a long-term concern. Since the state has not appropriated funds, TXSG volunteers frequently absorb portions of the training cost for many events. The benefit to Texas far outweighs the investment the state would make to ensure the TXSG stands ready to meet the state’s diverse needs.

Currently TXSG has six full-time equivalent employees, yet training funds for only two-thirds of the current volunteer base per day. This is the amount necessary to support the 1,500 service members of TXSG. This funding and staffing level is inadequate for the current volunteer structure, and it cannot fulfill the state’s need for higher recruitment numbers. To sustain current mission requirements, the TXSG has made efficient use of its funds by relying heavily on the continued dedication and personal support of volunteer members.

# Texas Air National Guard

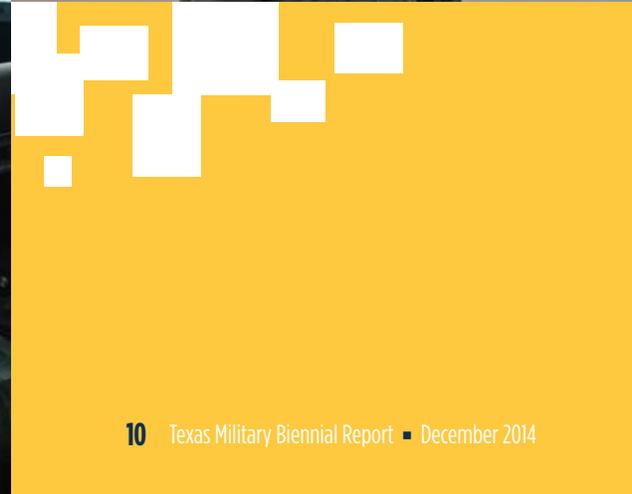


The Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) provides ready forces in support of state and federal missions at home and abroad. The headquarters for the Texas Air National Guard is located at Camp Mabry in Austin. The TXANG is composed of approximately 3,200 Airmen who live and work all across Texas. TXANG arms and equipment include a wide range of weapons from small arms to combat-capable vehicles and aircraft, and associated ammunition and armaments.

The Texas Air National Guard is organized into three air wings (136th Airlift Wing, 147th Reconnaissance Wing, and 149th Fighter Wing) that are self-contained, independent operations. In addition to caring for its airframes, each wing must maintain intelligence operations, cyber protection capabilities, security services, civil engineering, supply, and other roles to support a stand-alone base.

The 136th Airlift Wing (136AW), based in Fort Worth, flies the C-130H2 Hercules that provides

airlift services. The airlift and airdrop services provided by the 136AW and its Airmen allow the deployment of American armed forces anywhere in the world to ensure a continuous supply chain. In Texas, this airlift capability has been used to evacuate people in disaster areas—including hospital patients still connected to medical equipment and their caregivers.





Within the 136AW is the 254th Combat Communications Group (254CCG). The 254CCG provides initial communications services for deploying Soldiers and Airmen. The 221st Combat Communications Squadron within the 254CCG has proven it can build and operate

communications services in austere conditions.

The 147th Reconnaissance Wing (147RW), based in Houston, flies the remotely piloted MQ-1B Predator. The Predator provides armed intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance services and has flown in excess of 80,000

combat hours. The 147RW houses the 272nd Engineering and Installation Squadron, one of only eighteen units that provides engineering and installation of communications infrastructure in combat environments.

The 147RW also contains the 147th Air Support Operations

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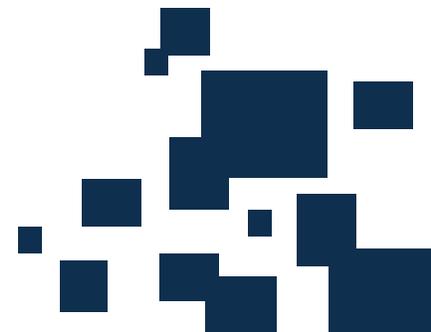
## MISSIONS

### **National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program**

In 1993, the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program (SPP) paired the Texas Military with the Czech Republic. In 2008, the program also paired the Texas Military with Chile. The SPP focuses on obtaining and sharing best practices across international borders on topics including security, disaster response, professional development, and command operations.

### **Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)**

The Texas Air National Guard is currently providing the United States remotely piloted MQ-1B Predator armed intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance services. The pilots of these aircraft are located within the United States and are currently operating the airframes overseas 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



# Texas Air National Guard (cont'd)



Squadron (ASOS). The ASOS provides ground-based targeting and weapons guidance for air to ground combat operations. In Texas, the squadron uses its equipment to assist Texas Task Force One “search and rescue” operations.

The 149th Fighter Wing (149FW), based in San Antonio, flies the F-16C/D Fighting Falcon that provides combat fighter pilot training. The wing’s graduates serve in the United States Air Force, Air National Guard, and USAF Reserve units. The 149FW boasts some of our Nation’s most experienced instructor pilots and uses state-of-the-art simulator technology to ensure its students

receive the most advanced training available anywhere.

The 149FW contains the 273rd Information Operations Squadron (273IOS) that provides cyber security operations. This squadron uses classified information system tools and capabilities to detect and defend against those seeking to disrupt computer systems and associated infrastructure.

Also falling under the 149FW, the 204th Security Forces Squadron, located in El Paso, is the only training provider to the Air Force and the Air National Guard of physical security tactics used in combat and convoy operations. The squadron trains Airmen on a

variety of crew-served weapon systems, such as the MK-19 grenade launcher and the .50 caliber machine gun. The 204th is the lead unit for the Air Force’s graduate Security Forces school, as well as being the only heavy weapons unit in the Air National Guard.

Finally, the 149FW contains the 209th Weather Flight (209WF), located in Austin, that provides weather support to both Air and Army National Guard units. In Texas, 209WF may be called during civil support responses to aid in decision making and planning to help protect first responders and increase their effectiveness.



**The Texas Air National Guard** is viewed as a valuable resource nationwide. As a result, the ever-evolving cyber security, border security, space operations, and unmanned aerial systems missions place Texas in a unique and advantageous position for increasing the state's capabilities.

## FUTURE PROPOSED MISSIONS



**The state should monitor the development of several issues, and the governor should consider the actions necessary to enhance the state's resources:**

- The Airlift Wing's fleet is aging and the Air Force must decide on investing in either the C-130J Super Hercules or C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.
- The creation of clear cyber operations missions will continue, and those missions will require assignment to Air National Guard units. An assignment to a Texas unit may help to defend Texas and the United States against growing cyber security threats. Texas is ideally suited to growth in the domain of cyber operations due to the nexus of industry, military, and work force capabilities in Central Texas.
- The reconnaissance capability of unmanned airframes will continue. Seeking a transition to the more advanced MQ-9 Reaper provides large increases in range and capability for Texas and the Nation.
- Much like the Airlift Wing, the Fighter Wing's fleet of F-16s is also aging, and the Air Force must decide on a future home to the fifth-generation fighter aircraft, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

# Texas Army National Guard



The Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) provides ready forces in support of state and federal needs. The TXARNG is composed of approximately 19,000 Soldiers and occupies 117 armories in 102 communities throughout Texas. TXARNG arms and equipment include a wide range of weapons from small arms to combat-capable vehicles and aircraft, and associated ammunition and armaments.

## Major Units

The historic 36th Infantry Division (36th ID), based in Austin, consists of 10,000–15,000 Soldiers assigned to smaller units across Texas. These Soldiers fill flexible modular units that can be deployed individually or in a variety of groupings specifically to accomplish a particular mission. This functionality allows for tailored responses to meet the needs of the governor or the president. The division notably includes two infantry brigade combat teams, a battlefield surveillance brigade, and a combat aviation brigade.



The two infantry brigade combat teams (the 56th—based in Fort Worth, and the 72nd—based in Houston) generally consist of two infantry battalions, a fires battalion, a special troops battalion (with engineering, signal, or communication support and military intelligence elements), and a cavalry squadron that consists of 3,500–3,700 Soldiers.

The 71st Battle Field Surveillance Brigade (BfSB), based in San Antonio, includes 2,300 Soldiers. The brigade provides key information on current operations while simultaneously preparing outlook information key to making decisions on future activities. The BfSB has at its disposal unmanned aerial vehicles, communication equipment, intelligence gathering equipment, and human intelligence collectors. The BfSB contains a military intelligence battalion, a reconnaissance and surveillance squadron, and a long-range surveillance company.

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## **Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)**

The Texas Military Forces provide the U.S. Department of Defense with trained units and personnel in support of OEF, sending both combat and combat-service support for service in Afghanistan and the associated area of responsibility. Such units include movement and maneuver war fighting units, intelligence personnel, command and control elements, as well as fire support and force-protection assets.

## **Operation Lone Star (OLS)**

The Texas Military Forces have participated in OLS annually since 1999. The OLS is a joint exercise involving the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and other interagency partners to assist with disaster preparedness efforts and to conduct pandemic readiness training. Texas Military Forces efforts involve establishing medical triage points and providing organizational support to DSHS operations.



# Texas Army National Guard (cont'd)



The 36th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), based in Austin, consists of 1,700 Soldiers. The brigade provides helicopter support. The CAB includes an attack reconnaissance battalion that flies the AH-64 Apache; a security and support battalion containing three companies that fly the UH-72 Lakota; an assault helicopter battalion that flies the UH-60 Black Hawk; a general support aviation battalion that flies the UH-60, CH-47 Chinook and HH-60M; an unmanned aerial vehicle company that flies the MQ-1C Gray Eagle; and an aviation support battalion.

In addition to the division, the TXARNG contains the 71st Troop Command (71st TC), based in Austin, made up of more than 1,700 Soldiers.

The 71st TC provides administrative, training, and logistical support to unique, specialized or smaller TXARNG units that are not part of other major deployable units. The command includes sustainment and support personnel, public affairs, medical units, and information operations.

The TXARNG is also home to three distinct and unique elements including two special forces companies, an airborne infantry battalion, and the Special Operations Detachment-Africa.

The two special forces companies of the 19th special forces Group (C-5-19 SFG (A) and C-1-19 SFG (A)) are skilled in unconventional warfare, counter-terrorism, direct action, foreign internal defense, and special reconnaissance.

Each special forces Soldier is specially trained in a variety of disciplines and ready to employ these skills worldwide or deploy to foreign regions to take part in humanitarian efforts.

The TXARNG is also the proud home of the 1st Battalion (Airborne) 143rd Infantry—the only airborne infantry battalion in the entire Army National Guard force structure. This 859-man battalion has the capability to deploy almost anywhere in the world with little warning or external support. The battalion is specially trained and equipped to deploy in Air Force airframes and can be dropped into areas by parachute assault.



### CURRENTLY DEPLOYED ARMY UNITS:

- Afghanistan — Engineer Company (Clearance)
- Afghanistan — Military Intelligence Battalion
- Kuwait — Company / 2-149 Aviation Battalion (Air Traffic Services)

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ADDITIONAL  
MOBILIZATIONS  
PLANNED IN 2015

28,492

TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
SOLDIERS DEPLOYED OUT OF  
COUNTRY SINCE 2001

## FUTURE AND PROPOSED MISSIONS

### Multinational Force and Observers (MFO)

The Texas Army National Guard is scheduled to participate in MFO operations during 2015 as part of an international peacekeeping force and will operate in and around the Sinai Peninsula with other allied and partnered nations. This federal mission is to supervise the implementation of the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace and to employ best efforts to prevent any violation of its terms.

### Operation United Assistance (OUA)

Slated to begin operations overseas in early 2015, the Texas Army National Guard will assist in building hospitals, labs, and treatment centers related to the Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa. In October 2014, members of TXARNG were activated and began preparations to augment active duty engineering units currently providing support to civilian-led humanitarian assistance and consequence management groups.

The Texas Army National Guard continues to be one of the few “go-to” providers to meet mission needs. As a result, Texas occupies an advantageous position for increasing the state’s capabilities through mission development and acquisition. A prime example of where this may occur rests in one of the most diverse and unique units in all the National Guard and Active Army—the Special Operations Detachment-Africa (SOD-A). When coupled with special forces companies and a special forces support company, the SOD-A provides the state a highly trained and qualified set of Soldiers whose skill sets do not exist elsewhere.



# Texas Military Department



535

TOTAL EMPLOYEES

319

ARE 100% FEDERALLY  
REIMBURSED\*

170

ARE REIMBURSED  
SOME PORTION BY THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT\*

The Texas Military Department serves Texans and their communities in times of need by enabling the Texas Military Forces to respond to the state's call. TMD is the coordinating state agency that facilitates the governor's access to the National and State Guard within the state in times of disaster. It is composed of 500 state employees who operate at TXMF facilities throughout the state. TMD arms and equipment include small arms and associated equipment for their personnel serving in force and installation protection positions.

TMD provides administrative and financial resources for state activities conducted by the TXMF. The department, in conjunction with the federal National Guard Bureau (NGB), provides support to the state's National Guard, and it is the sole supporting agency to the Texas State Guard (TXSG). In addition to its role in emergency response, TMD is responsible for half the cost of utilities, construction, repair, and maintenance of military facilities owned or licensed by the state that are located on state or federal property. These facilities include TXARNG armories and aviation installations and TXANG facilities. TXMF units use the facilities primarily to train personnel and to maintain or store equipment.

Additionally, TMD manages funds that are transferred from the state and federal governments. The agency employs approximately fifty individuals who are fully general-revenue funded. This small unit of individuals manages TMD's activities. The other 450 state employees have salaries that are federally reimbursed. Federal cooperative agreement funding flows through TMD and is dedicated for specific purposes, allowing minimal flexibility to respond to the state's needs. The federal government funding is for federal missions; however, the state may use this equipment as an ancillary benefit. Although in cases of airframes and vehicles, the state must reimburse the federal government for their use.

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STATUTORILY  
SPECIFIED GENERAL  
REVENUE POSITIONS

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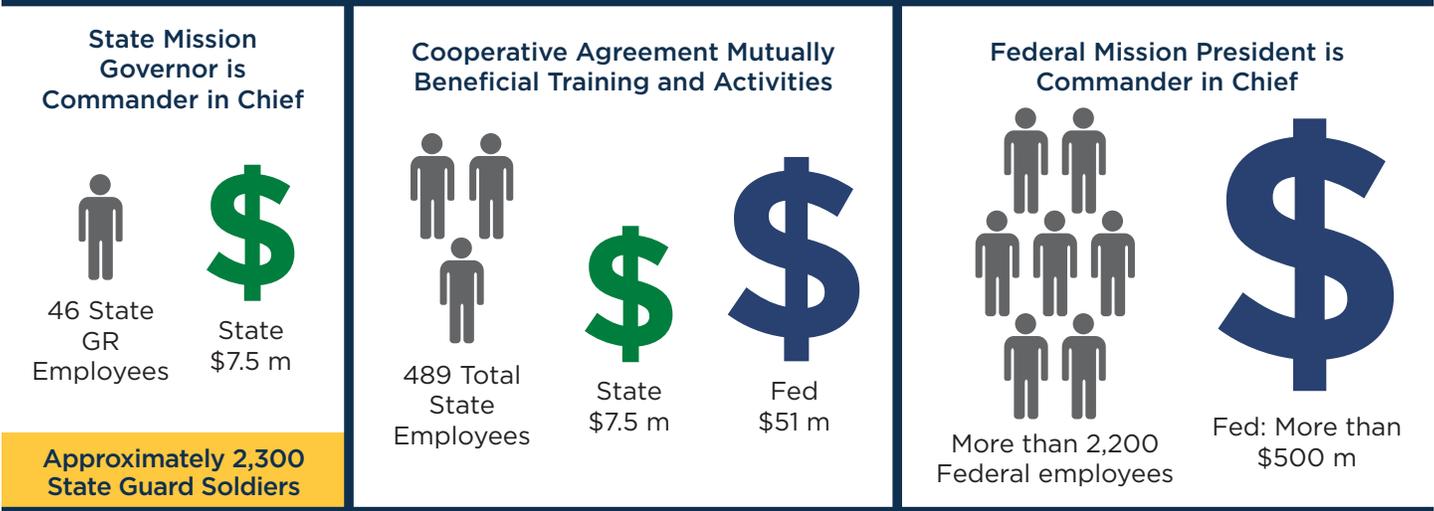
GENERAL REVENUE  
EMPLOYEES TO RUN  
THE STATE AGENCY

\*Federal restrictions limit the ability to use these employees for state purposes.

## HOW THE MONEY IS DEDICATED

\$ Through TMD

\$ Federal Direct



Approximately 33,000 National Guard  
Soldiers move between each



# Texas Military Department (cont'd)

TMD is the account manager for the state's tuition reimbursement program, which is administered through the Texas Military's Education Services Office. The program was created by the 76th

Texas Legislature in 2000, and provides TXMF members with financial support in the pursuit of their higher education and career goals. In turn, this contributes to a vibrant and qualified

workforce for the Texas economy. Additionally, the program has been a useful incentive for TXMF recruitment and retention efforts involving its voluntary membership force.

**1,001** Service Members have received tuition assistance benefits for the 2014-2015 biennium.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Funding: \$3M for FY 2014-2015 (\$2M baseline budget + \$1M in exceptional line item funding) and awarded \$1.2M in tuition assistance for FY 2014.
- 1,001 Service Members have received tuition assistance benefits for the 2014-2015 biennium.
- A reduction in federal tuition benefits has contributed to an unprecedented 45% growth in program utilization since Fall 2011.
- As of FY 2015, 424 TXMF members are participating in the program and enrolled in ninety different Texas institutions of higher education.

TMD also provides five mental health counselors across the state. These counselors reach into the National Guard units and communities to provide support to the members and their families in times of crisis. These counselors staff a hotline around the clock and connect members and their families to the appropriate resources in their communities.

## Arms and Ammunition

All required arms and ammunition required for operations and training is routinely accounted for, stored, and secured in approved facilities across the state. The exact composition and disposition of these arms and associated ammunition varies as missions and requirements change.

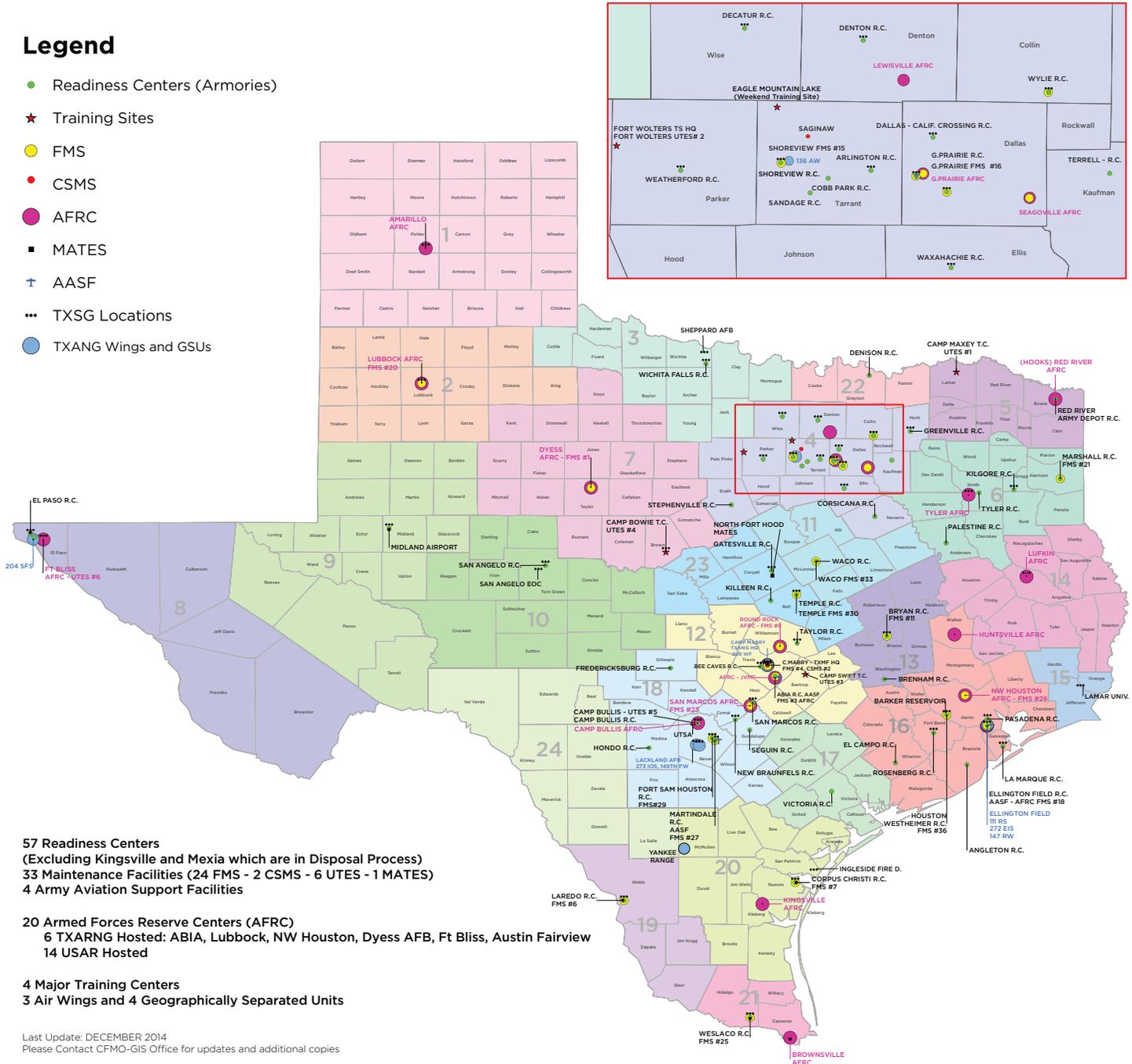
# Military Property Owned by, or in Possession of the State, and Location

Texas Military facilities and properties are managed through the Texas Army National Guard's Construction Facilities and Management Office at Camp Mabry in Austin. Various wings manage the Texas Air National Guard facilities and properties.

## Texas Military Forces Main Assets and Geographic Distribution by State Disaster Districts

### Legend

- Readiness Centers (Armories)
- ★ Training Sites
- FMS
- CSMS
- AFRC
- MATES
- † AASF
- \*\*\* TXSG Locations
- TXANG Wings and GSUs





**Governor Perry honors Texas Guardsman for Combat Valor**

Texas Gov. Rick Perry finishes placing the Purple Heart onto the uniform of Staff Sgt. Patrick D. Rogers, Jr., a flight medic and member of the Texas Army National Guard, at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas, November 1, 2012. Perry is the commander-in-chief of the Texas Military Forces, which includes the Texas Army National Guard. Rogers received the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained in Afghanistan.

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