

Texas Military Forces News ''Texans Defending Texas''

MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the competition's media day on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.. All media will report to Camp Swift, 1705 Hwy 95 North, Bastrop, Texas, 78602, and will be escorted to event site.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, February 7, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. with the Texas Military Forces state Public Affairs Office and will be required to show credentials.

For more information, contact the Texas Military Forces state Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620, ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, compete for Best Warrior, Bastrop County Resolution to honor event

CAMP MABRY, Texas (Feb. 5, 2014) – On Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 from 8:00 a.m to 11 a.m, the Texas Military Forces will host a media day at Camp Swift in Bastrop, Texas, near Austin, as 28 Soldiers and Airmen compete in the final round of the statewide Best Warrior Competition.

Immediately following the competitive rounds, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court will welcome the competition as an annual event, to Bastrop County, with an official resolution celebrating the contributions of local military Service members. Additionally, the resolution will renew the city of Bastrop's support of the Texas Military Forces' Best Warrior Competition by sponsoring a golf tournament and other activities.

The Best Warrior Competition is a rigorous three-day competition that tests the tactical and technical expertise of Soldiers and Airmen through scored events, such as an oral knowledge exam board, a tactical road march, obstacle course and physical fitness test, as well as "a mystery event" announced the day of the competition. Both Army and Air National Guard members compete against each other for the title of "Best Warrior" and "Best noncommissioned officer" in the state of Texas.

The winners of this Best Warrior competition will be named and honored at an upcoming banquet in April and will continue to represent Texas in regional and/or national Best Warrior competitions later this year.

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The mission of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) 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 Forces are 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), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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