



# Texas Military Department News

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Media is invited to cover the deployment ceremony at the Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. and must arrive no later than 5 p.m. to allow for parking and coordination. Leadership and Soldiers from the company will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, June 3, 2016, by 12:00 p.m. with the 176th Engineer Brigade Public Affairs Office at 210-649-8452 or via email at [maria.e.mengrone.mil@mail.mil](mailto:maria.e.mengrone.mil@mail.mil). Media will be required to show credentials.

Cowtown Coliseum is located at 121 E. Exchange Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76164.

### **FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:**

## **Texas National Guardsmen deploy to Middle East**

**AUSTIN, Texas (May 31, 2016)** - On Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., the Texas Army National Guard will bid goodbye and good luck to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 176th Engineer Brigade as they mobilize to the Middle East. The deployment ceremony will be held at Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Grand Prairie-based 176th Engineer Brigade Headquarters falls under the Domestic Operations Task Force of the Texas Military Department, headquartered in Austin. While deployed, the brigade's mission will be to provide engineer support and capabilities to maneuver units across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

This Texas-based element will provide the command and control for engineer forces providing horizontal, vertical, fixed bridging and combat engineer capabilities throughout the region. Brigade leaders and Guardsmen are motivated and excited for this opportunity to serve their nation.

"If an engineer brigade headquarters had the ability to choose their mission, this is the mission we would choose," said Col. Charles M. Schoening, 176th Engineer Brigade Commander. "We have a highly trained force that is motivated and prepared to answer the call."

The brigade headquarters is made up of approximately 135 Soldiers from throughout Texas, with the majority of them calling the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area home. While overseas, the

headquarters will have command and control of about 1,700 Soldiers from a variety of Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve engineer elements.

Following some additional training, the brigade will deploy for overseas sometime this summer.

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