



Texas State Guard 101

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Sec. 437.306. USE OUTSIDE STATE; FRESH PURSUIT FROM OR INTO STATE.

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), the Texas State Guard may not be required to serve outside the state.

(b) The governor, on request of the governor of another state, may order all or part of the Texas State Guard to assist a military or civil authority of that state in defending that state. The governor may recall these forces.

(c) If authorized by the law of another state, an organization, unit, or detachment of the Texas State Guard, on order of the officer in immediate command, may continue in fresh pursuit of an insurrectionist, a saboteur, an enemy, or enemy forces into that state until the apprehension or capture of the person or forces pursued or until military or police forces of that state or the United States have had a reasonable opportunity to apprehend, capture, or take up the pursuit of the person or forces. The Texas State Guard without unnecessary delay shall surrender a person apprehended or captured in another state to the military or police forces of that state or the United States. This surrender is not a waiver by this state of a right to extradite or prosecute the person for a crime committed in this state.

(d) Military forces of another state may continue a fresh pursuit into this state in the same manner permitted the Texas State Guard under Subsection (c). The military forces of the other state shall without unnecessary delay surrender a person captured or arrested in this state to the military or police forces of this state to be dealt with according to law. This subsection does not prohibit an arrest in this state permitted by other law.



How long has the TXSG existed?

In one form or another, the TXSG has existed since 1871 (part of the Reconstruction Act). The Militia Act of 1903 [redacted] created the National Guard (NG) and the State Guards (SG) became the NG.

The states were happy with this arrangement until 1917 when the U.S. began federalizing NG units for WWI. Realizing they were at risk with their troops fighting overseas, Congress was petitioned to enact legislation authorizing state troops for defensive purposes. Congress obliged and state troops were authorized. TX was particularly concerned since only a year earlier

[redacted]

WWI ended and SDFs were deactivated, until the same situation occurred at the [redacted] again authorized and the modern TXSG was created. Between 1940 and 1965 TXSG was known by various official names to comply with legislation in effect at the time.



TXSG during WWII era.

During WWII the TXSG was provided rifles and light machine guns by the War Dept. and training from the U.S. Army. The focus was preventing or stopping any attack organized and carried out by our enemies or their proxies.

By 1941 there were ?? officers and enlisted soldiers compared to the 11,633 members of the TXNG mustered into federal service during the same period. TXSG was first organized into 50 independent battalions across the state, but soon into regiments and finally brigades.

After WWII ended the authorization for SDFs lapsed, but TX retained their troops without authorization until Congress agreed to re-enact authorizing legislation.



TXSG post WWII.

WWII decimated the strength of the NG. Few Soldiers returning from war were interested in re-enlisting and were discharged leaving the force a small fraction of pre-war strength.

When the Governor declared martial law following the 1947 explosion/fires at Texas City, the TXSG was mobilized to render aid to the +3000 wounded and provide law enforcement (LE) within the martial law zone. This began the change from training on war fighting skills to LE and civil support (CS). The entirety of the TXSG was later reorganized into MP units and remained so until converting to Civil Affairs in the late 1980's.



TXSG today.

The TXSG has “majored” in CS and “minored” in LE in the modern era. Until recently TXSG was organized into four components...Army, Air, Maritime, and Medical. In 2020 the entire force was reorganized into four brigades under an “Army” structure.

This reorganization does not affect the capabilities of the TXSG. The “specialized troops” (medical, engineers, etc.) remain as units within each brigade.

Following Hurricane Harvey, the Governor asked TAG to grow the TXSG into a 5000 member strong force. Part of the plan to get to 5000 required a reorganization. The following slides will give us an overview of how the TXSG is organized and some of the MRPs they specialize in.



Texas State Guard Strategy

- Mission. The Texas State Guard (TXSG) provides mission-ready military forces to assist state and local authorities in response to state emergencies, natural disasters, and homeland security initiatives under the umbrella of National Guard Civil Support to civil authorities; supports community service activities; and augments the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air National Guard as required.
- Vision. The Texas State Guard is The Premier State Defense Force in the Nation.





COMMANDING GENERAL'S PRIORITIES

RETENTION

Recognize and Respect Cultural Differences
Awards Recognition & Timely Promotions
Professional Mentorship, Counseling, & Development

RECRUITING

Target Military Retirees
Tuition Reimbursement Benefits
Texas State Guard Benefits

TRAINING

Realistic, Hands-On Training
Professional Development
Leadership Development

PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE FORCE

Height/Weight Management & Compliance
Performance Evaluation Program
Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) Program

Texas State Guard Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Resident of Texas >180 days
- Between the ages of 17 to 70
- In good health and meet height/weight requirements
- Can pass a criminal background check
- Prior military service is not required
- Prior service – Honorable Discharge required
- All military/civilian skill sets welcome

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Strength and Distribution of the Force

- Authorized Strength: 1,925
- Assigned Strength: 1,752
- Distribution of Personnel
 - TXSG HQ, Austin 243
 - 1st Brigade HQ, Dallas 475
 - 2nd Brigade HQ, Houston 369
 - 3rd Brigade HQ, Corpus Christi 298
 - 6th Brigade HQ, Austin 305
 - Operation Borderstar/Drawbridge 62



Texas State Guard Steady State Operations

- Operation Border Health Preparedness
- Oral Rabies Vaccination Program
- Best Warrior Competition
- Governor's 20 Marksmanship Program
- Camp Mabry Open House Support
- Community Service Events
- Military Honors / Funeral Support
- Texas National Guard Support

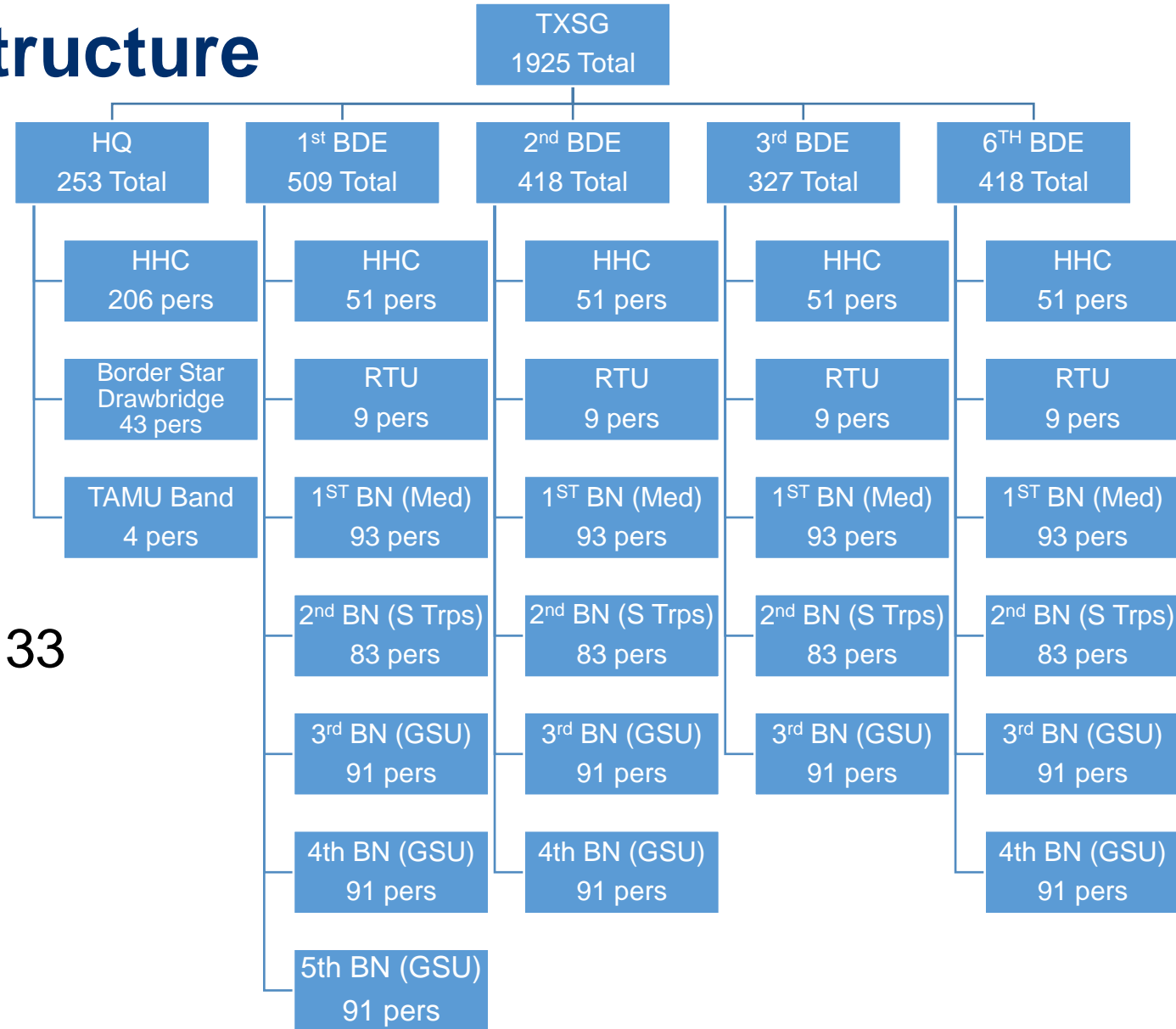


Brigade and Battalion Geographic Locations

Unit	City	
HQ, TXSG	Austin	TXSG HQ
HQ, 1ST BDE	Dallas	1st BDE
HQ, 1ST BN, 1ST BDE	Wylie	
HQ, 2ND BN, 1ST BDE	Dallas	
HQ, 3RD BN, 1ST BDE	Dallas	
HQ, 4TH BN, 1ST BDE	Fort Worth	
HQ, 5TH BN, 1ST BDE	Lubbock	
HQ, 2ND BDE	Houston	2nd BDE
HQ, 1ST BN, 2ND BDE	Houston	
HQ, 2ND BN, 2ND BDE	Houston	
HQ, 3RD BN, 2ND BDE	Conroe	
HQ, 4TH BN, 2ND BDE	Houston	3rd BDE
HQ, 3RD BDE	Corpus Christi	
HQ, 1ST BN, 3RD BDE	Weslaco	
HQ, 2ND BN, 3RD BDE	El Paso	
HQ, 3RD BN, 3RD BDE	San Angelo	6th BDE
HQ, 6TH BDE	Austin	
HQ, 1ST BN, 6TH BDE	San Antonio	
HQ, 2ND BN, 6TH BDE	San Marcos	
HQ, 3RD BN, 6TH BDE	Temple	
HQ, 4TH BN, 6TH BDE	San Antonio	



TXSG Force Structure



Total Personnel – 1925

MRP Requirements – 133

MRP Personnel – 1101



HQ TXSG Force Structure

CMD Group/Pers Staff – 30

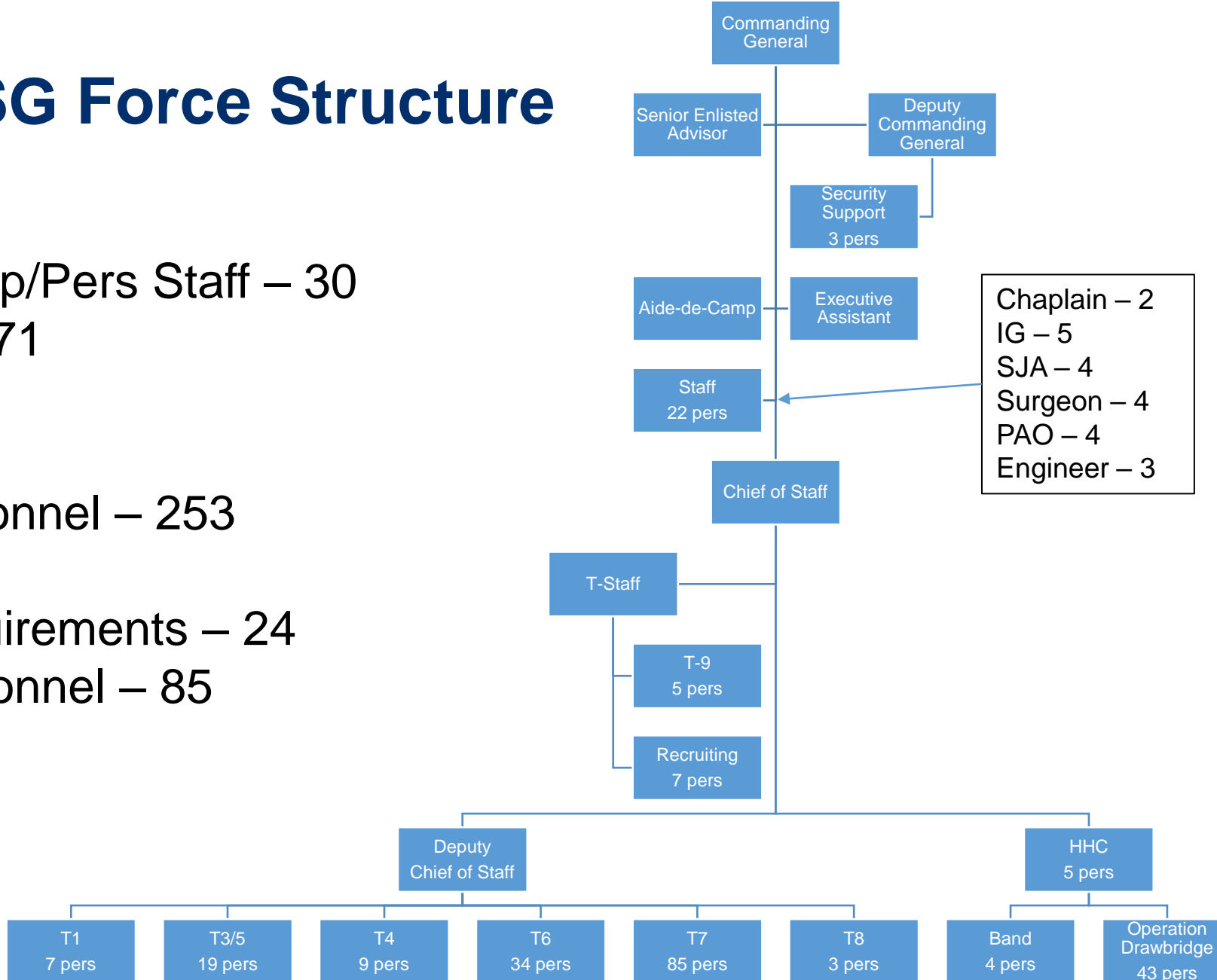
T-Staff – 171

HHC – 52

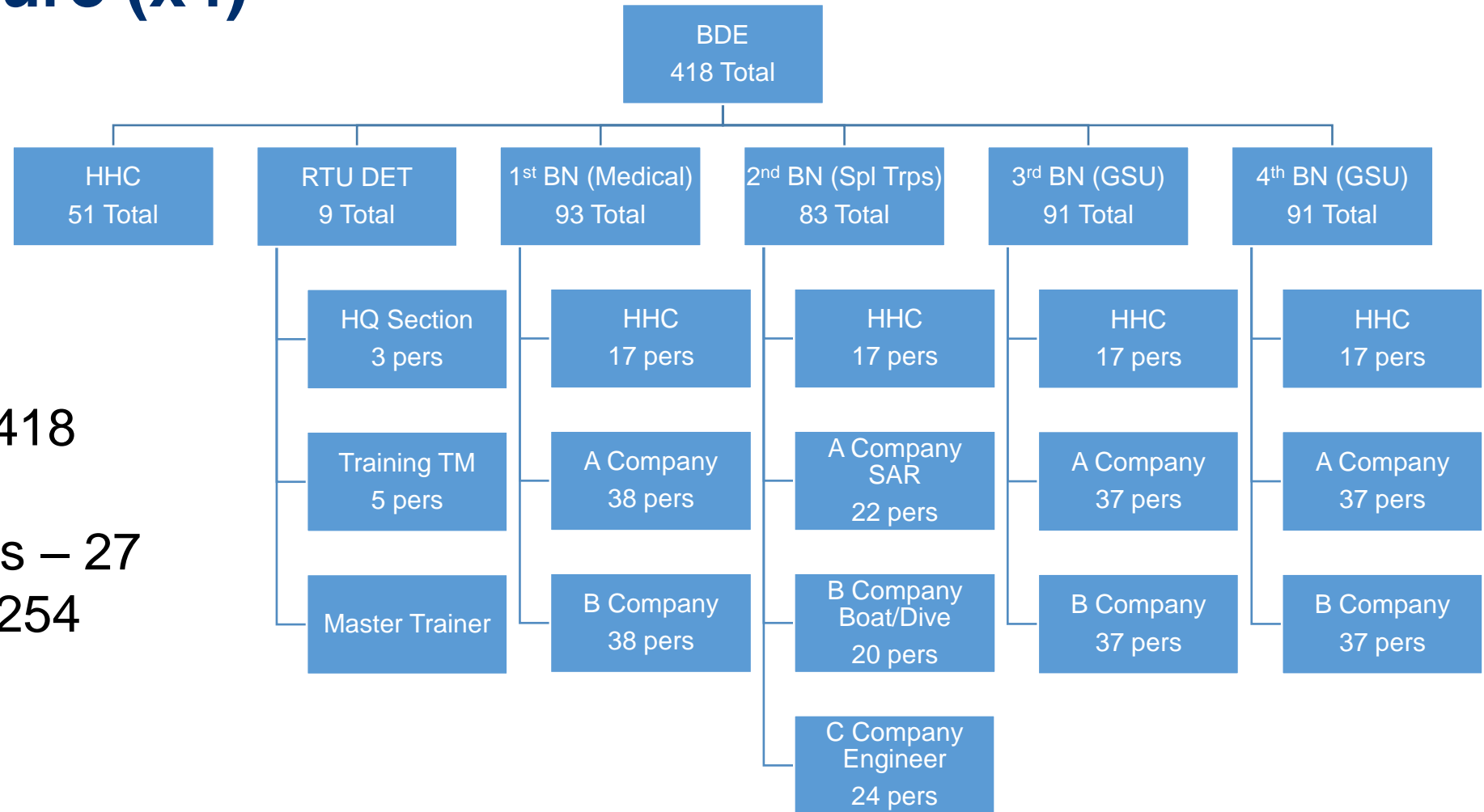
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MRP Requirements – 24

MRP Personnel – 85



BDE Structure (x4)



Total Personnel – 418

MRP Requirements – 27

MRP Personnel – 254



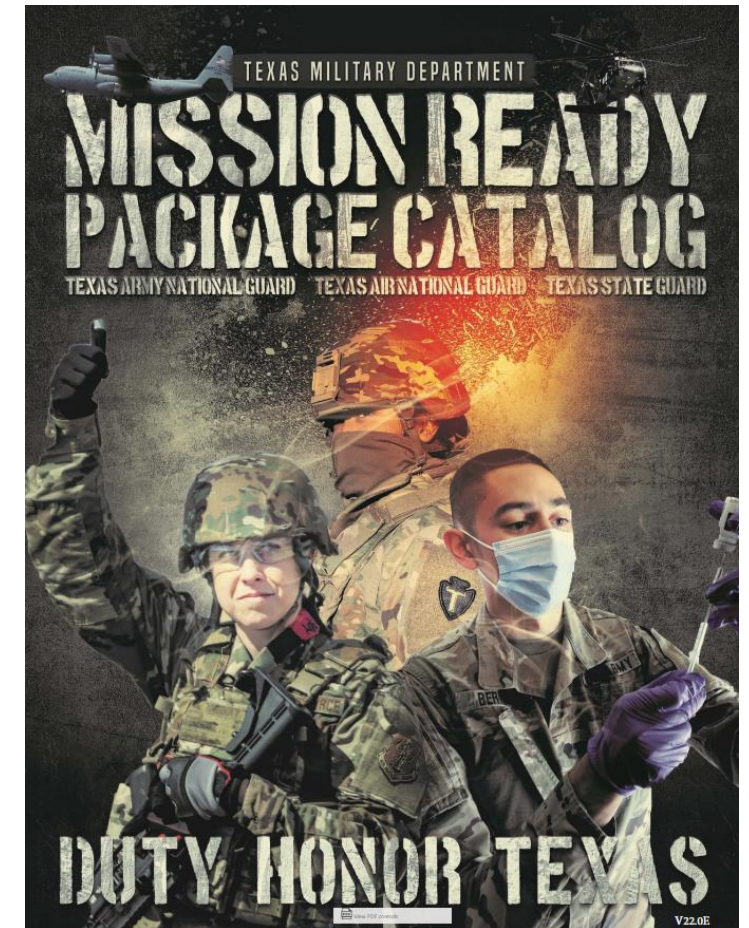
How We Are Mobilized

- Local authorities may request assistance from the Governor when an emergency, man-made disaster, or natural disaster occurs.
- The request for assistance uses a bottom-up approach which begins with a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) being generated at the lowest level. Typically, this begins when first responders communicate the resource gap to the Disaster District/Region, and then from the Disaster District/Region to the State Operations Center.
- The Texas State Guard is deployed by order of the Governor via the Adjutant General to provide emergency support to local authorities during natural or man-made disasters.
- The Texas State Guard does not self-deploy.



Mission Ready Package Concept

- The Texas State Guard provides Mission Ready Packages for deployment during an emergency or disaster.
- TXSG MRPs have specific response and recovery capabilities that are organized, developed, trained, and exercised prior to an emergency or disaster.
- Trained TXSG MRPs in a civil support mission allow units to deploy in an organized method that minimizes response time, builds capacity, and reduces the logistical burden at the incident site.



Mission Ready Package (MRP) Capabilities

COMMAND & CONTROL PACKAGES

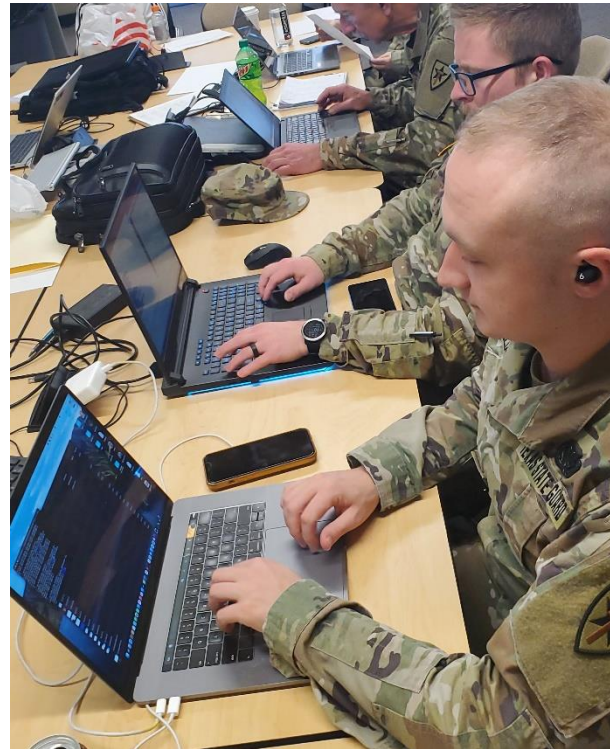
- Adaptive Battle Staff (ABS)
- State Operations Center (SOC)
- Military District Coordinator (MDC)
- Liaison Officer Field Support (LNOFST)



Our Mission Ready Package (MRP) Capabilities

COMMUNICATION & CYBER PACKAGES

- Texas Interoperable Communications Package (TICP)
- TAGs Mobile Communications Trailer (TMCT)
- Joint Cyber Team
- Public Affairs (PA)



Our Mission Ready Package (MRP) Capabilities

MOVEMENT & MANEUVER PACKAGES

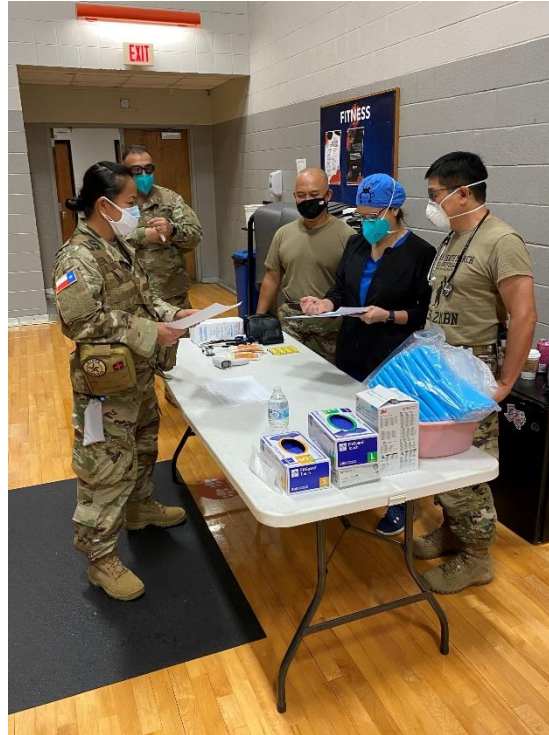
- General Support Unit (GSU)
- Engineering Assistance (EA)
- Texas Emergency Tracking Network (TETN)
- Ground Search and Recovery/Rescue (SAR-R)
- Search and Rescue – Light Boat (SAR-LB)
- Search and Rescue – Dive (SAR-DIVE)



Our Mission Ready Package (MRP) Capabilities

MEDICAL PACKAGES

- APOE Medical Staging Team (APOE)
- APOD Medical Reception Team (APOD)
- Ad hoc medical capabilities



Shelter Operations

The Texas State Guard is trained to set up and operate in Red Cross designated shelters.



Warehouse Operations

The Texas State Guard is trained to provide supplies to Points of Distribution where food, water, and other life-sustaining necessities are distributed to the public. In State designated warehouses, the Texas State Guard moves pallets of supplies and puts recovery supplies in plastic bins for distribution to the public.



Texas Emergency Tracking Network (TETN)

The Texas State Guard is trained to operate TETN, which is a system of tracking evacuees who are transported to and from shelters during an emergency or disaster. Each evacuee wears a wrist band with an identification number which is scanned into the TETN system for tracking.



Medical Support

Texas State Guard Medical Battalions have skilled medical professionals who provide support to state and local agencies and the Air National Guard during emergencies or disasters.



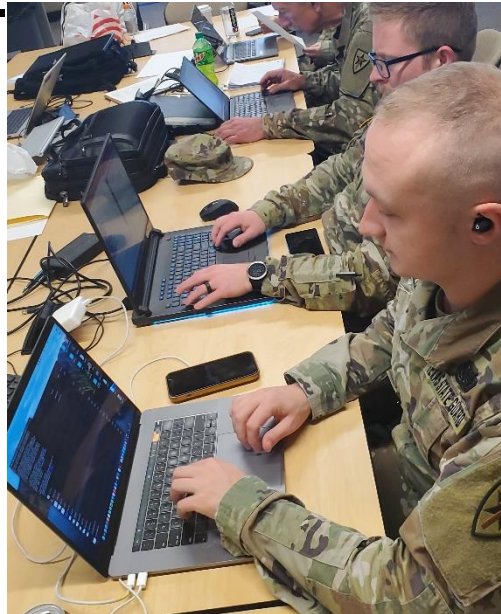
WEBEOC

The Texas State Guard is trained to provide WEBEOC operators. WEBEOC logs the current status of personnel, resources, and critical information to provide a common operating picture to the Commander of the TXSG to assist in responding to emergency or disaster needs.



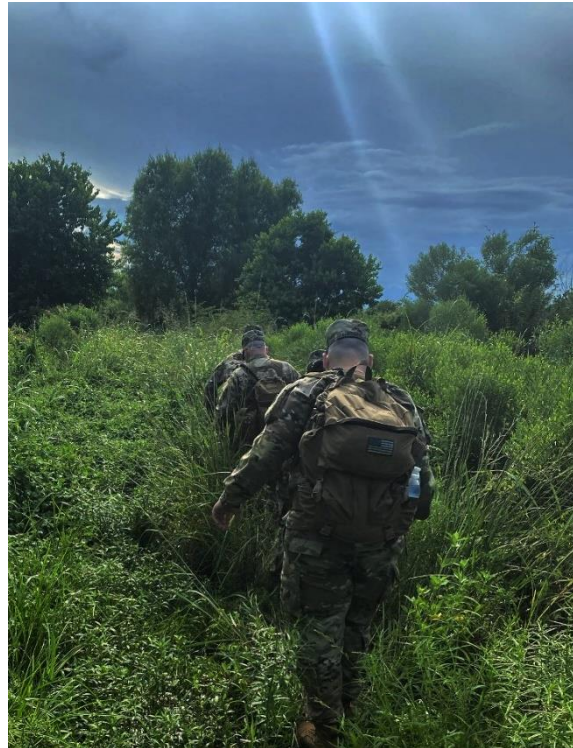
Communications

The Texas State Guard is trained to provide communications equipment such as TMCT and TICP as well as provide a Cyber Response Team capability during an emergency or disaster.



Search and Rescue/Recovery (SAR) Ground and Water

The Texas State Guard is trained to provide Ground Search and Rescue teams and Boat and Dive operations during an emergency or disaster.



Engineering Infrastructure Assessment

The Texas State Guard Engineers are skilled, highly trained, and experienced professionals who are qualified to conduct infrastructure assessment and water and wastewater treatment plant assessments during and following an emergency or disaster.



Judge Advocate General (JAG) and Chaplain Support

Texas State Guard JAG legal staff are lawyers and judges (State Bar of Texas) who have military legal experience and support both the TXSG and the Texas National Guard.

The Texas State Guard Chaplains provide religious support to all members and families of the Texas Military Department, first responders, and the public during an emergency or disaster.



Mobilizations (2005-2023)

117 deployments of over 8,500 State Guardsmen

- Operation Lone Star—Border Surge (2021—ongoing)
- COVID Pandemic Response (2020—ongoing)
- Border operations, including Operation Border Star (2007-present) and Operation Drawbridge (2017-present)
- Health Services – Operation Border Health Preparedness – Rio Grande Valley (Annually)
- Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (Annually)
- Civil Disturbance Operations Response (2020)
- Bastrop Fires (2011)
- Hurricanes Hannah, Marco, and Laura; Winter Storm Uri (2020-2021), Hurricane Harvey (2017), Hurricane Alex (2010), Hurricanes Ike, Gustav, Dolly (2008), Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (2005)
- Search & Rescue/Border Recovery Missions



Community Involvement

The Young Heroes of the Guard (YHOTG) Toy drive is an annual community service event benefitting Children's hospitals and other child service organizations across the state of Texas. Historically, TXSG participation has resulted in collecting and delivering over 100,000 toys to approximately 50 hospitals and organizations who serve ill and disadvantaged children.

YHOTG TOY DRIVE	
YEAR	TOYS COLLECTED
2021	87,775
2020	101,239
2019	104,604
2018	82,176
2017	52,258
2016	33,100
2015	33,000
2014	22,376
2013	6,664
2012	5,778
2011	3,557
2010	3,558
2009	2,444



Community Involvement

TXSG units and/or personnel can support community events. The approval process begins with a Request for Participation which is submitted by the requesting community or organization.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT TOTALS				
YEAR	EVENTS	PERSONNEL	HOURS	COST SAVINGS
2022	15	628	33002	\$1,320,080.00
2021	8	301	5235	\$209,400.00
2020	16	380	17332	\$693,280.00
2019	36	898	16230	\$649,200.00

HOST ORGANIZATION LETTERHEAD

Date (DD MMM YYYY)

MEMORANDUM FOR: TEXAS STATE GUARD

SUBJECT: Request for participation by TXSG at Community Event XXXXX

We request support from the TXSG (Unit) at our Community Service Event XXXXX to occur on DATE and TIME. The TXSG (Unit) would be performing the following functions in support of our Community Event XXXXX.

Event Request:

The event is requested to *(narrative justification for the event including the reason for the event)*.

By Name Request:

We request *(rank/title, name)*, currently assigned to *(current assignment)*, as this person. *(Name)* is uniquely qualified for this position because *(narrative explanation of how the requested individual is uniquely qualified for the position)*.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact *(name)*, *(office)*, *(phone number)*, *(email address)*.

Signature

REQUESTING OFFICIAL

TITLE

Attachment

Statement of Duties



How to Get in Contact With The Texas State Guard

Texas State Guard Headquarters
Camp Mabry, Building 32
2200 West 35th St,
Austin, TX 78703
512-782-3269

<https://tmd.texas.gov/state-guard>



DUTY

A silhouette of a soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and a rifle, is positioned in the center of the page. The background is a dark blue sky with wispy white clouds. The soldier is facing right, and the overall tone is somber and professional.

BEAR TRUE FAITH & ALLEGIANCE TO THE STATE AND NATION. CULTIVATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TO EXCEL. PREPARE MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY TO DEPLOY AT HOME AND ABROAD. BE READY WHEN CALLED.

HONOR

HOLD THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE HIGHEST REGARD, EXCEED STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS. ACT WITH UNDERSTANDING, INNOVATION, RESOURCEFULNESS, FLEXIBILITY AND URGENCY. DO ALL YOU CAN, WHERE YOU ARE, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE & ALWAYS PLACE THE WELFARE OF THOSE YOU LEAD FIRST.

TEXAS

EMBRACE THE COURAGEOUS SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE, HISTORY & CULTURE.