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Texas Army National Guard

Cross Section of Ongoing Efforts

Similar to our other 53 States & Territories

Square Miles
 Texas = 262k
 Iraq = 169k
 France = 247k

XX Division
X Brigade
II Battalion

Multi-echelon Collective Training across the 3610, 11 Brigades & 29 Battalions.

36th Infantry Division Warfighter-

176 Engineer Brigade Warfighter-

Golden Coyote- 1-143 Airborne Infantry Battalion

1-149 AH-64 Gunnery & Preparations for Joint Readiness Training Center

3-133 FA Battalion Gunnery Ft Bliss

1-133 FA Battalion Gunnery w/1CD DIVARTY Ft Hood

Up to 1,000 Soldiers / Airmen Interfaced with Local, State & Federal Partners- Protecting our Nation's Border

Multinational Force & Observers- 1-112 Cavalry Squadron Executing Peacekeeping Responsibilities in the Sinai.

State Partnership Program- with Both Chile and the Czech Republic

54 Separate Missions and 132 Lives Rescued during May Tropical Storms. Demonstrating Fully Competent Unified Command Operations across 220,000 Sq miles of Texas - Working in support of all Local, state and Federal Response Partners.

Regionally Aligned Forces strengthening regional security by Countering Transnational Threats in the US Southern Command

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GUATEMALA HONDURAS EL SALVADOR

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am COL Greg Barrow, the TXARNG G3. For the next ten minutes I am going to give you a quick overview the Texas Army National Guard's training and accomplishments over the past year. In front of you please view the different call outs on the slide as I discuss each one.

We are responsible for training 19,000 Soldiers, which includes a Division HQs, 11 Brigades and 29 Battalions each year. Following me, you will hear specific examples of collective training we have conducted such the 1-143rd IN BN (ABN) and the 36th ID HQs. The 176th EN BDE also completed their WFX this year under the Mission Command of III Corps at Ft. Hood. Two of artillery battalions completed gunnery this year at both Ft. Bliss and Ft. Hood, with the 1-133rd completing theirs in partnership with the 1st CAV DIVARTY. Of the 29 Battalions, 17 conducted Company level collective training as their culminating training event, 11 conducted platoon level training and the remaining one is currently deployed to Egypt.

The 72d IBCT is currently in their ready year and one of the most engaged units in the TXARNG. They currently have their Cavalry Squadron in the Sinai executing Peacekeeping Operations as the Multinational Force Observers (MFO). The 72d also has three battalions and their BCT HQs executing the Regionally Aligned Force (RAF) missions for USARSOUTH in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. 72d will also send an infantry Battalion to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) as OPFOR later this month.

The State also maintains State Partnership Program relationships with both the countries of Chile and the Czech Republic. We currently have 812 Soldiers deployed for contingency operations. Since 911, we have mobilized and deployed over 32,000 Soldiers. In last 90 days, the state has contributed 197 Soldiers from 12 different units to nine different countries in support overseas deployment training (ODT) for five different Combatant Commands. These exercises improve mission readiness and contribute to the Army's Theater Engagement and Security Cooperation initiatives. In the next 90 days, Texas will contribute another 165 Soldiers from nine different units to seven different countries in support of three different COCOMs.

During the recent May Tropical Storms, Texas conducted 54 separate rescue missions saving 132 citizens, working in support of all local, state and federal response partners. Last year, the Governor of Texas tasked us to support on-going Texas Department of Public Safety operations along the Texas/Mexico border. Operation Strong Safety included up to 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen working alongside our local, state and federal partners on the border. In less than 40 days, we manned, equipped and trained this ad hoc Task Force for deployment. The bulk of these operations involved Guardsmen working in austere observation posts and local patrolling. These missions were heavily supported by 11B infantrymen and 19D scouts. Their key platforms for observation were the Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS), Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System (LRAS) and the Common Remotely Operated Weapon System (CROWS) optics. We still have 200 Soldiers serving on this mission today. Two key take aways from this mission are: we had a resounding response from our force for volunteers to conduct this mission and we simply could not have executed this mission without the capabilities and resources available within our infantry brigade combat teams.

Texas is ready and responding around the state and the globe in support of both the Governor and the President.

This concludes our overview. I would be proud to answer any questions you might.