



OPERATION LONE STAR DISPATCH

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You Are Making a Difference

By OLS PA Staff Writer



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Every day along the border, citizen Soldiers and Airmen guarding the border experience a wide range of activity. Some service members encounter hundreds of illegal crossings each day, and others chase them down through cactus and brush. But an increasing number of service members see limited activity each day. The lack of activity may lead one to ask how they can possibly be effective.

"The work each of our service members is doing is very important," said Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris, Texas Adjutant General. "Their presence along the border creates a significant deterrence to criminal activity along our southern border." Citizens along the border have noted a significant drop in illegal activity on their property, they identify the change as a direct result of Texas Service Members standing guard and the installation of temporary fences redirecting traffic. "Before the military arrived, we found drugs,

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Maj. Gen. Tracy R. Norris
Adjutant General, Texas

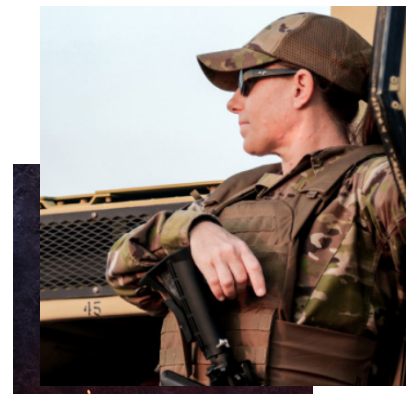


cocaine, guns, and a dead body with a machete down his head." said Magali Rodriguez-Urbina, a property owner in Eagle Pass. "The National Guard came in and they're building us this beautiful fence." she added. The additional security presence acts as a deterrent and redirects illegal traffic toward the locations where Border Patrol can better control the situation. "Definitely a lot more security," said Rodriguez-Urbina. "We don't see too much of the bad guys, I believe because of the fence." This sentiment is common among Texas citizens. A lack of activity in some areas actually reflects an effective strategy "When they're gone, this is going to help Border Patrol," said Rodriguez-Urbina speaking of the temporary fence.

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Magali Rodriguez-Urbina
Property owner, Eagle Pass

"If they're going to cross here, they're going to have to walk a certain way - they're not going to run out into the orchard the way they used to. Border Patrol would just have to scatter all over." With the fence diversion, Border Patrol will continue to improve effectiveness across the border. "I am much safer," said **Rodriguez-Urbina. "I feel safe."**





OLS Laredo Troops Prevent 800 Crossings In One Week

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On warm winter days, as traffic swells at rush hour along the Texas-Mexico border, Laredo residents typically pack shopping centers and gas stations. Just outside the entrance to one of the biggest grocery stores in town lies multiple beaten dirt paths leading into the busy parking lot. The crude walkways are lined with fresh footprints, dozens of articles of throw-away clothing, and bent-over fencing. Only a stone's throw from the beginning of these

walkways is a shallow portion of the Rio Grande. It is here where Operation Lone Star's Texas Army National Guardsmen encounter hundreds, if not thousands, of illegal border crossings each month. When the sun goes down, illegal crossings in the area increase. "The shallow river makes it easy to cross into Texas illegally," said a platoon leader. "The crossing points are a short distance from Laredo neighborhoods, making it easy for the migrants to get into getaway vehicles." Night and day, Soldiers work alongside the Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and other law enforcement partners to deter and interdict those attempting to illegally cross the Rio Grande into Texas. These law enforcement officials and troops synchronize dozens of roaming patrols, advanced-optics observation points and communication systems all into one combined purpose.





OLS DASHBOARD



109,000+
Illegal Immigrants
Referred to DPS

11,700+
Turned Back at
Border

77%
Hardship
Approval Rate

98%
Pay Discrepancy
Resolution Rate

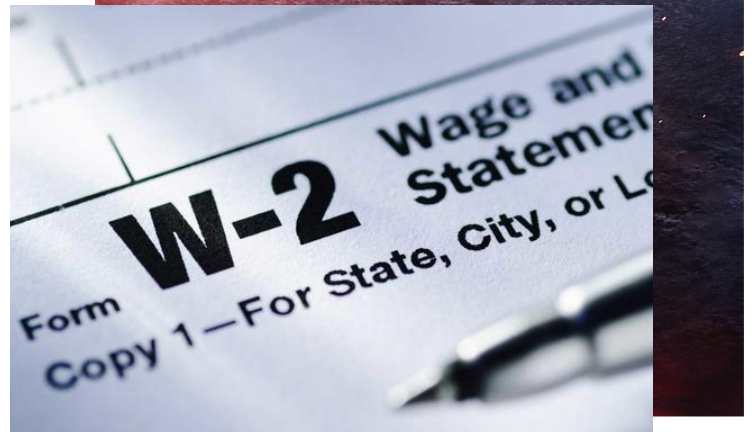
15 mi Temp Barrier
Built 20 mi in Progress
75 mi Under Contract

COMMANDER'S CORNER

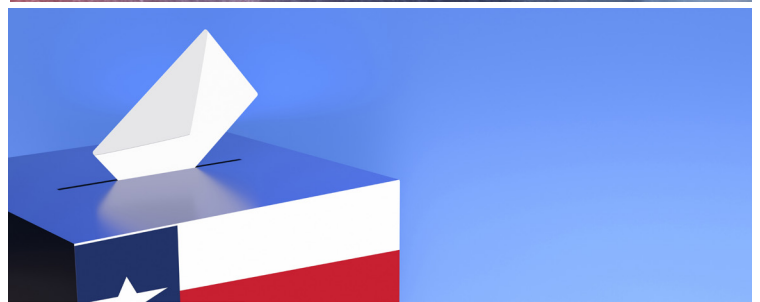


I want to give a special thanks to our troops and their families for their work on OLS and helping secure Texas. Your mere presence is a deterrent for criminal activity. As your OLS commander, I appreciate all you are doing in support of this mission.

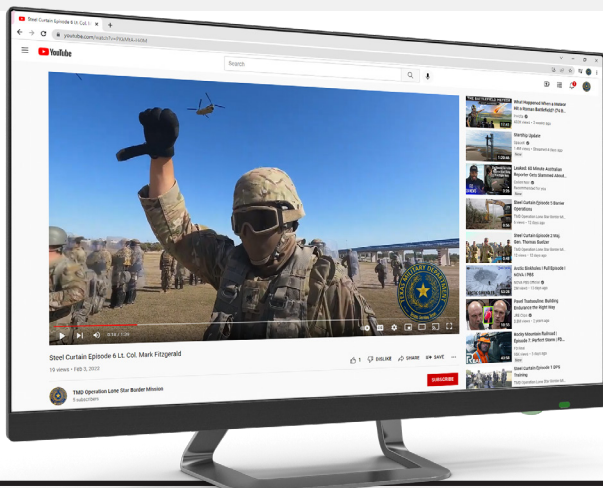
Brigadier General Ulis
Operation Lone Star Commander



W-2s have been distributed to Task Force S1s in the area of operation. Service members assigned to OLS can pick up W2s by signing for them from thier Task Force S1.



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SERVICE MEMBER RESOURCES



Important Numbers

TMD Wide

TMD Counseling Program	512-782-5069
Commander's Urgent Behavioral Health Resources Line:	888-400-4123

Task Force West

S1/HUMAN RESOURCES	210-683-7766
S8/PAY ISSUES	989-890-7981
CHAPLAIN	281-780-0014
LEGAL	775-376-4512
MEDICAL	806-681-8515

Task Force Center

S1/HUMAN RESOURCES	940-368-2828
S8/PAY ISSUES	940-368-2828
CHAPLAIN	325-430-7800
LEGAL	214-542-9454
MEDICAL	409-656-5587

Task Force East

S1/HUMAN RESOURCES	737-270-4556
S8/PAY ISSUES	512-360-9684
CHAPLAIN	972-979-4229
LEGAL	843-359-2401
MEDICAL	737-270-4557

Task Force South

S1/HUMAN RESOURCES	713-532-3678
S8/PAY ISSUES	713-532-3678
CHAPLAIN	817-673-0962
LEGAL	915-269-7538
MEDICAL	210-955-1382