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Army North expands response to COVID-19

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – At the direction of U.S. Northern Command, and as the COVID-19 response mission expands, U.S. Army North has requested additional units deploy to provide defense support of civil authorities. These additional mobilizations will further enable the Department of Defense to rapidly employ military capabilities to support our whole-of-nation response.

Led by Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson and headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, U.S. Army North is U.S. Northern Command's theater Army and serves as the Joint Forces Land Component Command for all federal ground troops in the continental United States for Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities. Army North is Northern Command's designated lead component to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to align federal military support to validated requests for assistance.

"I have requested this additional deployment to further expand the use of our military capabilities, in support of FEMA, to the communities which need us most." said Richardson.

The units mobilized by this request are:

- Task Force 46 Headquarters, formed by the 46th Military Police Command, Lansing, Mich. (National Guard)
- 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command Headquarters, Anderson, S.C. (National Guard)
- Task Force 76 Headquarters, formed by the 76th Operational Response Command, Salt Lake City, Utah (U.S. Army Reserve)
- 377th Theater Sustainment Command Headquarters, New Orleans, La. (U.S. Army Reserve)
- 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command Headquarters, San Antonio, Texas (U.S. Army Reserve)
- 505th Military Intelligence Brigade Headquarters, San Antonio, Texas (U.S. Army Reserve)

Units previously announced:

- Joint Task Force-Civil Support Headquarters, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
- 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command Headquarters, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
- 4th Sustainment Brigade Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Co.
- 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga.

In total, this request activates an additional 800 people who are deploying for Army North in support of FEMA. The units assigned to this mission will provide medical, planning, communication, transportation and logistics support. They will not directly participate in civilian law enforcement activities.

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