



Second National Defense Area established in Texas

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PETERSON SPACE FORCE BASE, Colo. – A second National Defense Area has been established by the Department of the Army along the southern border in Texas. The Texas National Defense Area (TXNDA) is now part of the U.S. Army Fort Bliss installation. Joint Task Force – Southern Border service members under U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) will be operating in the TXNDA with the same authorities and tasks as those operating in the [previously announced New Mexico National Defense Area \(NMNDA\)](#), supporting installation security operations.



U.S. Soldiers establish Texas National Defense Area

U.S. Soldiers, assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 12 Infantry Regiment, enplace signs in order to establish the Texas National Defense Area at El Paso, Texas, (TXNDA) April 30, 2025. U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) service members have been delegated the authority and directed to conduct installation security support operations in the TXNDA. Under the direction of USNORTHCOM, Joint Task Force – Southern Border's mission is to secure the territorial integrity of the southern border of the United States. USNORTHCOM is working together with the Department of Homeland Security to augment U.S. Customs

“The establishment of a second National Defense Area increases our operational reach and effectiveness in denying illegal activity along the southern border,”

said Gen. Gregory Guillot, Commander, U.S. Northern

Command. “This is the second area

in which Joint Task Force – Southern Border service members who are already detecting and monitoring through stationary positions and mobile patrols nearby can now temporarily detain trespassers until they are transferred to an appropriate law enforcement entity.”

and Border Protection along the southern border with additional military forces and unique military capabilities. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Elijah Ingram)

USNORTHCOM continues serving as the Department of Defense’s operational lead in support of executive orders on border security.

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