

MEDIA RELEASE

Cen-Tex Partnership proclaims Sustainable Environment Month, recognizes Environmental Ambassadors

KILLEEN, Texas – Fort Hood and neighboring communities Belton, Copperas Cove, Gatesville, Harker Heights, Killeen, Lampasas, Nolanville and Salado make up the Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership.

U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Hood Commander Col. Mark McClellan and Mayors/representatives from each of the communities will gather from 10-11:30 am. on Thursday, 26 March at the Killeen Arts and Activities Center, 801 N. 4th St., Killeen to sign a proclamation, recognizing April as Sustainable Environment Month.

The ceremony will also include McClellan and Mayors/representatives recognizing an individual, family or organization from each partner community with the 2026 Cen-Tex Sustainable Communities Partnership Environmental Ambassador Award. In addition, students and schools will be recognized as winners for a variety of initiatives under the Youth Environmental Ambassadors! program.

Awardees will be recognized for their efforts in fostering community service and promoting beautification, conservation, pollution prevention and recycling through youth and community initiatives. The following individuals and organizations from their respective communities will be recognized as Environmental Ambassadors:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Belton: Jim Deeken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Copperas Cove: Renee Moore
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fort Hood: Sergeant First Class Floyd Bristol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Gatesville: Keep Gatesville Beautiful
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Harker Heights: Roxanne Flores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Killeen: Scedric Moss
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Lampasas: Forward Lampasas• Village of Salado: Linda Griffith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Nolanville: Mary Jane Utterback & Karen V. Morris

The following schools will be recognized as YEA! awardees:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater Fort Hood Recycle Bowl: Hettie Halstead Elementary• Lights Out Lunch: Hettie Halstead Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustained Excellence: Hettie Halstead Elementary Martin Walker Elementary Fairview/Miss Jewell Elementary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pull Together to Make a Difference: Fairview/Miss Jewell Elementary• School Beautification: Kline Whitis Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rising Star: Kline Whitis Elementary House Creek Elementary

A new award, the Most Valuable Protector, recognizes a past community Environmental Ambassador awardee who has continued to make an impact in the Central Texas region. This year's awardee is the Tavera Green Force and will recognize Martín Tavera, Antonio Tavera and Thiago Tavera.

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