

Texas Department of Public Safety

CAMO ALERT REGISTRATION FORM

In 2019, Texas established an alert system to aid in locating missing current or former state/federal military members who suffer from a mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder, or a traumatic brain injury. The Camo Alert is similar to the AMBER or Silver Alerts for kids and older adults but designed to protect the health and safety of military members.

The Camo Alert system is a voluntary, opt-in program. In order for a Camo Alert to be issued, a military member must have previously registered to participate in the Camo Alert system. A military member is defined as a person who is a current or former member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard or a reserve or auxiliary unit of any branch of the armed forces. To register to participate in this alert program, a military member must complete this form and submit the signed document to the Department of Public Safety.

The Camo Alert activates when a law enforcement agency determines that a military member's disappearance poses a credible threat to the military member's health and safety or the health and safety of another. The law enforcement agency will verify that the military member has registered to participate in the Camo Alert system and suffers from a mental illness, including post traumatic stress disorder, or a traumatic brain injury. The law enforcement agency will require the family or legal guardian of the military member to provide documentation of the military member's illness or injury and status as a military member.

Please print the following information:

_____	_____
(Full Name of Military Member)	(Driver License/Identification Number and State of Issuance)
_____	_____
(Street Address)	*Confirmation preference e-mail/phone

(City, State, Zip Code)	

I verify that I am a military member and am electing to participate in the Camo Alert system. I understand that the Department of Public safety will record my election and issue a Camo Alert to the public (publishing name and picture) in the event I meet the missing person alert criteria.

_____	_____
Signature of Military Member	Date
_____	_____
Signature of witness	Date

Printed name of witness	

Note: This form can be scanned and e-mailed to TXFC@dps.texas.gov or faxed to (512) 424-7481 to register. *If the registrant would like to receive registration confirmation, please provide a contact preference of e-mail or voice above.

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CAMO ALERT INFORMATION SHEET

Over the last few years, a number of military personnel struggling with mental illnesses have disappeared in the United States. In such cases, the missing individuals are often in need of immediate medical care or mental health services. Military personnel in these episodes may be a danger to themselves or others. Unfortunately in these instances, families have found themselves leading the search for their loved ones without immediate help from local and state law enforcement officials.

In 2019, the state of Texas addressed this issue by approving House bill 833. House bill 833 established an alert system to aid in locating missing current or former military members who suffer from a mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder, or a traumatic brain injury. The Camo Alert is similar to the AMBER or Silver alerts for kids and older adults but designed to protect the health and safety of military members.

Before a Camo Alert can be issued, the current or former military member must register for the Camo Alert Program by submitting the reverse side of this document, "CAMO ALERT REGISTRATION FORM" to the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS).

Activation of a Camo Alert can be made when a law enforcement agency determines the various required criteria below have been met and submits the request to the TxDPS.

Criteria

- Verification from the TxDPS the missing military member is registered for the Camo Alert Program.
- Confirmation the individual reported missing is a current or former member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard or a reserve or auxiliary unit of any branch of the armed forces and that the individual's location is unknown.
- Confirmation the missing person suffers from a mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury.
- Confirmation the disappearance poses a credible threat to the military member's health and safety or the health and safety of another.