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**DFW AIRPORT LAUDS NATIONAL GUARD DUTY AT
"CHANGING OF THE GUARD" CEREMONY**

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**AIRPORT POLICE OFFICERS TAKE OVER
CHECKPOINT DUTY ON MAY 10TH**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (May 9, 2002) — DFW Airport commemorated the Texas National Guard's final day on the job with a "changing of the guard" ceremony in Terminal B today. The Airport hailed the performance of the Guard's duties as a tribute to our country and vital service to the Airport's 29.5 million passengers who have traveled through DFW since October.

"We completely understand and appreciate the sacrifice these soldiers have made for their country, for their families, and at our Airport," says Jeff Fegan, CEO at DFW. "They have made a tremendous difference, and we felt it was extremely appropriate to take time to commemorate their job well done."

Members of the Texas National Guard performed a "changing of the guard" ceremony with Airport police officers and were congratulated by DFW's new Federal Security Director, Jimmy Wooten, and Texas Homeland Security chief David Dewhurst. All 197 soldiers who were posted at DFW will also receive individual citations for their service from the DFW Airport Board.

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On Friday, DFW's 20 security checkpoints will be supervised by Airport police officers and supplemented by officers from the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department and Fort Worth Police Department. DFW was one of the first airports in the nation to enter into an agreement with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide local law enforcement officers until the TSA can hire and train its own federal security force. Under the terms of the agreement, DFW will provide a security presence at the checkpoints for at least 18 months, if needed, and the TSA will reimburse the Airport up to \$13.5 million for the assistance.

"DFW's checkpoint security is second to none in the country - the screening is extensive and thorough, yet done extremely quickly and efficiently to keep our passengers moving to their destinations as quickly as we can," says Jim Crites, executive vice president of operations at DFW. "We are working closely with the TSA to make this transition as simple, seamless and secure as possible."

Texas National Guard troops were mobilized by Texas Governor Rick Perry on October 1st and reported for duty at DFW Airport on October 5th, serving 212 days. The contingent is part of the Army's 3rd Brigade, 49th Armored Division. More than 600 soldiers were called to duty statewide.

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About DFW International Airport

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 55 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 129 domestic and 26 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport log on to www.dfwairport.com.

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