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World War II-Close Assault Reenactments Kick off Saturday, Ends Sunday

AUSTIN, Texas (November 11-12, 2023) – Close Assault 1944 will kick off on Saturday, November 11 and conclude Sunday, November 12, 2023, at Camp Mabry, to honor the service and sacrifice of America's veterans and focus on the history of the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard during World War II.

The free program, returning for its 17th year, is extremely popular with all age groups and will feature members of the Texas Military Forces Living History Detachment exhibiting the uniform and equipment worn by the American GI in the European Theater of the Second World War, as well as those of his German opponent. Visitors will also be able to see everything from tents, radio equipment, GI baseball gloves and mess kits to operational vehicles, such as an M4 Sherman Tank, M3 Halftrack and Jeeps.

The two-day event will also provide visitors the opportunity to witness firing demonstrations of the most famous U.S. and German small arms of World War II. Among the weapons that will be demonstrated are the 1903 Springfield, German K98 rifle, M1 Garand rifle, Browning Automatic Rifle (the famous BAR), Thompson submachine gun, MP-40 German submachine gun, the Browning .30 caliber machine gun, mortars, the bazooka and many more. In addition, at the end

of each hour and 15-minute program, the re-enactors will recreate a combined arms assault on a German roadblock, using small arms and automatic weapons as well as a Sherman tank, halftrack and jeeps.

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