



Texas Military Department News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the Guns of 1863 re-enactment on March 12-13, 2016 at Camp Mabry starting at 1 p.m.

Please call in advance to ensure timely media escort to the event area and parking.
Texas Military Forces' Museum point of contact is Jeff Hunt at (512) 782-5770 or (512) 934-4059 (cell).

Camp Mabry is accessed at the Maintenance Drive gate from 35th Street and media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Civil War Reenactment Commemorates 150th Anniversary of War's Last Battle.

AUSTIN, Texas (Mar. 9, 2016) – Guns of 1863 will kick off Saturday, March 12, 2016 and conclude Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas, to help visitors understand the realities faced in camp and on the battlefield by soldiers on both sides during the War Between the States. Show time is 1 p.m., both days.

The event will feature members of the Texas Military Forces Living History Detachment and several other reenactment units, from across the state, exhibiting the uniforms, equipment and weapons worn or used by Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. Visitors will be able to see infantry and cavalry drills, tents, battle flags, bugles, drums, civilian clothing of the period and even a field hospital, as well as learn how soldiers loaded and fired muskets and cannons. Cavalry, infantry and artillery weapons and equipment will also be on display.

The two-day event will also provide visitors the opportunity to witness firing demonstrations of the most famous weapons of the Civil War, to include the Model 1853 Enfield Rifle, the Sharp's Carbine, the Henry Repeating Rifle and the Ketchum Hand Grenade. In addition, at the end of the hour and 15 minute program, the re-enactors will recreate a skirmish between U.S. forces holding an earthwork and attacking Confederate troops.

This free event will take place rain or shine and bleachers will be available for seating. Camp Mabry is open to the public and adults only need to show a valid photo ID to enter post.

For more information, visit the museum's web site at www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open on during Spring Break.

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The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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