

Texas Military Department

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the living history events are invited to do so beginning at 1 p.m. and must arrive 30 minutes before the show to allow for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, March 10, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. with the TXMF Museum at 512-782-5659 or 512-934-4059.

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 Living History Event Kicks off Saturday, Ends Sunday

AUSTIN, Texas (Mar. 8, 2017) – Guns of 1863 will kick off on Saturday, March 11, 2017 and conclude Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Camp Mabry, in Austin, to educate the public about the realities faced in camp and on the battlefield by soldiers on both sides during the War Between the States in dramatic fashion. Show times are at 1 p.m. both days.

The event is hosted by the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry and 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 free two-day event will also provide visitors the opportunity to witness firing demonstrations of the most famous weapons of the Civil War. Among the weapons that will be demonstrated are the Model 1853 Enfield Rifle, the Sharp's Carbine, the Henry Repeating Rifle, the Ketchum Hand Grenade and several types of field artillery. In addition, at the end of the hour and 15 minute program, the re-enactors will recreate a skirmish between Union forces holding an earthwork and attacking Confederate troops.

Guests will also be able to tour the Texas Military Forces Museum and stroll through its extensive Civil War exhibit. Guests are encouraged to photograph and film the event.

Plenty of bleacher seating is available, but guests should come prepared for the sun. Souvenirs and concessions will be available. The event will take place rain or shine.

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Camp Mabry is open to the public; vehicle operators need merely show a valid driver's license to come on post.

The Brig. Gen. John C.L. Scribner Texas Military Forces Museum will be open to the public throughout the weekend as well as throughout Spring Break with volunteers standing by to teach every visitor what it was like to fight or serve during the Texas Revolution, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and the Cold War as well as the story of today's Soldiers and Airmen fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For detailed driving directions or more information please visit the museum's web site at <https://tmd.texas.gov> or call 512-782-5770. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. Adults must show a photo ID to enter Camp Mabry.

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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. The Texas Military Department includes 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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