

Texas Military Department

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the re-enactments are invited to do so beginning at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 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, May 26, 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:

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

AUSTIN, Texas (May 24, 2017) – Close Assault 1944 will kick off on Saturday, May 27, 2017 and conclude Sunday, May 28, 2017 at Camp Mabry, in Austin, 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. Show times are at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. both days.

The free program, now in its eleventh year, features 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, German Hetzer tank destroyer 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, 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 held village, using small arms and automatic weapons as well as a Sherman tank, halftrack and jeeps.

The Brig. Gen. John C.L. Scribner Texas Military Forces Museum will be open to the public throughout the weekend as well as on Memorial Day with docents 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.

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

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

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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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