



Texas Military Department News

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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 9, 2018, 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. Media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Guns of 1863 Civil War Living History Program begins Saturday, Ends Sunday

AUSTIN, Texas (Mar. 6, 2018)- Guns of 1863 will kick off on Saturday, March 10, 2018 and conclude Sunday, March 11, 2018 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.

This special living history program is hosted by the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry. Guns of 1863 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 learn how soldiers loaded and fired muskets and cannons. Cavalry, infantry and artillery weapons and equipment will also be on display. The climax of the event will be a brief battle reenactment between Union and Confederate forces.

The 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 and several types of field artillery.

Visitors 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. Souvenirs and concessions will be on hand. Plenty of bleacher seating is available, but guests should come

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prepared for the sun. The event will take place rain or shine. 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 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.

For detailed driving directions or more information please visit the museum's web site at <https://tmd.texas.gov/museum> or call 512-782-5659. 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, 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) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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