

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 2 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, Oct. 5, 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:

Over There 1918: World War I Battle Reenactment begins Saturday, Ends Sunday

AUSTIN, Texas (Oct. 3, 2018)- The Texas Military Forces Museum will commemorate the centennial of the 36th Infantry Division's combat debut on the Western Front with a special WWI battle reenactment called Over There: 1918, Oct. 6-7, 2018. Show times are 2 p.m. each day.

This special living history program is hosted by the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry. This event will allow visitors to see some of the most famous weapons of the First World War in action including a fully restored and operational F17 tank, a French 75 mm artillery piece, a U.S. 3-inch field gun, a British Lewis Gun, a US M1917 Browning water-cooled heavy machine gun, an MG 08 "Maxim" machine gun, an Austrian Schwarzlose machine gun and a variety of rifles and other weapons, as well as a variety of US World War I vehicles such as trucks and ambulances.

American, German and French troops using period equipment and wearing correct uniforms will demonstrate the tactics employed by the victorious Allied powers during the brutal final month of combat in the Great War. A special living history exhibit inside the museum will examine the U.S. Army Medical Service during the conflict.

The event is free and will take place rain or shine. Bleacher Seating. Stars & Stripes Food Truck with meals, snacks and drinks will be on hand. Souvenirs available.

For detailed driving directions or more information please visit the museum's web site at <u>https://tmd.texas.gov/museum</u> 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 mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

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).

For more information about the Texas Military Department visit our Website at <u>https://tmd.texas.gov.</u>