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# Battleground 1863 Civil War History Program

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**WHO:** Texas Military Forces Museum

**WHAT:** Battleground 1863 Civil War Living History Program

**WHERE:** Camp Mabry, 2200 W. 35th St., Austin, Texas 78703

**WHEN:** March 12-13, 2022 at 1 p.m. each day, but camps are open to the public beginning at 10 a.m.

**Background:** The event educates the public and provide visitors the opportunity to tour the Texas Military Forces Museum. The admission to event and museum are free.

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Learn about the realities of camp and battlefield for the soldiers on both sides of the War Between the States in dramatic fashion at this weekend's special living history program hosted by the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry. Battleground 1863 features members of the Texas Military Forces Living History Detachment and other reenactment units from across the state exhibiting uniforms, equipment and weapons worn or used by Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. Visitors will see infantry drills, tents, battle flags, bugles, drums, civilian clothing of the period and learn how soldiers loaded and fired muskets and cannons. Infantry, 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 an 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.

Guests will also be able to tour the Texas Military Forces Museum and stroll through its extensive 26,000 square foot exhibit covering everything from the Texas Revolution through current operations of the Texas National Guard. Spectators are encouraged to photograph and film the event. A food truck and souvenirs and concessions will be on hand. Plenty of bleacher seating is available, but come prepared for the weather. The event takes place rain or shine. Camp Mabry is open to the public; vehicle operators need to 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 during Spring Break. Admission to the museum is always free.

For detailed driving directions or more information, please visit the museum's web site at [www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org](http://www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org) 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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