

Texas Military Forces News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media are invited to cover any Close Assault 1968 re-enactment on **May 27-28, 2023 at Camp Mabry starting at 11:00a.m. and 2:00p.m. on Saturday (May 27) and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday (May 28)**. Please call in advance to ensure timely media escort to the event area and parking. Camp Mabry is accessed at the Maintenance Drive gate from 35th Street and media will be required to show credentials at the gate. Texas Military Forces' Museum point of contact is **Jeff Hunt** at **(512) 782-5770** or **(512) 934-4059** (cell).

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Vietnam War-Close Assault 1968 Reenactments Kick off Saturday, End Sunday

AUSTIN, Texas (May 27-28, 2023) – Close Assault 1968 will kick off on Saturday, May 27 and conclude Sunday, May 28, 2023 at Camp Mabry. The event will commemorate Memorial Day and honor the service and sacrifice of America's Vietnam Veterans, including those members of the Texas Army and Air National Guard who volunteered for service in Southeast Asia and the many Vietnam veterans who joined the Texas Guard afterwards.

The free program, beginning its fifteenth season, is extremely popular with all age groups and will feature members of the Texas Military Forces Living History Detachment exhibiting the uniforms and equipment worn by the American Troops in Vietnam, as well as those of their North Vietnamese and Viet Cong opponents. Visitors will see everything from radios, grenade launchers and machine guns to operational vehicles, such as an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier, M106 Mortar Carrier, M151 Jeeps and more.

The two-day event will also provide visitors the opportunity to witness firing demonstrations of the most famous U.S. and Enemy small arms used during the Vietnam War. Among the weapons that will be demonstrated are the M16 Rifle, AK47 and SKS Rifles, M60 Machine Gun, M79 Grenade Launcher, Claymore Mine and many more. In addition, at the end of each hour and 15-minute program, the re-enactors will recreate a typical small unit battle in the jungles of Southeast Asia, using small arms and automatic weapons as well as armored personnel carriers and simulated artillery fire.

Visitors are encouraged to take pictures or film. Food vendors and souvenirs will be on hand. Plenty of bleacher seating is available, but guests should come prepared for the sun or rain. Camp Mabry is open to the public; adults need merely show a valid photo ID such as a driver's license, passport, etc. to come on post.

The Brig. Gen. John C.L. Scribner Texas Military Forces Museum will be open to the public throughout the weekend including 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 and assisting fellow Texans in need during hurricanes, wildfires, floods, snow storms and pandemics.

For detailed driving directions or more information please visit the museum's web site at www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org or call 512-782-5770. The museum will be open on Monday May 30 in honor of Memorial Day in addition to its regular hours Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.