

What: Museum of the American G.I. Open House

When: Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 2010

Where: Museum of the American G.I.
19124 South Hwy 6
College Station

Host: Brent Mullins

Reenactor Coordinator: Denny Hair (denny@mssblue.net)

“Clearing the Palatinate”

Part II

ET0 1945 13 March 1945

Who: Military Vehicle owners and clubs, reenacting units, military surplus and military vehicle vendors

Overall Allied Commander of Battle Scenario: Jeff Hunt

Overall Axis Commander: Craig Tomlinson

Schedule of events:

Arrival of vehicles and equipment: Friday before dark or by 9AM Sat

(If you will be arriving after dark, please call Leisha at 979-255-3675)

Registration: Friday or Saturday 10AM-11AM

“Tanks for the Memories” Dinner Friday 6pm

Tickets \$20pp tax deductible donation

Entertainment, Dinner and Guest Speakers

Held: 1303 Cherokee, CS, TX

Ticket reservation can be made on your online registration form

Unit Commanders meeting: 10 AM Saturday

Lunch: Saturday 11 – 12 (at designated pickup point)

Axis /Allies Assemble: 1 PM (pre-event check), 1:30 Staging

Reenactment: 2 PM

Amenities: Potable water, free parking, porta johns, sack lunch on Saturday, camping.

Lunch: As in years past we will provide lunch for all registered participants. Upon registration/check-in, you will be given a ticket, which you will exchange for a sack

lunch on Sat. To avoid time consuming long lines, the sack lunch will be distributed to participants at a set time and place, which will be announced when you register.

Event Concept: This is Brent's annual open house and will be much the same as in past years with a few changes.

As always there will be lots of vendors selling just about everything a reenactor or military vehicle owner could want. The vendors tend to set up by Thursday and therefore ***Friday is the best shopping day.*** We strongly encourage everyone to come out on Friday to shop and set up camps and displays. This will allow participants to do all the shopping they want and therefore have maximum time available on Sat. to take part in the event.

This year all non-tracked vehicles will be unloaded off site, but near by.. All trailers, not in vendor spaces, will be parked off-site. Unloading of tracked vehicles and equipment from cars can be done at the site, of course, but becomes increasingly difficult beginning early Saturday -- another reason to arrive on Friday if at all possible.

This is a public event, put on by the museum to educate visitors, honor our veterans and active duty troops, provide an opportunity for the reenacting and military vehicle community to take part in a quality event as well as buy, sell, trade a host of items, and promote the Museum of the American G.I. ***Displays from all time periods of military history and from all branches of the armed forces are welcome. However, only WWII ETO ground impressions will be allowed to take part in the battle scenario.***

Authenticity of impressions is very important. As a public, educational and commemorative event, it is vital that all participants wear correct uniform and equipment for their impression. Haircuts, mustaches and beards **should** conform to proper military standards for the time period you are representing. This applies to both male and female participants. Anachronisms in the camps should be completely hidden during public hours. Rations eaten in the WWII front line area should have a period appearance. Authenticity of attitude is also important and everyone wearing a military uniform will be expected to behave in a manner that reflects positively on the armed forces and our veterans. During the battle scenario troops will be expected to act in a realistic manner. Anyone who cannot adhere to the authenticity and safety standards of the event will be asked to leave. Authenticity and safety is the responsibility of the unit commanders, who will be responsible to the reenactment coordinator. If someone new comes into their ranks, they must adhere to their standards.

There will be a meeting of unit commanders to go over the scenario at 10 am Saturday morning. They will be asked for a list of participants and told the details of the scenario.

Authentic Camp Sites

If you have an authentic campsite set up on or near the battlefield, authentically attired personnel should maintain it. In simple terms, no civilians or children during the time it

is on public display. These events are often filmed and many times wind up on the news. If something or someone is not as it should be it shows up on the footage.

Registration: register online - <http://magicstx.org/RegistrationOP2010.shtml>

Units: Existing unit structures will be maintained and everyone will be allowed to serve alongside their friends. Smaller units will be attached together or placed in the table of organization in a way that facilitates command and control as well as authenticity. Individuals who attend and do not belong to an existing unit will be assigned to a unit.

Tentage: Period military camps are strongly encouraged. Participants are welcome to camp starting on Thursday March 18 through Saturday March 20.

What to bring: For those participating in the battle scenario be sure to bring plenty of ammo. Otherwise bring what you wish to display, sell, swap, etc. Please remember that authenticity of the front line exhibit and camp areas will be strictly enforced and non-period items should be kept to a minimum and out of sight.

Exploding pyrotechnics: Only authorized personnel will be allowed to explode pyro (grenades, mortars, etc).

Vehicles: All period military vehicles and artillery pieces of any time period, theater or nationality are welcome! A display area will be provided for vehicles. Pre-registration is important as it will ensure that the proper amount of space is allotted for the displays. WWII ETO vehicle and artillery owners may incorporate their vehicle or gun into the front line exhibits if they wish to do so and are highly encouraged to display their equipment in this fashion. The number of vehicles that take part in the battle scenario will be limited to the needs of the scenario (the number of participants in the battle, safety, authenticity, etc. will determine what vehicles are used and in what way.)

Questions: If you have ANY questions, comments, concerns or ideas PLEASE DON'T HESITATE to ask. The caliber of the participants is what makes this event a success and Brent very much wants your input. We are happy to work with you as much as possible to make the event enjoyable and safe. Brent (979) 777 -2820.