

# “Remembering D-Day” Living History Event

June 3, 2023– 10am to 4pm








Camp Hearne Historic Site

Hearne, Texas

Camp Hearne will partner with WWII re-enactors in a D-Day Remembrance of the courage, honor and sacrifice of America’s men and women in military service during WWII. These re-enactors help to enrich our visitors’ museum experience. Wearing the uniforms and carrying the equipment of both the Allied and Axis forces, they share their knowledge about the day-to-day lives of military men and women and the broader lessons of WWII.




## THINGS TO DO AND SEE!







 <p><b>CROSSROADS</b> HOME TOWN FESTIVAL SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 LIVE MUSIC, FOOD VENDORS CRAFT VENDOR &amp; THE KIDS' ZONE</p>	<p>Downtown Hearne 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Magnolia Streets</p>	<p>Downtown Hearne will be hosting the <b>Crossroads Home Town Festival</b> with live music, food vendors and a kids zone all day on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come visit the Camp, then head to town for the festivities and great food.</p>
 <p><b>TAILGATING FOR TURF</b> <b>BBQ Cook-off</b> Friday, June 2 - Saturday, June 3, 2023</p>	<p>The Hearne Depot 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; SH6</p>	<p><b>BBQ COOKOFF TIME!</b> We always have time for barbeque. Check out the winners’ circle at <b>The Hearne Depot</b> on your way home.</p>
<p><b>Camp Hearne Historic Site</b></p> 	<p>Self-guided trails <b>WEATHER PERMITTING</b> 10am – 4pm</p>	<p>Camp Hearne, a WWII prisoner-of-war base camp located on FM 485 northwest of Hearne, Texas, is touted as the best-documented POW camp in the US. Many folks simply do not realize almost 432,000 German, Italian, &amp; Japanese prisoners were housed in the US during WWII. Camp Hearne, where more than 4800 mostly German prisoners were detained, is the perfect historic site to tell this story. You will be able to visit our WWII POW Camp Exhibit, walk the trails to prisoner-built remains, interact with WWII living historians as they “show and tell” their collections, watch weapons demonstrations and view WWII vintage vehicles. <a href="http://www.camphearne.com">www.camphearne.com</a></p>
<p><b>Camp Hearne Guard Tower</b></p> 	<p>Self-guided tours 10am – 4pm</p>	<p>Camp Hearne’s guard tower replica was built following a set of plans from the period. After reviewing the complexity and feasibility, the decision was made to build a similar structure for its visual context; that is, the tower is the most iconic symbol of the POW camp. Primarily due to cost, this structure is more of a visual silhouette than exact replica. Still, our tower offers a unique view of the Camp. Structural differences are shown and each opening’s view is explained on posted interpretive panels.</p>
<p><b>Bert Wheeler Barracks</b></p> 	<p>Self-guided tours 10am – 4pm  Docents available</p>	<p>The barracks front interior depicts a soldier’s living quarters, as it would have been during WWII. Authenticated by a set of 1942 Corps of Engineer plans and original photographs, we are working to recreate all the features. The next room displays the photographs, artifacts, and objects collected by Dr. Michael Waters and ROLL CALL. These tell the story of the Camp’s origins and a day in the life of the prisoners as well as our GIs who guarded them from 1942-1946. The back room is our visitors’ center where guests may relax, obtain tourist information and learn more about Camp Hearne.</p>

<p><b>British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am-4pm</p>	<p>Barry Falsek's new impression is that of <b>Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery</b> or simply "Monty," the Spartan General. During the Second World War, he commanded the British Eighth Army from August 1942 in the Western Desert until the final Allied victory in Tunisia in May 1943. The North African battlefront is where most of Camp Hearne's POWs surrendered. FM Montgomery was Britain's leading battlefield commander throughout WWII.</p>
<p><b>Lone Star MVPA</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am-4pm</p>	<p>The <b>Lone Star Military Vehicle Preservation Association</b> is a structured, non-profit entity dedicated to the collection, history, restoration, preservation, and display of historic military vehicles and equipment. Their displays will include WWII vehicles and gear. <a href="http://www.lonestar-mvpa.org/">http://www.lonestar-mvpa.org/</a></p> 
<p><b>WWII Allied Forces Re-enactors</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am-4pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOLIDERS ON THE BATTLEFIELDS</b></p> <p>Visitors can expect to see reenactors in authentic uniforms and gear, including members of both Allied and Axis Armies from every theater of war; i.e. North Africa, Europe, Russia &amp; the Pacific. These reenactors will also include displays of military vehicles, equipment, and weapons from the era, as well as demonstrations to illustrate each Living Historians' impressions of WWII personalities and services.</p>
<p><b>Camp Lili Collection 441 AAA Bn SigCoy</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am – 4pm</p>	<p><b>Camp Lili</b> is an effort to recreate a United States Army Signal Corps Company encampment in a forward position in southern France during WW2. The unit is based on a signal company attached to the 441st Anti-aircraft artillery battalion, a part of "Camel Force" which invaded southern France between Cannes and St. Raphael in August of 1944 as part of Operation Dragoon. This area was spear headed by the 36th Infantry Division (shoulder patch of Camp Lili) to which the 441st was attached. Once the beach was secured the 36th fought up the Rhone Valley to join U.S. Forces from the Normandy invasion. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/camplili?ref=br_tf">https://www.facebook.com/camplili?ref=br_tf</a></p>
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> Guards Mechanized Brigade (Soviet Ally)</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am – 4pm</p>	<p>The <b>20<sup>th</sup> Guards Mechanized Brigade</b> is a unit that focuses on Mid-Late war. Their Living History impressions use a mixture of Allied, German and Soviet gear thanks to Lend Lease, looting and issued gear! This unit was founded on the Stalingrad front and went all the way to Berlin!</p>
<p><b>Italian Unit</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am – 4pm</p>	<p><b>Italian paratrooper</b> with Folgore ( paracadutista italiano con Folgore ) &amp; , a nurse with the <b>Italian Red Cross</b> ( inferiera con Croce Rossa Italiana ) will be representing the Italian forces at this year's Remembrance.</p>

**All activities occurring at the Hearne Airport are dependent upon the weather in Hearne as well as the home bases of these wonderful vintage warbirds.**

**As with D-Day, we are hoping for that perfect window of opportunity that will allow our planes to fly and our ground troops bivouacked at Camp Hearne to perform their art of recreating the daily life of the American GI and German soldaten.**

<p><b>AT-6 Red Tail</b> CAF Central Texas Wing San Marcus, Texas</p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am-4pm</p> <p>Book a ride!</p> <p>Hearne Airport</p> <p><b>WEATHER PERMITTING</b></p>	<p>The T-6 Texan is a world famous single-engine aircraft primarily known for its use as a "pilot trainer." During WWII, the "advance trainer" (AT-6) was used extensively by military branches around the world as the primary fighter trainer training thousands of pilots in the nuances of fighter tactics and general flight. For many, their last 75 hours of training were spent in the AT-6 before they graduated to the famed P-51 Mustang. <a href="https://www.centraltexaswing.org/ourfleet">https://www.centraltexaswing.org/ourfleet</a></p> <p><b>Experience what it was like for a WWII pilot being trained in a Texan designed AT -6. History Flights are \$380.00 per person.</b></p>
<p><b>C-45 Expeditor</b> <b>Lone Star Lady</b> CAF Central Texas Wing San Marcus, Texas</p> 	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am-4pm</p> <p>Book a ride!</p> <p>Hearne Airport</p> <p><b>WEATHER PERMITTING</b></p>	<p>The C-45 was based on the Beech Aircraft Corporation's Model 18 "Twin Beech" series. First flight for the original company design was recorded on January 15th, 1937 and the aircraft was introduced that same year. The US military adopted the Model 18 in many guises including the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) which designated the type as the "C-45". It went on to become a fixture within the inventories of the USAAF (later the USAF), the US Navy and the USMC and saw additional service overseas with British and Canadian forces through Lend-Lease. The C-45 went on to see considerable operational service in World War 2 and the Korean War in the light transport, VIP transport and mission liaison roles. <a href="https://www.centraltexaswing.org/ourfleet">https://www.centraltexaswing.org/ourfleet</a></p> <p><b>Experience what it was like for a WWII co-pilot on this WWII transport. History Flights are \$200.00 for co-pilot seat or \$100 as VIP passenger.</b></p>
	<p>Ongoing "show &amp; tell" 10am-4pm</p> <p>Hearne Airport</p> <p><b>WEATHER PERMITTING</b></p>	<p>Located in Cameron, Texas, <b>Morgan Military Aviation Museum</b> concentrates on showing how our WWII pilots and airmen were trained. From pilot to navigator, to gunner to airplane mechanic, radio technician, and even down to the cooks, supply sergeants, and admin clerks – it takes a lot to go to war! This Museum honors all contributions to the war effort including the ground-pounding regular soldiers to the home front heroes back home who were just as important to the overall goal of winning the war. <a href="https://www.morganmilitaryaviationmuseum.com/">https://www.morganmilitaryaviationmuseum.com/</a></p>

<p><b>Special D-Day Collection</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing “show &amp; tell” 10am-4pm</p> <p>Motor Pool Bldg</p>	<p>Delroy Collins’ personal collection of D-Day memorabilia including newspaper headlines, photographs and collectables</p>
<p><b>SPECIAL EXHIBIT</b></p> <p><b>National WWII Museum Digital Exhibit</b></p> 	<p>Digital Exhibit (30 min video) Continuous Play</p> <p>Camp Hearne Theater (Brick Bldg. across the road)</p>	<p><b>Snapshots of D-Day</b></p> <p><b>6 JUNE 1944</b> - 150,000 Allied troops, an armada of over 5,000 vessels, and over ten thousand Allied aircraft are launched against the heavily fortified Nazi-held French coastline. For many of the American assault troops involved, this would be their baptism of fire. Places like Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, Pointe du Hoc, and the town of Sainte-Mère-Église would become hallowed ground for the deeds, sacrifices, and the price paid in blood by American youth to free France from Nazi tyranny. From this National WWII Museum collection of unique photographs, you will see the Normandy Invasion as it unfolded, through the eyes of the men who were there. Also included are photos of D-Day artifacts from the Museum’s collection.</p>
<p><b>Home Front “Soliders”</b></p> 	<p>Ongoing “show &amp; tell” 10am-4pm</p> <p>Bert Wheeler Barracks Visitors’ Room</p>	<p><b>HOME FRONT HEROES!</b></p> <p>Camp Hearne always highlights the contributions made by the millions of ordinary citizens during extraordinary work and sacrifice to win the war.</p> 
<p><b>AND THEN THERE IS YOU!</b></p> 	<p>As long as you enjoy playing the part!</p>	<p><b>Get those old clothes out of the attic or visit a local resale shop and dress in vintage apparel for the day!</b></p> 

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