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### **For Immediate Release**

## ***Camp Hearne WWII POW Camp to Celebrate Anniversary***

**[Hearne, Texas] – Camp Hearne Historic Site & Exhibit** cordially invites the community to join us in celebrating our remarkable local history at our upcoming Living History Event. Since our grand opening in October 2010, Camp Hearne has been a captivating destination for thousands of visitors from across the United States and around the world. On ***Saturday, October 28, 2023***, we will mark our 13th year of service with an immersive ***Living History Event*** that promises to transport attendees back in time.

Camp Hearne is renowned as one of the finest examples of America's Home Front efforts during World War II. This upcoming event will showcase a diverse array of interactive displays and activities designed to breathe life into this pivotal era of our history.

Highlights of the Living History Event include:

**Military Exhibits:** Explore displays of period military uniforms, gear, vehicles, equipment, and weapons, providing a glimpse into the technological innovations of the time.

**Living Historians:** Engage with Living Historians who will embody the personalities and services of World War II, offering unique insights into the era.

Visitors will also be able to take a guided tour of our Camp Hearne Exhibit and explore the trails to prisoner-built relics. Learn about the U.S. War Department's internment of nearly 432,000 prisoners-of-war across America, including Camp Hearne, which housed up to 4800 POWs. Discover their journey to this site, the challenges they faced during captivity, and America's commitment to the Geneva Convention, a legacy that played a crucial role in the post-war reconstruction of Europe and Japan.

Cathy Lazarus, President of ROLL CALL – Friends of Camp Hearne, expressed her enthusiasm for the event, stating, "If you have visited before, you need to come back and see what has been added to this unique local historic site. With Veteran's Day in a few weeks, this is a perfect time to learn more about the sacrifices made by our nation's greatest generation and to honor their legacy."

The ***Anniversary Living History Event*** will take place at ***Camp Hearne Historic Site*** and is open to the public free of charge. The event will commence at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at

4:00 p.m., providing ample time for families and friends to immerse themselves in this educational and engaging experience.

Camp Hearne is conveniently located northwest of Hearne on FM 485. For additional information about the event, please visit [camphearne.com](http://camphearne.com) or contact Cathy Lazarus or Melissa Freeman at 979-314-7012.

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Figure 1. World War II poster art



Figure 2. Living Historian “Woody” on guard at Camp Hearne guard tower.