THE MILITARY SITES AND ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The Military Sites and Oral History Program of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) works with citizens, County Historical Commissions, museums, local governments, state and federal agencies, and other interested parties to identify, preserve, and share the military and oral histories of Texas.

A World War I commemorative event at the State Capitol featured period military equipment and living historians from the Texas Military Forces Museum Living History Detachment.
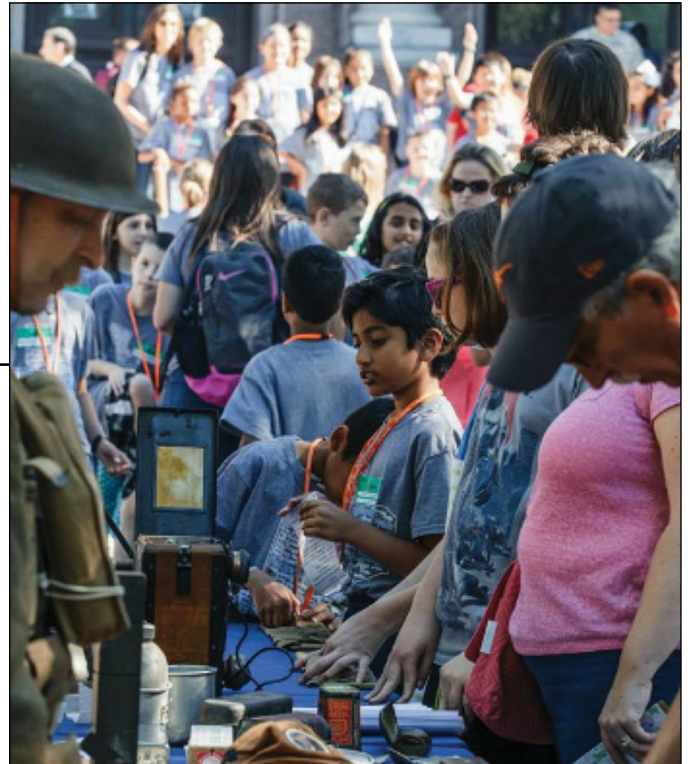
WHAT WE DO

MILITARY HISTORY

Since 1997, the Military Sites and Oral History Program has actively promoted interpretation, preservation, and tourism for countless battlefields, historic forts, military museums, and other heritage sites within the Lone Star State.

Popular initiatives include military-themed travel brochures, civic engagement projects, publications, the creation of onsite historical interpretation, lifelong learning classes, and social media outreach to commemorate important anniversaries. Staff also routinely provide research and preservation advice through public presentations, the THC's website, and participation in grassroots projects.

ORAL HISTORY

The Military Sites and Oral History Program preserves the intangible heritage in our midst, particularly the life experiences and traditions of ordinary Texans. The THC has an oral history collection spanning decades, some of it available online, with special concentrations in World War II, the Cold War, rural Texas communities, and historic preservation. We also offer oral history training workshops and resources to assist communities in preserving their own local histories.

For more information about the Military Sites and Oral History Program and its resources, please visit thc.texas.gov/military.

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