

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR

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WW II RE-ENACTMENTS AT NIMITZ GIVE THE WHOLE FAMILY A CHANCE TO ENJOY AND LEARN FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Volunteer Living History re-enactors at the Nimitz will present three shows on both Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. The 90-minute shows begin at 10:30 AM, 1 PM and 3:30 PM each day at the Pacific Combat Zone on E. Austin between Elk and Lee Streets, two blocks east of the Museum's main campus. Visitors will learn about the American and Japanese forces as they prepare for battle on a Pacific island. Weapons will be discussed and demonstrated and later used in a final attack on the Japanese-held island. Attendees will feel the rumble of a Stewart tank as it moves past the audience and onto the battle field. The only operational WW II flame-thrower in Texas is used in the final assault.

"The re-enactment gives families an opportunity to spend Father's Day weekend enjoying a fun and educational event, which honors the men and women who were prepared to give their lives for our country," said Marvin Schroeder, long time Living History coordinator.

Appropriate for the entire family, admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. World War II veterans and children under six are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased at the Pacific Combat Zone at the beginning of each performance or in advance at the Front Desks of the Admiral Nimitz Museum on Main Street and the George H.W. Bush Gallery on E. Austin Street.

The majority of the programs are standing room only so it's advisable to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to show times. While 80 percent of the seating is shaded, sun screen and hats are recommended. Ear plugs will be provided.

The Pacific Combat Zone's "Ship Store" will be in full operation before, during and after each performance. In addition to various snacks, bottled water and soda, there will be an assortment of adult and youth field gear, hats and tee shirts. Children's helmets, toy guns, army action figures and gliders will be offered for sale. Rounding out the list are photographs of the volunteer re-enactors (available for autographs, too).

The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, is located in Fredericksburg, hometown of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. It is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater in World War II.

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