



Company of Military Historians

68th Annual Meeting

23 –26 March 2017
The Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas

10 January 2017

Dear CMH Member,

We invite you to attend the 68th annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians in San Antonio, Texas. Come help celebrate the reemergence of the Lone Star Chapter of the Company.

- **Stay next to the Alamo! Hoist a beer where the Rough Riders were recruited. Attend tours covering all eras of Military History. Bullet point attractive features of meeting**

Additional highlights include:

- A dual track of talks. In most sessions, you can choose the talks that most interest you! A Century of Cadet Uniforms at A&M, Preservation and Conservation, Oklahoma Rough Riders, British Artillery, Mobilizing Texas Guard for WW I, The Battle of the Alamo, A surgeon at the Alamo story, Houston Riots and more.
- Our meeting and sleeping rooms are all within The Menger Hotel's vast ground floor, next to the Alamo and the Riverwalk, La Veita and The Menger Hotel Bar where Rough Riders were recruited; all in downtown San Antonio, Texas. Home of the 1968 World's Fair, Five Spanish era Missions and more Military Museums than you can visit in a week!
- Ample flea market / exhibit space will be available next to all the meetings and lectures. Chairman Robert Driscoll will endeavor to accommodate all displays and anyone wishing to set up flea market tables.. PLEASE NOTE – tables will be available for setup 1100 on Thursday. Take down is Sunday before 1100.
- Full registration price **\$220.00**

We are also offering some special deals:

- First time attendees: As always, first time attendees get a 10% discount off the full registration rate **\$200.00**
- Any other special deals: Optional tour for Thursday limited to first 50, (waiting list to be drawn up). **\$27.00**
- The full registration rate includes Thursday evening opening reception, eight lectures, two tours, Friday (box lunch included) and Saturday, (Private tour at the Alamo) , display tables, flea market tables and admittance to these plus the banquet on Saturday.

Mark your calendar for 23 March to attend the Company's 68th Annual Meeting San Antonio, Texas. Be sure to get your registration postmarked by 1 March to avoid the \$30.00 late-registration fee.

Sincerely,
Robert Driscoll,
Chairman, 703-600-9403,
robert.s.driscoll.civ@mail.mil

Extra Fee Event Thursday,

23 March, Leaving from Menger Hotel

Tour Registration Fee \$27.00

What's included: Luxury motor coach transportation, box lunch, beverage, all admissions and gratuities, and the services of an experienced tour guide. Tour goes out rain or shine. Travel to starting place and hotel arrangements are the responsibility of participants. Limited to the first 50 members, limited waiting list will be started.

This all day tour will include AMEDD and Fort Sam Houston Museums (AM), and USAF Museum of Basic Training and Security Police Museums (PM).

To register: Please fill out registration package or call to reserve your place.

2017 Company Annual Raffle

Tickets can be purchased at the annual meeting for this year's two primary prizes.
(\$25.00 for one or \$40.00 for two).

- 1) A Set of Military Collectors & Historians, complete to volume 42, some bound others in binders.
- 2) Military Uniforms in America, Plates 1-868, all in archival plastic sleeves in art binders.

“San Antonio, Texas” A fantastic place to spend a few days!

The Menger Hotel Our meeting is held in the beautiful Menger Hotel just a stone’s throw from the Alamo itself.

The Alamo Of course you have to visit The Alamo itself, just 2 minutes from The Menger and open

The Riverwalk A network of tree lined walkways that meander along the banks of the San Antonio River. Stroll past the city’s most popular bars and restaurants and enjoy a boat ride on the river and a Margarita.

The Briscoe Located on the Riverwalk this Western Art Museum houses a 70 square foot action packed diorama of the Battle of the Alamo with over 1500 soldiers designed and built by King & Country.

The Pearl Brewery A historic brewery that has now been transformed into San Antonio’s funkier neighborhood full of trendy restaurants, cafes and shops that are a terrific place to hang out!

Fredericksburg & The National Museum of the Pacific War Venture just an hour outside San Antonio and drive up to the Texas Hill Country and the German town of Fredericksburg. Great shops, restaurants and the world class “National Museum of the Pacific War”. Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz was born just across the road from the Museum. (**one of the stops on the CMH tour)

The Peach Tree Café If you go to Fredericksburg, you have got to eat at this family run restaurant.... Delicious sandwiches, soups and friendly service.

Galveston & San Jacinto Drive down to the coast (3 hours from San Antonio) and explore this historic sea side town on the Gulf of Mexico. Check out the Lone Star Flight Museum and visit the Bryan Museum and see K&C’s huge Battle of San Jacinto battlefield with almost 2000 figures.

The San Jacinto Memorial Just a short drive from Galveston is the massive San Jacinto Memorial right on the actual site of the battle. Berthed nearby is the USS Texas, America’s only surviving dreadnought that fought in two World Wars.

Registration Notes

Meeting Registration:

Send completed form with check or money order made out to CMH-2017 and mail to:

Thomas A Crawford
One Myles Standish Dr.
Carver, MA 02330

Credit card payments can be made only through PayPal and only after contacting the Company Administrator.

Registration must be postmarked by date to avoid paying a late fee. 1 March 2017 is the cutoff date for cancellation and registration refunds.

General Questions

Robert Driscoll, 703-600-9403, robert.s.driscoll.civ@mail.mil

CMH Mess Rules for the Saturday night Banquet:

Gentlemen to wear dark suits, authorized military uniforms, civilian black tie, or coat and tie minimum.

Hotel Information:



Hotel Reservations: www.mengerhotel.com

Hotel reservations can be made now at 1-800-345-9285. Ask for group code "0317MILHIST" or "Company of Military Historians". Hotel room rates are **\$149.00** per night, valet parking is \$20 each day, with additional parking options located nearby. Luggage storage is available. Please visit the website for the numerous amenities offered by The Menger Hotel. Rooms have all expected amenities for a luxury hotel and the hotel itself offers all accommodations.

When you stay at The Menger Hotel, you not only get high-end features and amenities in the hotel and in your guest room, but there are a variety of nearby attractions to make it even more exciting. You are right across the street from the River Center Mall with its hundreds of shops and restaurants. You are only a block from the Riverwalk, and close to attractions like the Convention Center, Tower of the Americas, Witte Museum and the Institute of Texan Cultures. The nearby Six Flags Fiesta Texas and SeaWorld Antonio theme parks are also not far from the hotel.

Please reserve early to make sure you get one of the rooms at this special conference price. The hotel will release our block of rooms on 21 March but we expect to fill our block long before then.

Schedule

Company of Military Historians Meeting

San Antonio, Texas

23 March to 26 March 2017

Thursday March 23

Optional Trip to AMEDD and Fort Sam Houston Museums (AM), and USAF Museum of Basic Training and Security Police Museums (PM). Box lunch provided. Limited to 50 people.

Registration and message center open (1100)

Flea market/exhibit room set-up (1100)

Opening Reception, Menger Hotel (1800)

Friday March 24

Registration and message center open Flea market/exhibit room open Company Meeting (0830 - 0930), Craig Bell Break (0930- 1000)

Lecture 1 (1000- 1100)

Session A: Aggie Fashion: A Century of Cadet Uniforms at Texas A&M, Walter Bradford

Session B: Preservation and Conservation of Artifacts,

Chris Semancik and James Speraw, Center of Military History

Field trip: Museum of the South Pacific War (1 hr travel). Box lunch provided to eat on bus to Fredericksburg, TX.

Saturday March 25

Lecture 2 (0830 - 0930)

Session C: Oklahoma Rough Riders: Richard Killblane

Session D: British Artillery: W. Sanders Marble, PhD

Break (0930- 1000)

Lecture 3 (1000- 1100)

Session E: Mobilizing the Texas Guard for World War I: Greg Ball, PhD

Session F: The myths about the Battle of the Alamo, Stephen Hardin, PhD

Lecture 4 1000- 1200)

Session G: Dr. Amos Pollard, Chief Surgeon of the Alamo Garrison, 1836, Scott Woodard

Session H: Houston Riots: Isaac Hampton, PhD

Lunch on your Own (1200 - 1300)

Field Trip: The Alamo, includes orientation presentation, (1300 - 1700)

Orientation: 1300-1400 Guided Tour of Alamo: 1400-1700 Cocktail reception (1830)

Banquet & awards ceremony (1930)

Sunday March 26

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On your own trip to Goliad and San Jacinto. Both battlefields are over 4 hours from meeting site.

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 Address _____ City, ST, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> with star	Bd of Governors -->	curr()	past()
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Registration Options	Price	Qty	Total
Full registration Includes: <u>Thurs.:</u> Exhibits, Flea Market (limited hours), Optional trip Ft Sam Houston & USAF Museum Lackland AFB, Opening Reception, Hospitality Room Opens <u>Fri.:</u> Exhibits, Flea Market, Lectures, Field Trip Nimitz Pacific War Museum, Fredericksburg (box Lunch) <u>Sat.:</u> - Exhibits, Flea Market, Lectures, Field Trip The Alamo, Cocktail Reception & Banquet	220.00		
Full registration for first time attendee Full registration above, for person who has never before registered for a Company meeting.	200.00		
Three day registration with no Saturday Evening Banquet	150.00		
Thursday only: Includes: Exhibits & Flea Market (limited hours)	40.00		
Friday only Includes: Exhibits, Flea Market, breaks, Lectures 1&2, any of the four sessions, Field Trip To Nimitz’s Museum, Fredericksburg,.	70.00		
Saturday only Includes: Exhibits, Flea Market, Breaks, Lecture3&4, all sessions. Field Trip “The Alamo”, Cocktail Reception & Banquet	70.00		
Banquet only cocktail reception & banquet with your choice of entrée. Choice of entrée: () 12 oz New York Stripe Beef Steak, () Grilled Salmon with Lemon Butter () Vegetarian option, Pasta Primavera	70.00		
Optional Thurs. trip Ft Sam Houston/Lackland AFB (box lunch)	27.00		
() International attendee may/ will pay at the door (no late fee).	220.00		
Exhibit Tables	\$10		
Flea Market Sales Tables Register early to ensure a Table.	\$60.00		
Late Fee for registrations at door or post marked after 1 March 2017	\$30.00		
Raffle Tickets –Also Available at meeting	\$25(1)\$40(2)		
Total enclosed			