



LIVING HISTORY GROUP

The living history group currently has the personnel and gear to support the following displays:

1. United States Revolutionary War period Spanish Artillery
2. US Mexican-American War Infantry and Artillery
3. Civil War Union and Confederate Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, field photography team, civilians and Staff
4. US Mexican Punitive expedition Infantry
5. WW1 US and German Infantry
6. WW2
 - a. US Infantry and Anti-tank forces
 - b. German Infantry and armored reconnaissance forces
 - c. Russian Female sniper team
 - d. British Infantry
7. Korean War US infantry
8. Vietnam War US infantry and Vietcong Infantry

The Living history group currently has the following privately owned vehicles at its disposal:

- Civil War 3" rifled artillery
- Civil War Whitworth rifled cannon
- 1942 Willies Jeep
- 1944 M26 weasel
- Replica 1941 Volkswagen commander wagon
- Replica 1943 Russian/German BA-64 armored car
- 1954 M-100 trailer
- 1945 German Krad motorized bicycle

Schedule of Living History Events:

January
<i>Into the Winter Line Poolville, TX WW2</i>
A recreation of winter combat on the Italian Front. This event centers around small scale skirmishes to hold and take a period correct Italian Village. Participants have the option to conduct period field camping in unheated stone buildings. The living history group participates in this event to further the legacy of the 120 th Combat engineers NMNG; who would have been part of this historical operation in WW2.

February

<i>Battle of Valverde Socorro, NM Civil War</i>

<p>The Battle of Valverde weekend commemorates the Battle of Valverde fought in 1862. The weekend has 2 Civil War battle reenactments, period correct camps and visitor displays, and a period formal tea and dance held in town at the Garcia Opera House. Displays include period accurate infantry, artillery and cavalry camps. The NMNG supports this event with a water trailer each year. The living history group supports this event due to the 1st NM volunteers, a predecessor to the NMNG, who made up a large portion of the US forces at the battle.</p>

March

<i>Museum of The American GI College station, TX WW2 / WW1</i>

<p>The Museum of The American GI event in March is one of the largest living history events in Texas. This multi day event includes a day for school visits, multiple displays and battle reenactments. This event centers around vehicles, and the living history group usually supports by taking our Russian armored car to the event. This is a great event for outreach and to network with other groups. In addition to the WW2 component the museum has an accurate WW1 trench line that hosts tours and battle reenactments.</p>

April

<i>Nothing currently scheduled.</i>

No events to be described.

May

<i>Battle of Glorietta Pass TBD Civil War</i>

<p>The Battle of Glorietta pass reenactment commemorates the 1862 battle that stopped the Confederate invasion of NM. Currently this event is looking for a new home, which the organizers are hoping to secure in the next year. The living history group supports this effort in order to honor the NM soldiers who fought in this battle.</p>

<i>Camp Eagle Memorial Day weekend Vietnam War</i>

<p>Camp Eagle is a living history display set up at the Albuquerque veterans memorial. This display centers around a firebase in Vietnam during the Vietnam war. The living history group sets up a HQ section with a working period radio net, and supplies a M151 jeep for the event. This is a great outreach to a section of our veterans that have been historically ignored.</p>

June
<i>Fort Union days Watrous, NM Civil War</i>
Fort Union Days celebrates the history of Fort Union in Watrous NM. This event is a living history event, with period camps and artillery demonstrations. The living history group support to honor the 2 nd NM Volunteers who were stationed here and talk about the NMNG in the Civil War.

July
<i>March on Rome Fort Stanton, NM WW2</i>
March on Rome is the largest WW2 event in NM. This event commemorates the breakout of the Anzio pocket by the Allied forces in Italy during WW2. The living history group supports this event due as two major NMNG Units were involved in this operation, the 804 th tank destroyers and the 120 th combat engineers. This event is hosted by Fort Stanton Historic site, and includes battle reenactments, educational tours, living history encampments and period mess hall.

August
<i>Nothing currently scheduled.</i>
No events to be described.

September
<i>Operation Ares Las Vegas, NM WW2</i>
Operation Ares is a living history event sponsored by our museum's living history group. This event takes place on the NMNG training grounds at Camp Luna, Las Vegas NM. This event is a follow up to March on Rome, and focuses on the Allied units breaking through the defensive Gothic Line in Italy. Currently this event is only a tactical battle reenactment, however we would like to grow it into period camps and school tours in the future.

October
<i>Nothing currently scheduled.</i>
No events to be described.

November

<i>1918 Operation Michael Dallas, Tx WW1</i>

Operation Michael is the largest WW1 event in the southwest. This event is a three-day living history/reenactment event that is 72 hours of life in the trenches. Participants not only conduct trench raids and battle scenarios, but also work on building trenches, preparing food and displaying the everyday life and hardships of existing in the trenches. Participants experience trench raids, simulated gas attacks, simulated artillery barrages and other aspects of 1918 life.

<i>Waxahachie Veterans Day weekend Waxahachie, TX WW2</i>

The Waxahachie veteran's day weekend is an entire town living history display. The town turns back the clock to 1944, with the town being held by the Germans and being liberated by the American forces. This event centers around camp life display, and a large WW2 flea market setup in the town square. On Saturday a large ww2 reenactment takes place, with the participants fighting through the streets of Waxahachie.

December

<i>Hube's Pocket Caddo, Texas WW2</i>

Hube's Pocket is a tactical WW2 event that focuses on the WW2 Eastern Front. Participants are housed in period correct field entrenchments and perform small scale tactical skirmish maneuvers. The scenarios are primarily centered around German-Russian combat, and it helps break up the monotony of US-German combat centered reenactments.
