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## Celebrate Our Military Heritage

*Camel Corps, WWII WASP re-enactors, family activities and more in June*

**MAY 28, 2014 (AUSTIN, TX)** - The Bullock Texas State History Museum is celebrating the United States Armed Forces in June with Military Day, a hands-on family experience, on June 1, and a special program on June 6 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Plus, active military personnel and their families are eligible for free exhibit admission all summer long through the Blue Star Museums program.

### **Military Day**

**Sunday, June 1, Noon to 3 pm; FREE**

**Bullock Museum & Lone Star Plaza**

*Free exhibit admission for everyone all day, from Noon to 6 pm.*

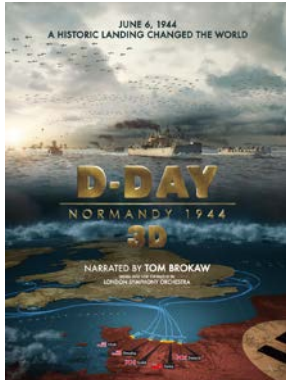
Explore the role that the military has played in Texas history through demonstrations, hands-on activities, and more. Get up close and personal with live camels from the Texas Camel Corps, a living history group that interprets the military camel experiment of the late 1800s. Design your own dog tags, write letters to deployed troops or veterans, learn about map restoration and encounter living history performers, including WASPs, female pilots from World War II. Partners include the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg; the Texas Military Forces Museum Living History Detachment; and the Texas General Land Office.

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## **D-Day 70th Anniversary & Screening of *D-Day 3D***

**Friday, June 6, 2 pm**

**Bullock Museum IMAX Theatre**



Mark the 70th anniversary of the Allied Invasion on D-Day and learn more from two soldiers who landed and fought on the beaches of Normandy. The program will begin at 2pm with a screening of the new IMAX film, *D-Day: Normandy 1944*, followed by a discussion and Q&A with World War II Veterans Robert Bearden, author and former POW, and fellow soldier Johnny Marino. After the program, Mr. Bearden will sign copies of his book, *To D-Day and Back*. Free for all veterans and active military, but reservations are required by

calling (512) 936-4649. Non-military patrons may purchase tickets at [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com).

## **Blue Star Museums Program**

### **Memorial Day to Labor Day**

*Free admission for active military and their families all summer!*



The Bullock Museum is a Blue Star Museum, offering free exhibit admission for all active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel and their families from

Memorial Day through Labor Day. Free exhibit admission will be offered from now through September 1, 2014. Military personnel also receive a discount on all IMAX and Spirit Theater tickets. Select screenings of the film *D-Day 3D: Normandy 1944* will be free to veterans and active military on D-Day, June 6, 2014, and Veterans Day, November 11, 2014. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/BlueStarMuseum>.

Since it opened in 2001, the [Bullock Texas State History Museum](http://BullockTexasStateHistoryMuseum) in downtown Austin has been engaging audiences to interpret for themselves the unfolding *Story of Texas*. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the museum has been visited by over 6 million people coming from every state in the United States and every continent on Earth. For more, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com) or call (512) 936-8746.

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Interviews with museum staff, re-enactors and D-Day guest speakers can be arranged for the media in advance on the day of the event.\*\***

*About the Bullock Texas State History Museum*

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Museum has welcomed over 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue, between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus, and is open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday from noon to 6pm. For more, visit [www.TheStoryofTexas.com](http://www.TheStoryofTexas.com) or call (512) 936-8746.