

FORT CONCHO

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Half way through 2024



This year is already half way through and we want to share in the joy living history has achieved. We continued our programs to benefit our community and the living historians we serve.

This year we hosted our largest immersive living history event in recent San Angelo memory, traveled to Florida, and yet have more to come. With this summer heat, we will be taking a break to build ladies interpretations (sew with air conditioning.) We hope you will join us on the trail later this year!



Find yourself in San Angelo?

GUIDED TOURS ARE BACK!!!

Fort Concho is open for self guided tours.

Come see us 7 days a week.

Monday through Saturday we are open from 9AM- 5PM and 1PM-5PM on Sunday.



Alamo Round Up

FEBRUARY 3, 2024

We had the chance to interpret with our old friend, Christian Flanders again! Formerly, the Fort Lancaster Educator, he now works at the Alamo. He invited some of Fort Concho's interpreters to join him in teaching about the Army following the Civil War. The San Antonio's 75th Rodeo Parade happened around the same time and guests were in no short supply. It was neat to meet people from all over the world and teach them about Fort Concho .



16th Infantry at D-Day

JUNE 6, 1944

When we discuss the Indian Wars, we often think of the regiments in distant terms. Today we are as distant from WWII as those of WWII were from the Civil War. In March, we examined the 16th Infantry's command of Fort Concho in the early 1880s. Their story continued as they joined Operation Overlord, being among the first wave to land on Omaha Beach. The 16th Infantry is still active at Fort Riley, KS.

Yesterday, San Angelo broke ground for a new monument honoring locals and those from nearby counties who served in World War II. The continuous service of the 16th infantry and recognizing those who served before us reminds us of the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice needed for us to maintain our values and principles that shape this great nation.



Corset Making JANUARY 13, 2024

Katelyn Kearns graciously joined a group of ladies to teach corset-making. We started five corsets and nearly finished three. We were so eager that we were cutting fabric by the time the program started at 9 AM. More classes are planned! If any lady is looking to expand their late nineteenth-century wardrobe, we can arrange sewing days with Fort Concho staff.

Battle of Olustee

FEBRUARY 14-19

For the second year, Fort Concho packed up the sibley, an A-frame, and the desire for learning as we headed Florida for the Battle of Olustee 160th. The ladies joined the civilians while the Confederate camp flooded due to heavy rains. Katelyn and Rhett brought with them two chickens named Stew and Dumplings. The chickens defiance to run through the woods led to one being dinner a day early and the other was raided by the Confederates but we compromised with the camp and shared dinner with the men.

Photos are on page 05.



Memorial Day

MAY 27

Memorial Day this year was marked with our annual ceremony at Headquarters. Our guest speaker was Aaron Woods of San Angelo, Sergeant (ret) United States Marines Corps and a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. His talk reminded the audience, echoing the mayor, the focus of this day is those who have died in the name of our country. Memorial salutes were provided by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and the Fort Concho Infantry.

Armed Forces Day

MAY 18

The distinction between the different military holidays is a highlight at many programs and Armed Forces is our time to highlight those who currently serve in the military. It is also the start of Bluestar Family Program, when participating museums have free admission to service members and their family. To mark the day, we fired our howitzer on the hour from 10 to 3 and talked to the public with our interpretation tables.





Interpreting at the Alamo



Speaker Series 2024



Broene leads drill





Photos from
the 160th
Battle of Olustee





Regional Cavalry Competition 2024



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Garrison Days

HOSTED MARCH 15-17



The weather turned cloudy and rain began to fall as soldiers prepared for their morning duties. Sgt. Phillips had already called upon a group of soldiers to join him in preparing a simple breakfast to keep everyone fed.

Fort Concho was experiencing a glimpse of its own past as a group of soldiers re-enacted the 16th Infantry, Company F, in the year 1882. At an almost one-to-one ratio, the headquarters lit up with lanterns before the sun had even risen. The soldiers marched, and officer wives joined their servants in preparing for a stunning dinner straight from a 1882 dinner prep book. We look forward to host immersive programs like this in the future.



Upcoming Programs

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS JULY 3 AND JULY 4

Fort Concho will be firing artillery for Downtown San Angelo and the Community band as a part of their big program at the Riverstage July 3.

On Independence day, the fun continues with artillery fired every hour on the hour at Fort Concho from 10AM to 3PM.

19TH CENTURY PENMANSHIP AUGUST 13 @ 7PM

Have you ever looked at your own handwriting and considered the history behind American penmanship? Or have you heard some people brag about their ability to write in Spencerian cursive and felt unsure where to start? Fort Concho's education department will be hosting a 19th-century penmanship and practice session, open to the public, on Tuesday, August 13, at 7 PM in Officer Quarters 8. We invite you to join us.

We will discuss how handwriting has changed over time and even try our hand at replicating Benjamin Grierson's font. (Col. Grierson had questionable handwriting, and this is a joke. Hopefully, we will write more like Aunt Helen.) Don't have FOMO about this joke! Join in the joke and join us in August.

ANGELO STATE FOOTBALL 2024

Did you know Fort Concho provides artillery for Angelo State University (ASU) Football games? Better yet, did you know we are one of two universities left in the great state of Texas that fires artillery at football games? All members of our artillery crew have been specially trained and participate in a safety class thanks to Ray Johnson and his crew with USFAA. Every time ASU scores, we hear as people shout and cheer louder when our 1841 mountain howitzer goes off. We will be back starting September 14 when ASU plays Eastern New Mexico.

BUFFALO SOLDIER DAY JULY 28

Last year the Buffalo Soldier memorial was erected across the road. It is a monument to the black soldiers who helped to take the first steps towards equality in our military. We were honored to help the San Angelo NAACP and Sherley Spears in making the memorial possible. This year we will be hosting a flag ceremony to mark the day. Keep an eye out on our website for details in the coming weeks.

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June June 27-Aug 4 American Plains Art Show

July July 4 Independence Day at Fort Concho
July 27 National Cowboy Day
July 28 Buffalo Soldier Anniversary Day

September September 4, 11, 18, 25 Fort Concho Speaker Series
September 21 Archeology Fair

October October 4 & 5 Fort Concho House of Horrors
October 11 & 12 Fort Concho After Dark
October 18 & 19 Murder at Fort Concho
October 24-26 En Plein Air Art Show
October 26 National Mule Day

December December 6-8 Christmas at Old Fort Concho

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Have you considered collaborating with Fort Concho? Do you know a niche in late nineteenth-century history that others may be interested in?

The Education Department is still building our 2025 program schedule and we would enjoy including you!

Please reach out to Sarah Ross @ sarah.ross@cosatx.us if you are interested.

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