

## **Fort Concho Living History**

### List of 2025 Events *(Schedule subject to change)*

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#### January

#### February

- **Feb 7-9** School of the Soldier- Fort Concho Barracks 5 and Courtyard. For those interested in getting involved with our infantry living history, this is the starting point. It will give you the basic training, history, and immersion, while also helping to build our living history community.

On Friday, we will all meet at Barracks 5 around 5pm and prepare for the weekend, changing into uniforms and going over the history and safety brief. Saturday will be open to the public from 9AM to 5PM. Schedule is as follows:

**SATURDAY** 0645: Reveille & Morning Color Detail 0700: Morning Formation 0730: Breakfast (Beef and Potato Hash, Bread, Coffee, Molasses) 0800: Barracks Inspection 0830: Formation for Drill (School of the Soldier lead by CPL Thomas) 0930: Break 1000: School of the Soldier continued (lead by CPL Thomas) 1100-1215: Lunch (Meat Pie, Bread, Apple Duff) 1215: Trapdoor talk and history (lead by CPL Jenschke) 1245: Manual of Arms (Lead by CPL Thomas) 1345: Break 1400: Manual of Arms Continued (firing blanks) (lead by CPL Thomas) 1500: End of Drill 1530-1600: Barracks cleanup and any other needed detail 1645: End of day formation 1700: Retreat and To the Color with supper afterwards (Bread, Molasses, Pickles, Coffee)

**SUNDAY** 0645: Reveille & Morning Color Detail 0700: Morning Formation 0730: Breakfast (Irish Stew, Bread, Coffee, Molasses) 0800: Barracks Inspection 0900-1000: Church / Barracks Cleanup 1000-1100: Introduction to Bayonet Drill (Lead by 1LT Kearns) 1100-1215: Lunch (Meat Pie, Baked Sweet Potato, Bread, Beans; 1400-1500: Barracks Cleanup 1500: Final Formation 1500-1600: Post Cleanup and leave

***Superbowl will be taking place following the program and we can discuss gathering to watch together if anyone is interested.***

- **February 20-23** Winter Encampment at Fort Griffin SHS. Leaving for Fort Griffin February 20<sup>th</sup> around 10AM so I can have enough time to set up our full camp. The cooking competition portion will take place on Friday. I have entered us into the breakfast portion as I know I will not sleep, and I can get a good bed of coals going by 4am and I can make Toad in the Hole and fresh buttermilk biscuits. (Both are recipes I have made many times before.) Many are running for the afternoon portions of cooking. This program is going for historical accuracy, and our entire camp will be to the period of 1874. I will have a shade fly and an A frame in camp. If you are interested, I have spare A frames. Throughout the weekend we will also interpret to the public. *Please note: Fort*

*Griffin has discussed that they will not be hosting their traditional October program so I would like to go all out for this one.*

- **Feb 23** Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day. Commissary and Buffalo Soldier Memorial. Traditionally, the program is a talk. We are still coordinating final steps to have a speaker. Starts at 2PM and ends at around 4PM.

### March

- **Mar 7-8** Fort Clark Springs Living History Event. On Thursday Mar 6, at 3PM we will load up and make the drive out to Fort Clark. Students will be present Friday along with a lady's tea which is a highlight as everyone goes all out for this one. On Saturday we will interpret to the general public. We will drive back the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mar 12-13** Lillie Dress by Marna Jean Davis. A group have ladies have discussed wanting help in building the Lillie dress. Leading up to the Ladies Symposium, I will have tables set up in OQ9. Bring your sewing machine and sewing project to have ladies for help along the way. Please have your projects sized and cut out. (May I recommend cutting the fabric slightly bigger than you think you will need as to not overextended the use of your fashion fabric recutting it out. As we assemble, have other hands to help make sure your dress is fitted to you. Don't forget your corset so we can get the right shape.) I have the pattern for those who need to borrow if someone would like to make the dress.
- **Mar 12 or 13** - Campfire Story Night: Children at Fort Concho 6:30 -7:30PM in the Fort Concho Courtyard
- **Mar 14-15** Ladies Living History Symposium
- **Mar 29** Evolution of the Fort Concho Lady. OQ1, OQ6, and Parade Ground. Immersive event from 9AM to 5PM with a lunch break from 12 to 1PM in OQ6. Eunice Tibay will lead the 1860s camp on the field. Sarah Thieme will be running OQ6 as a 1870s home, and we will have one more lady join us to run OQ1 as an 1880s home. The idea of this program is people can go to each location and learn how technology changes have affected life at Fort Concho and for women in the home. When Fort Concho first opened, ladies were making their camps a home till quarters were built. From 1870, to 1874, having materials was still limited. In the 1880s, ladies were thriving as life became easier in West Texas. We want to show this all to the public.

If you have an interpretation that fits in one of these locations, we would be most pleased to have you join us. I can send prescriptive literature for whichever time you would prefer to discuss. The literature will include social customs and big inventions during that time.

### April

- **Apr 5** - Rodeo Parade - we are meeting at the stables around 8:45 and heading to line up at 9AM. Parade starts at 10AM Generally we have led with a Color detail for this event and will be announced. Sarah will be off site for a personal event and uniforms will need to be handed out by April 5

- **Apr 26** - Frontier Day - 7AM arrival, actual program takes place 7:30AM to 12PM - **Infantry living history:** We will have a shade fly and A-Frame set up between OQ6 and OQ7. We will have an interpretive display table. If you would like to have an additional table at this set up, I would be more than happy to have those set up for you. If anyone needs a uniform, I will be on site by 6:30 AM on the morning of and present all day the day before. Speaking of that Friday, I plan to put up the teepee and canvas around 3pm that afternoon and really need help. **Ladies living history:** We are going to be set up in OQ6. This was Evelyn's domain forever and with her passing, the responsibility was passed on to me. With that, I plan to runs things pretty similar. We will be baking and making butter in the kitchen, doing embroidery, cross-stitching, and anything else you may want to do.

### May

- **May 17** - Armed Forces Day- 10AM-3PM, Firing the howitzer on the hour, every hour. Free lunch included. A chance to talk to the public about soldier's role at Fort Concho and Armed forces have free admission for the post.
- **May 26** - Memorial Day - 9AM; We need a Gun and Flag detail. Four men on the flag and four on the howitzer.

### June

*Community Band flag ceremony details will be four Mondays in the summer. Dates will be shared once posted)*

### July

- **July 3** - Artillery at the Concert on the River- July 3, the concert is set to start at 6:30 PM with a practice shot to prep the audience. We will be using the 3" and move it out there the morning of the event. I am going to coordinate with maintenance to see if we can get their assistance. We will be set up in the usual spot (across from the Riverstage) and following an almost identical schedule to last year. Let us meet by 4PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) at Officer Quarters' 9, so we have a place to park. We will be carting ourselves over to the spot again with extra steps as the bridge on Oakes will still be closed. \*Some years they ask us to provide flag detail but did these past two years, so it is up in the air
- **July 4** - Independence Day at Fort Concho - 10AM-3PM, Firing the howitzer on the hour, every hour. Free lunch included.
- **July 28** - Buffalo Soldier Anniversary Day- Details to be determined but takes place at or about 5PM

### September

- **Sept 20** - CVAS Archeology Fair - 9AM - 3PM, Set up in Barracks 5 at 8:30AM with a interpretation table about Fort Concho and our traveling barbed wire exhibit

- **Sept 29** “But What am I to Wear?” Officer Quarters 1. 9AM to 5PM Ladies living history will gather in OQ1 to discuss life at Fort Concho in 1883. Using the materials we can gather in the coming months, we will discuss prescriptive literature, pull out the treadle machine, and discuss the different fashions and fabrics of the time.

*(Angelo State’s football schedule will affect Fall programming once posted.)*

### October

- **October 3–5** - School of the Piece -The Loyal Train Chapter of the USFAA will be providing training during this special event. Below are the details:  
**Friday, October 3** Registration: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 Evening Meet & Greet: 6:00 PM (light supper provided)  
**Saturday, October 4** Classroom Instruction and Safety Demonstrations: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 Meals: Breakfast and lunch provided, with a big supper starting at 6:00 PM  
**Sunday, October 5** Field Training: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM  
 Certificates of Completion: Distributed after lunch  
 Cost: \$60.00 per person; Fort Concho living historians costs are covered  
 Accommodations: If you’d like to stay onsite, please bring a bedroll. While we can provide cots, we encourage you to bring your own if possible. Showers are available for both men and women, but you’ll need to bring your own towels.  
 What to Bring: Wool shell jackets: If you’re new and don’t have one, we have extras available to loan. The Loyal Train Chapter will provide artillery pieces, along with Fort Concho’s guns.
- ***October Living History dates to be determined***

*(For living history weekends, plan to arrive one hour prior to assist with making sure all canvas is packed and loaded so we can leave to as close on time as possible.)*

### November

- **Nov 11** - Veteran’s Day at Fairmount Cemetery - starts at 11AM
- **Nov 14-16** – George Ranch Frontier Days
- **Nov ??** - Veteran’s Day Parade - The parade starts at 11AM and we will be meeting at the living history stables and heading out at 9:30AM
- **Nov ??** - Fort Concho Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- **Nov 30** - Canvas Day! (The funniest day of the year!) 2PM - setting up our usual suspects. If you have a spare mallet, you are welcome to bring it along. For those who have not participated before, the Sunday before C@OFC is our time to set up all the canvas we are using for the event. It usually takes 2 to 4 hours. If you have any canvas you want on the parade ground, you’re welcome to bring it out and have it set up during this time. *(All of the canvas is sorted and I plan to have it all laid out upon arrival.)*

December

- **Dec 5-8** - Christmas at Old Fort Concho! This program is our largest fundraiser of the year and helps to keep our doors open throughout the year. On Friday, we are anticipating 800 to 1,200 students for Students' Day. Throughout the weekend thousands will come through for festivities. We will be providing you meals, firewood, and water. If you are in need of assistance setting up your canvas, we will be on site to help you. Friday of the program we will be hosting a ladies' tea at 2PM in Mess Hall 6. Connie Levario had reached out to me back in May to ensure that was on the schedule. On Saturday night, don't miss our annual dance—feel free to bring your finest historical garments for an evening of festivities. Additionally, we will honor Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7, 2025.

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