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## 'Remembering Our Heroes' re-enactment, festival set Saturday in Fort Olgethorpe

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DENNY HAIR and his Third Army Living Historians will be on hand Saturday for the "Remembering Our Heroes" re-enactment in Fort Olgethorpe, Ga.

The 6th Cavalry Museum welcomes for a second year World War II Allied and Axis Forces on Saturday when "Remembering Our Heroes" is presented on Barnhardt Circle's polo field in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Saturday.

Two World War II battle re-enactments, complete with authentic vehicles, weapons, mock firings and Allied and Axis re-enactors will highlight the rich military history of the Army Post at Fort Oglethorpe (1902 - 1946).

"Remembering Our Heroes" is a day of living history and remembrance of our Armed Forces. While the battle re-enactments are World War II era, vehicles, displays and living historians from all time periods will be welcomed.

"We wanted 'Remembering Our Heroes' to represent all branches of service and time periods," said Chris Lane, museum board member and event organizer. "Our military heritage will be displayed on a grand scale with something of interest for everyone."

Spectators will get a rare and personal view of the Tiger Tank replica commissioned for Stephen Spielberg's WWII classic film "Saving Private Ryan." The tank was also used in the HBO series "Band of Brothers." Less than 1,400 tanks were produced for the German Army with just a handful of them preserved and on display in museums in Europe.

Internationally recognized Gen. George Patton portrayer, Denny Hair and his Third Army Living Historians will return from Houston, Texas, for the event. The Patton Third Army Living Historians have studied all the Battles the Third Army fought, the conditions fought under and the various strategies and

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equipment used. This extensive knowledge has allowed them to acquire proper uniforms, restore their equipment and vehicles allowing them to authentically re-create and re-enact the period and bring history alive to audiences all over the world.

Hair has been honored to portray Patton since 1984 in movies, plays, re-enactments, at active duty military bases, veteran reunions, parades, museums, city, state and federal governmental agencies and even musicals.

“I have studied the general for 30 years and read just about everything ever written about him. I want my portrayal to give a keen insight into who he really was, while authentically dressed and equipped.”

New for 2011 is the “Stuff On a Shingle,” more commonly known as “S.O.S” Cook-Off. Local restaurants and chefs will offer their version of the military mainstay of cream gravy and chipped beef over toast to the public and celebrity judges for sampling.

Awards will be given in the People’s Choice and Judge’s Favorite category. Sampling is noon to 2 p.m. with the winner’s announced at 3 p.m.

The evening wraps up with the USO Dance on Barnhardt Circle from 6 to 9 p.m.. Sweet Georgia Sounds Orchestra will entertain with the Big Band music of the era, vocalists and give dance demonstrations.

A military vehicle parade begins the day’s festivities at 10 am, followed by opening ceremony at 11 am. The World War II battle re-enactments will be held at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Vehicle and equipment displays will be on site for the public to view and the 6th Cavalry Museum will be open.

Admission for the entire day’s activities is \$10 per adult, \$5 for military veterans, students and those over 62, children under 5 are free.

Information and tickets for “Remembering Our Heroes” is available on the web at [www.wwiiheroes.net](http://www.wwiiheroes.net) or by calling the 6th Cavalry Museum at 706-861-2860.

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