Museum of the American GI Open House



Long considered one of the first big events of the year for the military vehicle owner, the Museum of the American GI Open House in cooperation with Brent Mullins Jeep Parts was a great success. The weather did not cooperate last year, but was beautiful this year and I do think, this was one of the few years we didn't have to worry about where we would have to park to keep from getting stuck in mud. It's always good to see old friends from other chapters and visit vendors for those "just gotta have it" items.

The display by Denny Hair (aka Gen. Patton) was very impressive. The Dodge WC-57 Command Car, the GMC CCKW Mobile HQ, and the communication center really drew attention from the visitors.

All the armor activity is always the main draw. It is such a awesome sight to watch the huge machines with their

crews maneuver the terrain and fire their guns. There are several show battles across the state that we participate in, but this one with all the armor cannot be beat. It's always fun to play with the boys with the big toys.

Many thanks to Leisha and Brent Mullins for all their hard work putting this event on. Kudos to Jeff Hunt, Allied Commander for a great battle plan and to all the reenactors that brought their gear and displays. And a "tip of the hat" to all the vehicle owners who always add "the icing on the cake" with all their unique vehicles, both Allied and Axis.

This isn't an Arrowhead Chapter event per se, but one we have supported for quite some time. I am always so pleased that so many of our members participate in this event because it is rare to have the opportunity to be in the company of this many authentic tanks. Great Job!





Carlos Manning's militaria







Brent Mullins



Barry & Jennifer Sandlin, Bo Boring



Shawn Gourley & Leisha Mullins



Carlos Manning



Gary Haas & Claude Vaughn



Bernie, Barry & Bernie Maduzia, Jr.



Judy & Dave Thompson



Brent Mullins' M5 High Speed Tractor



John Stiles in his '42 Ford Jeep



M16 Quad Mount Halftrack



(above) Jack Slattery (right) Brent Mullins Ford M8 Armored Car





German Halftrack



Gary Haas in his '42 Dodge WC-52 Weapons Carrier



Brent Mullins' M5 Stuart Tank



Gary Haas, Kent Chipman, Bernie Maduzia



Jerry Gardner in his '42 Ford Jeep



USMC Halftrack with 75mm Howitzer owned by Brent Mullins



Rudy Kirsch in his Kubelwagen transporting German medics to the battlefield





(left)
Brent Mullins'
M18 "Hellcat"
Tank Destroyer



Denny Hair as Gen. George Patton arrived with his GMC CCKW Mobile HQ Truck, Dodge WC-57 Command Car, Communication Center and his Dog "Willie".

The GMC Truck and Command Car are accurate duplications of Gen. Patton's actual personal vehicles during WWII. Denny is currently writing a book regarding Gen. Patton's military career.

















.50 cal. Quad Mount on M16 Halftrack



Chad Sloan (driver) and Barry Sandlin





Bernie Maduzia shops for Jeep parts

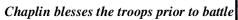


Rio Grande Valley MVPA "stretched" M38A1 Jeep





Gen. Patton addresses the troops









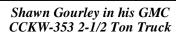




M4 Sherman (foreground) and M24 Chaffee (background)



Bernie Maduzia fires his M1 Carbine





American infantry advances on German lines



Bernie Maduzia Jr, (gunner) and Gary Haas (right) German Tank Crew







Spectators get a close-up look at the battle