



Camp Hearne
is a truly unique
window into our
more recent past.



Turn west on FM 485 off State Highway 6, continue 1.3 miles to Fairground Road, turn left, then turn right at next intersection (Camp Hearne Third Street) to parking in front of the black barrack.

Camp Hearne
1942 - 1946
Texas U.S.A.



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CAMP HEARNE

preserving and teaching WWII history...



Imagine walking on the
same ground as WWII
soldiers –US & German.

*That ground is here...
in Texas!*

CAMP HEARNE

A WORLD WAR II

ALIEN ENEMY

INTERNMENT CAMP

1942–1946

Camp Hearne was a World War II Prisoner-of-War Camp located north of Hearne, Texas on FM 485 West.

After the 1942-43 US troop build up and successes in North Africa and Italy, the ships carrying our soldiers to the European theater returned to the US with a different cargo... an estimated 500,000 prisoners-of-war over the course of the War.

Due to its flat terrain, distance from the coastline, railroad access, sparse population and local need for farm laborers, Hearne was chosen to house 4800+ of these prisoners in its POW base camp.

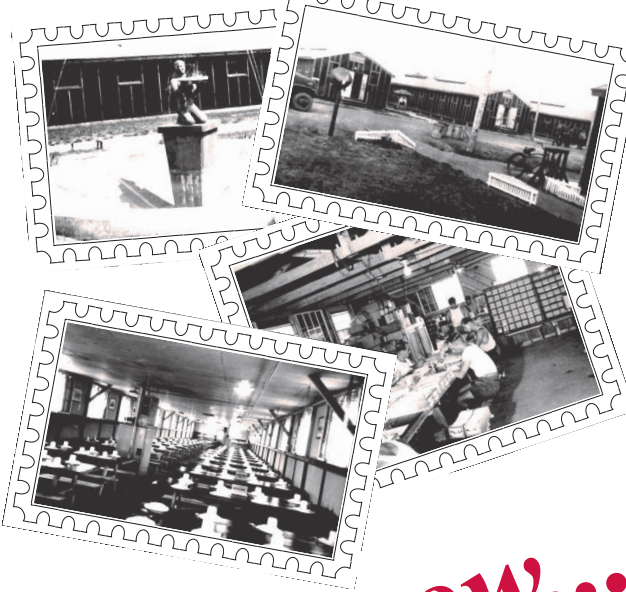
Honoring the Geneva Conventions, the US Army treated POWs well, providing ample food, shelter and clothing. Since work for a fair wage was only required of the enlisted men, various recreation and education programs were offered to the NCO majority as a means to pass the time with minimal disorder.

Today's historic camp site has many building foundations that outline the camp's original "footprint" as well as remnants of various prisoner-built amenities such as garden fountains and a stadium-seating theater with orchestra pit. An exhibit depicting the daily life of the Camp's mostly German prisoners may be viewed in a reconstructed US Army barrack at the site –

Fairground Road & FM 485.

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CAMP HEARNE EXHIBIT & VISITOR CENTER OPEN

**WED—SAT
11AM— 4PM**

