

# 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!

*Linda Haas*



*Carlos Manning's militaria*



*Jerry Gardner & John Stiles*



*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*



*Fred Kagar's M43E8 Sherman*



*(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*



*Chaplin blesses the troops prior to battle*





*M4 Sherman (foreground) and M24 Chaffee (background)*



*Bernie Maduzia fires his M1 Carbine*



*Shawn Gourley in his GMC CCKW-353 2-1/2 Ton Truck*



*American infantry advances on German lines*





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



*(above) Jeff Hunt  
and his radio op-  
erator  
(left) M4 Sherman  
fires a round*



*Spectators get a close-up look at the battle*