LEGENDS AT LAS MORAS

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Smithsonian's *Spark! Places of Innovation* Coming to Historic Fort Clark in South Texas

Six-week Legends at Las Moras celebration will pair Smithsonian exhibition with local history, art, nature, military heritage, film, music and innovation

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas — This winter, a Smithsonian exhibition is coming to one of Texas' most historic frontier military posts.

From Nov. 21, 2026 through Jan. 3, 2027, Fort Clark in Brackettville will host *Spark! Places of Innovation*, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program.

The Smithsonian exhibition will serve as the centerpiece of **Legends at Las Moras**, an expanded local celebration bringing together the history, landscape, people and stories of Fort Clark, Kinney County and Southwest Texas. Legends at Las Moras programming is planned from the same time and will include presentations, exhibits, demonstrations, performances, historic interpretation, art, film, music, nature and conservation programming, military heritage and community events.

Rather than simply bringing a national exhibition to Brackettville, organizers are using the Smithsonian's visit as an opportunity to tell the region's own story.

Fort Clark was established in 1852 along Las Moras Creek and became an important military post whose history intersects with the U.S. Army, Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, Buffalo Soldiers, cavalry, border history and generations of people who lived and worked in Southwest Texas. Today, the historic post provides the setting for a Smithsonian exhibition centered on another subject deeply familiar to rural communities: innovation.

Spark! Places of Innovation explores how innovation happens in communities and how people work together to turn ideas into reality. The exhibition examines the combination of people, place and social circumstances that encourage new ideas.

Legends at Las Moras will expand that national conversation through stories specific to Southwest Texas. Six weeks of programming will explore subjects including the natural environment and wildlife; art and culture; military heritage; community traditions and celebrations; film and music; and technology, innovation and bold ideas.

Among the projects being developed in conjunction with the exhibition are student historical-art projects, local and regional history exhibits, oral histories, film preservation efforts, artist programs, military-history presentations and opportunities to explore the historic Fort Clark grounds. The event will also provide visitors an opportunity to experience Brackettville and the surrounding region during the holiday season.

The Smithsonian exhibition is part of the **Museum on Main Street program**, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service program created to bring Smithsonian exhibitions and resources to small towns and rural communities across America.

Additional schedules, presenters and special events will be announced as programming is finalized.

Smithsonian exhibition:
Spark! Places of Innovation
Nov. 21, 2026–Jan. 3, 2027

Legends at Las Moras:
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Location:
Dickman Hall Ballroom
Historic Fort Clark
Brackettville, Texas

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