



## POSITION DATA

JOB TITLE: Living Historian  
DEPARTMENT: Visitor Services  
REPORTS TO: Living History Coordinator  
DATE: March 2017  
STATUS: Part-time, Non-exempt

## ORGANIZATION

Alamo Complex Management (“ACM”) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is the official partner of the Texas General Land Office to manage the Alamo complex and tell the story of the Cradle of Texas Liberty to millions of visitors each year. It is a sister organization of the Alamo Endowment and the Remember the Alamo Foundation. The ACM staff mission is to create an unforgettable experience for visitors that teaches the Alamo’s 300-year history and honors those who paid the ultimate price in defense of the Alamo and the legacy of their heroism. ACM employs and manages the staff that administer the daily operating functions and visitor experience at this newly-recognized World Heritage Site. The ACM staff is led by a Chief Operations Officer and includes departments that focus on Curation, Conservation, Education & History, Facilities, Finance, HR, IT, Marketing, Security, Visitor Services, and Retail Contractors.

## POSITION SCOPE

Living Historians provide a unique immersive experience for Alamo visitors. Living Historians interact with visitors in Republic of Texas period dress and equipment under the guise of crossing between moments in history. Living Historians provide information and detailed programs to groups of various ages. They also assist in the planning and execution of special events. The Living History program is to provide visitors with an educational experience through interaction with tangible “historical characters.” The successful applicant will help visitors understand daily life in the 18th and 19th centuries through demonstrations and programs presented in period correct clothing. This candidate will also become proficient in the use of other commonly used items from early Spanish, Mexican Texan and American history. The candidate will also assist in the creation and implementation of new programming, site maintenance and other duties as required.

## DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES & ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Greet and welcome visitors to the site.
- Learn the current historical narrative to present to visitors, students, and tour groups.
- Assist in the development and execution of special events.
- Lead interactive games, demonstrations and activities for visitors of various ages, centered on life in Early Texas.
- Help direct visitor experience and promote the Alamo’s services.
- Assist with the day-to-day maintenance of weaponry and living history inventory.
- Assist in daily setup for demonstrations and preparation of formal 20-minute programs.
- Safely handle reproduction black-powder weapons and explain their use to the public.
- Dress appropriately in period clothing (19<sup>th</sup> century) on a daily basis, and in diverse weather conditions.

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**Job Description**  
***Living Historian***

- Follow all site safety procedures.
- Responding to visitor questions about the Alamo and life in 18th and 19th century Texas.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- College coursework in history.
- Experience with black-powder weaponry desirable.
- Basic knowledge of Texas history and geography.
- Experience with or knowledge of period crafts and activities.
- Proficiency in English required, with additional languages an asset (Spanish preferred).
- Ability to work independently and within a team environment.
- Ability to exercise integrity, good judgment, critical problem solving, patience and initiative, especially when interacting with the public.
- Ability to function effectively in an ever-changing environment, stand outdoors in heat/ inclement weather for extended periods of time and deal with frequent interruptions.
- Ability to present to diverse groups and maintain control in difficult situations
- Ability to lift, move and carry up to 40lbs.
- Ability to prepare and present 20minute programs within the parameters set forth by the Alamo's education department.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

- Must be able to speak, read, and write English
- Fluency in Spanish preferable
- Must be able to provide documents establishing identity and eligibility to work in the United States. And successfully pass a criminal background check and drug test.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- This is a Part-time position.
- We offer a competitive salary
- Please visit our web site at [www.thealamo.org](http://www.thealamo.org)

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**HOW TO APPLY**

- Please submit a resume and cover letter to [jobs@thealamo.org](mailto:jobs@thealamo.org)
- Include job title in the email subject field
- Please indicate the location where job posting was seen

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