Preserving the History and Legacy of Camp Logan, Fall 2018

This HART, comprised of undergraduate students from anthropology, history, political science, museums and cultural heritage, and architecture, collaborated with Memorial Park Conservancy to identify options for preserving the history of Camp Logan, a World War I training camp on the land that is now Memorial Park. The team researched best practices and engagement strategies for outdoor museums and tourist sites, as well as interviewed local historians, archeologists, and architects to identify ways to engage visitors with larger themes of war, politics, and race. Based on their findings, the team proposed three histories to highlight, including the use of Camp Logan from 1917 to 1919, the 370th Infantry, and the Houston Mutiny of 1917. With consideration for the way the park will change in accordance with its Master Plan, the team recommended the construction of orientation stations, metal tent structures, plexiglass displays and reflective spaces, as well as an app-based audio tour. They also suggested the relocation of the existing Texas Historical Marker to a more prominent location within the park with the goal of making Memorial Park an educational destination for audiences of all ages.