



The society behind the museum.

The purpose of the Swedish Infantry Brigade in Värmland society is to safeguard and preserve parts of the Swedish military heritage for future generations. The society has plans to open a brigade museum in Värmland.

A lot of work remains to be done before we can open the museum. Through the support of the municipality of Karlstad and the national project Swedish Military Heritage (www.smha.se) are we hoping that the museum can open in 2013.

The society is collaborating with the municipality, the Swedish Government, Värmlands Museum, and other

About the museum

The Brigade museum in Värmland will be an interactive museum for visitors of all ages and genders to enjoy.

The museum will visualize and show material about the Swedish infantry development during the Cold War. It will mainly be shown through the eyes of the private soldiers.

Visitors will also get to know more about the development of the Swedish welfare state in the 20th century, a concept known as "folkhemmet" (the people's home).





The Infantry Brigade

The modern type of brigade which was created after the Swedish Parliament's Defence Resolution of 1948, was an independent battle unit of 6000 men where the majority of the troops and the equipment came from the Swedish Army.

The basic concept was that of an infantry brigade consisting of 3-4 rifle battalions, an artillery battalion, an air-defence company, one engineer's battalion and a battalion of the army service corps. It also included a staff and some reconnaissance and liaison troops.

This kind of brigade was the framework of the Swedish army during the Cold War. There were further developments over the decades, and the number of brigades was a measurement of the field army's strength. There were a total number of 35 brigades in the Swedish army during that period, divided into three main categories.

The infantry brigade was regarded as the most suitable for warfare in the wooded and hilly landscape that is predominant in Sweden.

In the southern part of Sweden the terrain is more open and here the brigades used armoured tanks and infantry fighting vehicles.

In the early 1960s five new brigades: "The Norrland Brigades" were organized in northern Sweden to specialize in winter warfare.

Organisation

When the Association FSIV was founded it was of great importance that organisations with an interest in preserving Värmland's military heritage should be represented on the museum board.

The following organisations are represented on the Brigade Museum Board: The Värmland Local History association, the officers and former soldiers of the regiments I2 and A9, the Association of Swedish Soldier's clubs and the Zakrisdal Explosives Museum.

Contact us

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