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**Smithsonian Series Celebrates San Elizario’s Military History**

**& More this Weekend**

*Honor Service, Enjoy Cuisine & Art Along the Mission Trail*

**EL PASO, TX —** El Paso County invites you to a vibrant weekend of events in San Elizario, hosted in conjunction with the Smithsonian's **Museum on Main Street** traveling exhibit, *Crossroads: Change in Rural America*. As the Veteran’s Capital of the USA, El Paso County is proud to honor the legacy of San Elizario veterans this weekend, as well as showcasing the rich cultural and historical tapestry of the region along the Historic Mission Trail.

**Friday, June 6**

* **5:00 p.m. — Summer Crawfish Boil Garden Party**
Location: *12339 Socorro Road*
Join the folks at Mija Eatery & Community Kitchen for a savory crawfish boil in an outdoor garden setting. BYOB allowed.

Admission: $35 per person includes crawfish and agua fresca.

**Saturday, June 7**

* **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — “Voices of Valor”**
Location: *Eduardo Pedregon Veterans Memorial Museum, 1501 Main Street*
San Elizario’s founding is steeped in military history. Since then, service in the armed forces is a proud family tradition passed down through generations. Join us to hear firsthand accounts and gain insight into the lives of those who have served.

**Saturday, June 7**

* **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — “Corazón Mexicano: A Metal Embossing Workshop”**
Location: *Placita Madrid, 1445 Main Street, Suite B-7*
Join celebrated artist Romy Hawkins and create your own unique heart through the ancient art of “repujado” (metal embossing).

All events are free unless otherwise noted and are part of a broader celebration surrounding the **Smithsonian’s “Crossroads” exhibit**, currently on view at Los Portales Museum through **June 15th.**

For additional details, see the attached flyers, or contact the **County Heritage Tourism Division or Los Portales Museum.**

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