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80th Anniversary

Lone Ranger Celebration!

Hi Yo, Silver! Away! Celebrate your inner Lone Ranger! On Saturday, July 6th and Sunday, July 7th bring *The Lone Ranger* movie ticket stub or wear a mask to receive **FREE** admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. See the special white hat produced for Armie Hammer in the motion picture! See Clayton Moore's 1950s Lone Ranger mask and gun belt! Limit 2 free admissions per group or family.

Visit us at the Regal Jewel Stadium 16 theater at 7200 Woodway Drive on Saturday, July 6th from 2pm to 8pm.

Saturday, July 27th

Saturday, July 27th is National Day of the American Cowboy (NDAC). Receive a free "Guns of Fort Fisher" booklet with your admission. One booklet per family. Come celebrate with us!



Sam Bass' Anniversary

On July 21, 1878, his 27th birthday, Sam Bass died from wounds sustained in a gunfight with Texas Ranger Major John B. Jones. This year marks the 135th anniversary of his death. To read more about Sam Bass, please [click here](#).



Tex Appeal Feature

Get your copy of the June issue of *Tex Appeal* magazine to read about the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. *Tex Appeal* is available by subscription to residents in the Temple-Killeen area.

Register Now for Summer Camp

Deadline is July 12th

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Summer Camp!

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host a summer day camp on Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th. The two-day camp will run from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day.

Campers will have the opportunity to step into the boots of a 19th century Texas Ranger and learn about skills critical to survival on the frontier. Day two of the program will provide an opportunity for campers to learn about the duties of the modern Texas Ranger, including their work as Crime Scene Investigators.



www.TexasRanger.org

Camp Registration is open to all children entering fourth and fifth grade. Scouting groups are welcome based on availability. Cost is \$25.00 per camper.



Call (254) 750-8631 to register today!
Deadline to register is Friday, July 12th.

LaRue .308

The Ranger Rifle

Retired Ranger Mark Leger of Company F recently loaned his LaRue .308 rifle to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for display.



In 2011, this new, heavy-duty firearm was added to the Texas Rangers' standard-issue equipment. Escalating violence along the border with



Ranger Reunion

Waco hosted the annual Texas Ranger Reunion on June 13th - 15th. The Reunion is organized by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF). The three-day event honors retired Texas Rangers and raises money for their scholarship program. During the event, the museum hosted a memorial service, TRAF board of directors meeting, luncheon for retired Rangers and Tales of the Texas Rangers presentation.



Major McGee

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame board and staff congratulate Major Crayton McGee on his promotion to the commander of Company "E" Texas Rangers!

On May 6, 2013, Captain McGee was promoted to Major, Company "E" El Paso. He was promoted to the Ranger Division on September 1, 2003. On November 1, 2009 he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant and stationed in Company "B" Hurst. On December 1,

Mexico and incidents in rural areas far from law-enforcement backup necessitated the need for a larger caliber, longer range alternative to the standard issue Bushmaster M4 rifle in a 5.56 mm caliber (a derivative of the Vietnam-era .223 AR-15 combat rifle).

The Texas Rangers developed specifications for a custom-made assault-style rifle in the 7.62 mm caliber (.308 Winchester). LaRue Tactical of Leander, Texas was selected to produce the rifle. Equipped with 14.5" barrels and sound suppressors, it can accept a wide variety of telescopic and night-vision sights. Firearm enthusiasts have taken to calling the customized LaRue .308 the "Ranger Rifle". The last firearm to bear this nickname was the Winchester Model 1895 carbine.

Bicentennial Campaign

Your Support is Appreciated

The Advisory Board of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum has launched a fundraising campaign to raise funds to renovate three exhibit galleries and an alcove in preparation for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023. The exhibits include:



- 1901-1935: Birth of the Modern Rangers
- From Texas DPS to the Future: Today's Texas Rangers
- The Ranger in American Culture: Legend of the Lone Ranger
- Retired Texas Rangers: A Legacy of Service

To participate in the fundraising campaign or for more information, please contact Byron Johnson, Executive Director, or Christine Rothenbush, Marketing & Development Coordinator, at 254-750-8631. Tax-deductible contributions of more than \$10,000 may be prorated for five years.

A Surprise Visit

American History Museum Trail Riders

On June 17, 2013, museum visitors and staff were surprised by a visit from members of the American History Museum Trail. Texas Ranger Hall of Fame visitors took turns on the three horses.

2012, he was promoted to Ranger Recon Captain at Headquarters.



New Website

The City of Waco and the Waco Convention and Visitor's Bureau in partnership with the cities of Bellmead, McGregor and Hewitt and Providence and Hillcrest Hospitals launched a new website for residents and tourists interested in Waco and The Heart of Texas area. Please [click here](#) to visit the new website.



Soul Series

The Heart of Texas Soul Series is a program for citizens and visitors to explore the Heart of Texas region and chronicle their visit in photographs. All pictures will be posted on the Waco & the Heart of Texas Facebook page where fans will vote for winners in different categories, and prizes will be awarded. Please [click here](#) or visit the Tourist Information Center to learn more.

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"The goal of the American History Museum is to bring back the full diversity of the American Culture...to remember or discover how we came to be and who we really are."

The Trail Riders travel the continental 48 states on horseback as a living museum. Visiting rodeos, museums, parks and businesses, the riders reintroduce horses and remind people us that horses were once our primary form of transportation. For many people, it is their first contact with horses.

Tales of the Texas Rangers

A Joint Event

On Saturday, June 15th, the Texas Archive of the Moving Image joined the Texas Ranger Reunion festivities with a screening of films relating to the Texas Rangers and the Texas Department of Public Safety. The screening included home movies from Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., training videos and educational films created by the Texas Department of Public Safety, television representations of the Rangers including a 1937 'Popular Science' film presentation, and footage of Hall of Fame members Robert A. Crowder and Manuel T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas. This screening was made possible by a grant from the Texas Film Commission. Thanks to the Texas Archive of the Moving Image for helping the museum staff digitize its film archives and for sharing these videos with our visitors. For more information about the Texas Archive of the Moving Image, including the Texas Film Round-Up, please visit www.texasarchive.org.

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Elizabeth Hansen, Outreach and Education Director for Texas Archive of the Moving Image, introduces the video clips to museum visitors.

Junior Ranger Sheriff Woody

Become a Junior Ranger



On June 11, 2013, Sheriff Woody became a Junior Texas Ranger when Visitor Services Assistant Manager Jeremy Youngs presented Sheriff Woody with a Junior Ranger certificate at Disney World. A Junior Ranger™ membership is the perfect gift for the holidays or a birthday!

How It Began

In the 1930s, the radio programs *Riding with the Texas Rangers* and *The Lone Ranger* sponsored children's clubs that proved to be very popular. Thousands of kids and their parents joined up and received toy badges, certificate and other premiums. Decades later we still hear from senior citizens who fondly remember these clubs. In 1936, Texas celebrated the centennial of its Independence with a Texas-sized fair in Dallas. A special promotion authorized by the state allowed children visiting Texas Rangers Company "B" headquarters at the fair to become Junior Texas Rangers. This helped to brighten their lives during the Great Depression.

Today, more than 70 years later, former "Junior Texas Rangers" recall with fondness their experiences riding the imaginary plains for justice.

Junior Rangers Today

The benefits of becoming a modern Junior Texas Ranger™ include: an honorary Junior Ranger™ certificate signed by an Active-Duty Texas Ranger, a Junior Ranger badge, the name of your Junior Ranger™ will be listed on the museum internet site and in the files of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and a one-time family ticket for 4 good any time at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco.

Your \$25.00 donation (\$13.00 qualifies as tax deductible) supports the educational programs and the renovation and improvement of the museum. To order the membership, contact the Museum Gift Shop at 877-750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org. The Museum Gift Shop is open from 9:00am to 4:30pm US CST.

Save \$2.00

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value. The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off I-35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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