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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter  
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March 2014

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Dear Christine,

Retired Chief Hank Whitman talks about the heritage of the Texas Rangers and planned improvements to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial™.

[TRHFM Video](#)

SAVE THE DATE



Military Appreciation  
Weekend  
May 24th, 25th and 26th

Summer Camp  
June 27th and 28th

Spring Break Round Up

Saturday, March 15th  
10am - 2pm

Spring Break is here again! Bring the whole family to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame on March 15th for a day of activities including a Texas Ranger camp, a chuck wagon cooking demonstration by Texas Top Guns, a presentation by a real Texas Ranger and much more. Scott Bundy of the Texas Top Guns says, "For us, we get to share what life was like for Texas Rangers and pioneers on the frontier. It's a real joy for us to come out here and do what they did a century ago." Entrance to the event is included with general museum admission.

IN THE PRESS



Please [click here](#) to read "Texas Rangers" by Brett Thorne of

Community Impact  
Newspaper.

TEXAS RANGER TRIVIA



What famous Texan was known as the "bachelor billionaire?"

The first three people to correctly guess the answer will win a family pass to the museum.

Please email your submission and mailing address to [news@texasranger.org](mailto:news@texasranger.org). Good luck!

TIDC in GRANBURY



The TRHFM Board and Staff thank the Texas Independence Day Celebration (TIDC) organizers for allowing us to participate in the celebration on March 1st and 2nd in Granbury.

For more information on this annual event, please [click here](#).

MARCH FUN FACT



### Collections Spotlight

Retired Texas Ranger Bill Gunn recently loaned the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame a collection of personal memorabilia documenting his impressive service. He joined the Texas Rangers in 1968 and served for 20 years with Company F headquartered at the museum in Waco. We are grateful to his daughter Judy for making the arrangements.



The collection includes a limited edition Texas Ranger Saddle (pictured above) commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Rangers in 1973. It was manufactured by Ozark Leather Company, Waco, Texas in 1973 and will be highlighted in a new exhibit on Ranger Gunn that will go on display in Taub Hall later this spring.

Judy Gunn also generously donated her father's photo albums and

### MARCH FUN FACT (Thanks to KWTX):

On March 1, 1849, surveyor George Erath laid out Block 1 No. 1 of a new town on the banks of the Brazos River. The town was incorporated as Waco in 1856.

### RED NAIL POLISH SAVES LIVES



Red nail polish saves lives? It's a very clever idea! Please [click here](#) to watch the video.

### EDUCATION CENTER



The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs during the month of February:

Waco Knight Riders  
Texas Ranger Co. F  
Altrusa International  
Texas AHEC Waco East Region  
Communities in Schools  
Historic Waco Foundation  
Superior  
Association of Fundraising Professionals  
Waco Calligraphy Guild  
City of Heath DPS

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records to the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Research Center. The photo albums are full of historic DPS photographs, including many the staff has not seen before.

### Texas Ranger Training

Each year the Texas Rangers undergo extensive training to keep current in areas of law, technology and investigative procedures. This year the Director and Education Coordinator were provided the opportunity to discuss the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and plans for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial™.



The three-day program was attended by nearly 150 Texas Rangers, as well as members of the DPS SWAT team. Instructors were brought in from across the country to present on topics related to criminal investigations, including forensic anthropology, suspect questioning and crime scene documentation. Byron Johnson, Museum Director, and Casey Eichhorn, Education Coordinator, spoke on the history of the Rangers and provided an update on the current happenings at the museum. The presentation ended with an emphasis on the importance of preserving the legacy of the Ranger service through the upgrade and expansion of the museum to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Texas Rangers in 2023.

### Interdiction for the Protection of Children



The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced that DPS officers - with the support of the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program - rescued 39 missing or exploited children in 2013. In addition, the IPC program has now reached an incredible milestone, recovering more than 100 missing and endangered children since 2010.

Launched in 2009, the IPC program is designed to teach troopers and other law enforcement officers how to recognize indicators of endangered children who do not exhibit obvious signs of abuse. Throughout the years, the IPC program has been responsible for uncovering crimes affecting children and arresting the perpetrators in instances involving:

- Possession of child pornography
- Sexual assault of a child
- Human trafficking
- Commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Abduction

To date, DPS has provided the IPC training to its own officers as well as other law enforcement, including more than 3,030 officers in Texas and approximately 4,080 officers outside of Texas, nationally and internationally. A variety of other groups interested in the protection of children - including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the New Jersey

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State Police in preparation for the Super Bowl, and a variety of child advocacy organizations - have also received this training.

### Events Around Texas

**March 8th** - The Burton Heritage Society hosts the fourth annual Texas Ranger Day in historic Burton, Texas at the Burton Railroad Depot.

Celebrate Burton's history with a day full of activities including tasty food at the Annie Maud Avis Memorial Fajita and Bean cook-off, experience live action re-enactments by the Old West Rangers,

see folk life demonstrations, try your hand at crafts and an archaeological dig, compete in the bean bag toss tournament and tour the Texas Cotton Gin Museum. Please [click here](#) for more information.



**March 15th** - The Battleship Texas celebrates the 100th anniversary of her commissioning! The 2014 festival will honor the Battleship Texas and her legendary history, and pay tribute to the surviving crew members who proudly served on the ship during World War II.

Patrons can enjoy music headliners, children's activity zones, gourmet food trucks and a fireworks show. Please [click here](#) for more information.



**BATTLESHIP TEXAS**  
 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
**1914** ★ **2014**  
 FEATURING ROBERT EARL KEEN'S  
 "A TEXAS UPRISING"

**March 21st** - The Fort Worth Cops for Kids BBQ Cook Off is hosted annually in the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards by the Fort Worth Police Officers Association.

The 2013 C4K BBQ Cook Off hosted 111 competitive cooking teams. When you are done cooking, enjoy live music from the Chisholm Trail Music Festival. The Cops for Kids program has served over 5000 disadvantaged children in the Fort Worth Community and demonstrates local law enforcement's continued concern for the children in our community by encouraging them to have stronger family relationships, making quality friends, and to continue their education. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### FORT WORTH



### COPS 4 KIDS

**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](http://www.texasranger.org).

**Offer Expires: April 30, 2014**

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