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# Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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## Summer Camp



Save the date! Summer Camp will be Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th. More information will be published in our next newsletter.

## Tips to Prevent Robberies

## Spring Break Round Up

On Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event. The come and go event will feature activities and programs for children and adults.



Photographs from Spring Break Round Up 2013.

The focus is a camp and chuck wagon cooking demonstration by Texas Top Guns. Scott Bundy of Texas Top Guns says, "We enjoy making history come alive for kids and adults with things they've seen on television and the movies but never experienced." Texas Ranger Jake Burson from Company "F" will talk about the duties



The Houston Police Department uploaded a video featuring Officer B. Curtis. He shares his tips for preventing robberies. The video is part of their "Help us Help You" series.

Please [click here](#) to watch the video.

### Lone Ranger in Shanghai, China



Texas Ranger popularity is worldwide. Many people know about the Texas Rangers through TV shows like The Lone Ranger.

There is a new hot dog restaurant opening in Shanghai, China with a Lone Ranger theme.

Please [click here](#) to see architectural renderings and photographs of the restaurant.

### Education Center



The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in February:

- Superior Health
- NAACP

and equipment of the modern Rangers.

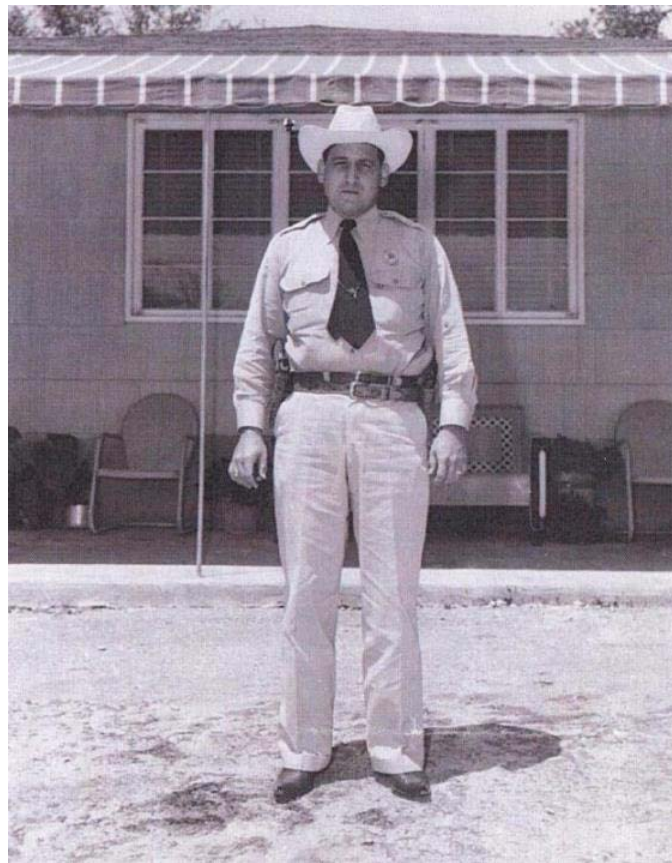
This year there will be a demonstration of how women on the Texas Frontier spun fiber on both a spinning wheel and a drop spindle to make yarn for clothing and fabric goods. Visitors will also be able to touch various kinds of fibers including wool, cotton and flax. Entrance to the event is free with general museum admission.

## George William Burnup



Marty Wolf and his wife Debbie Burnup Wolf, daughter of late Texas Ranger George William Burnup, recently donated her father's Texas Ranger badge with a "Senior Pilot" designation.

George Burnup graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin, Texas in 1939. He served in World War II with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a gunner and a mechanic and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. Burnup was later commissioned as an Officer and Pilot, and he flew P-38s in the Pacific and later became an Instructor Pilot at Douglas AFB, Arizona.



After completion of his military service, Burnup joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1947 as a Highway Patrolman. In 1953, he was promoted to Texas Ranger and soon became the Chief Pilot of DPS aircraft, which at that time consisted of one single engine Navion Aircraft and two pilots.

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In the late 1960s, he worked with Bell Helicopter to demonstrate their helicopter's unique capabilities for law enforcement operations. These helicopters proved to be extremely effective while working manhunts, participating in search and rescue operations, and enforcing traffic laws.

Through the 1970s, Burnup acquired additional aircraft and pilots to meet the needs of the DPS. This fleet has since grown to approximately twenty-four fixed-wing, twin-engine planes and helicopters with a staff of fifty pilots. George Burnup retired from the DPS in 1977 with thirty years of service.

[Information provided by Debbie Burnup Wolf]

## Company "F" Surveillance & Investigation Kits

Texas Ranger Company "F" recently loaned the Museum two kits. This Texas Ranger equipment was used from the mid-1990s until recently. The first kit is a surveillance kit equipped with microphone packs and audio recording devices. The other kit is an investigation kit with a black light. These artifacts will be used by the Museum to tell the story of how the Texas Rangers gather information in criminal investigations.



## Lending a Helping Hand

Have you ever wondered what went into making a museum exhibit? Exhibits require planning and a knowledge of collections management. What story do you want to tell with the exhibit? What objects will best tell that story? How do you display objects so that they are protected and safe for generations to come? The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff were called upon to assist in the planning and installation of new exhibits at the Waco Police Museum and the Historia Hispano: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and History in Waco exhibit.

### Waco Police Museum



On January 21st, the Waco Police Museum held a soft opening for its employees, retirees, family members and donors. About three years ago the idea of a museum was inspired when an old log book turned up. Sgt. Randy Lanier mentioned the book to Chief Stroman and the suggestion that a committee be formed to look into collecting and preserving items for a Waco Police Museum started this journey. Several current and former staff members of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum's Collections Department assisted the Waco Police Museum Committee as they worked towards realizing their museum. Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager, Kate McCarthy, Collections Assistant, and Carla Shelton, former Collections Assistant, worked with Sgt. Lanier and other committee members to help them learn about museum practices and procedures, and the proper handling of artifacts. Last year, Shelly and Kate assisted the Police Museum in putting together several of their exhibits.

### Hispanic History

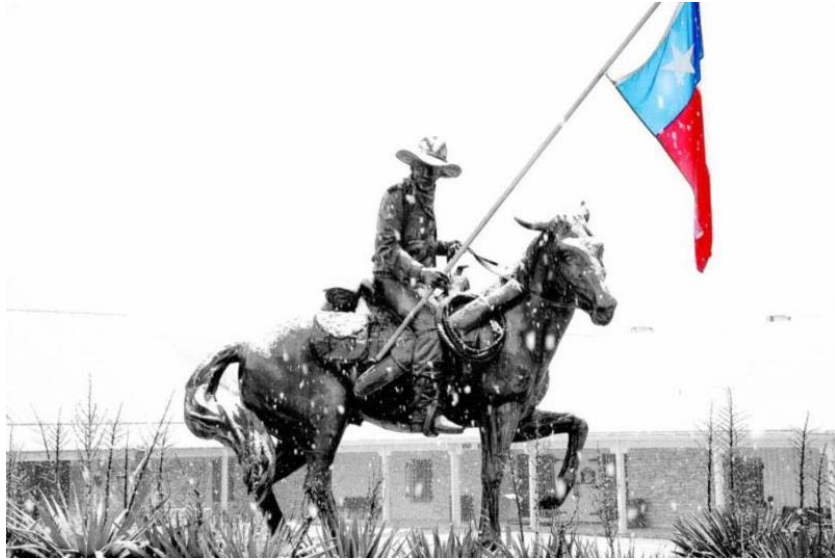


Waco's Hispanic community dates back more than 150 years to the beginning of the community, but is largely unknown. In 2014 City Councilor Alice Rodriguez asked the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame to assist a local group in collecting and sharing that history. Director Byron Johnson worked with the group to plan a project and exhibit, conduct a search for artifacts, and consider options for an exhibit. Plant Manager Paul Torres evaluated space considered for a future long-term exhibit and advised them on conversion.

An initial exhibit, Historia Hispano: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and History in Waco opened January 31st in the Fort House, a historic property owned by Historic Waco Foundation near downtown. Volunteer curator Stephanie Martinez was pleased to see the Hispanic heritage displayed and appreciated. Louis Garcia, board chairman of the group, expressed his appreciation to staffs of Historic Waco, the Ranger museum and others who helped turn the dream into a reality. "Community history is important," said Johnson, "and it can quickly disappear with rapid development and the passage of generations." We are honored to help keep that thread to the past alive.

## Snow at the Museum

It's not every day that Waco, Texas has snowfall. On Wednesday, February 25th snow covered the Museum complex. Here is a photograph submitted by Lieutenant Jamie Downs, Company "F."



Do you have a photograph of the Museum from a recent visit? Email [news@texasranger.org](mailto:news@texasranger.org) and you may see it featured in a future issue of our newsletter.

## Gift Shop Feature

Now you can remove your cowboy boots with ease. The Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop has leather boot jacks that allow the wearer to remove his/her boots without creating scuff marks. These boot jacks are hand carved and covered in hand tooled leather. They are made in the Texas prison system. They measure 11 1/2" long by 4" wide by 5" tall. Each boot jack retails for \$75.00.



To purchase these items, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email [thystore@texasranger.org](mailto:thystore@texasranger.org). Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

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).

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