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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum Newsletter

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Save the Date:
August 1st

On Saturday, August 1st at 2:00 pm, the museum will host "Gunfighterology," a presentation by Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal. Entrance to the presentation is included with museum admission.

Military Appreciation Weekend
May 23rd - 25th

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum
Active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid id or documentation).




www.TexasRanger.org

Register Now for Summer Camp

Learn what it takes to be a Texas Ranger at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum! Texas Ranger Summer Camp is Friday, June 26th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Texas Ranger Classic

The Texas Ranger Classic is

a sporting clay tournament on Friday, May 29th at the San Antonio National Shooting Complex.

Brought to you by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF), this First Annual event is open to all firearms enthusiasts looking to have a fun, competitive afternoon of sporting clay excitement.

Please click here for more information.



Ranger Reunion

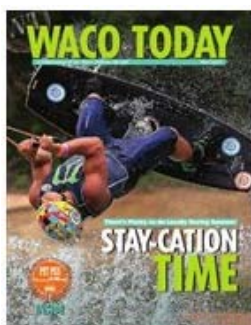
The 33rd annual Ranger Reunion will be held June 19th and 20th in Waco.

Please click here for more information.



In the morning, campers will have the chance to step into the boots of a 19th-century Texas Ranger and learn about the skills critical to survival on the frontier. In the afternoon, the children will learn about the duties of the modern Texas Rangers, including their work as criminal investigators. Campers may even get to meet a real Texas Ranger!

Camp registration is open to children entering third, fourth and fifth grade. Scouting groups are welcome based on availability. The cost is \$25 per camper, and the deadline to register is Friday, June 19th. Please call (254) 750-8631 to register.



Waco Today

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the City of Waco were featured in "No Need to Leave Waco for Vacation" an article by Lesly Rascoe in the May issue of Waco Today Magazine.

Please click here to read the article on pages 20-30.

Fort Hood Challenge Coins

On April 2, 2014, Army Specialist Ivan Lopez embarked on a rampage on the Fort Hood military base near Killeen, Texas. Four people were killed, sixteen were injured and Lopez died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The Texas Rangers, Texas DPS Troopers and Special Investigators with the Texas DPS Criminal Investigation Division assisted the US Army and federal government in the aftermath and subsequent investigation. Previously, Texas Rangers also played a significant role in the investigation of the 2009 mass shooting at Fort Hood.

A Memorial Service for the victims was held on April 9th with President Barack Obama and Army Chief of Staff General Raymond T. Odierno in attendance. At the service Company "F" Major (now Assistant Chief) Frank Malinak met with the President and Gen. Odierno. He was presented with challenge coins in recognition of the service rendered by the Department of Public Safety officers and staff.



In The Press

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the City of Waco were featured in "Walking Waco" an article by Robin Tierney in the spring issue of FIDO Friendly Magazine.

Please click here to read the article on pages 24-25.



RAM

Ram Texas Ranger Concept Truck

Did you miss our big announcement in the April newsletter? Ram has unveiled a Texas Ranger concept truck.

Please click here to see photographs and learn more about it.



Assistant Chief Malinak donated the coins to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum on behalf of the Texas Rangers. They will be on exhibit shortly before the upcoming Ranger Reunion in June.



Meetings Marketplace

Please visit our booth at the Meetings Marketplace on Wednesday, May 20th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Waco Convention Center.

Please click here for more information.

Texas Relief Map

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum recently received a one-of-a-kind donation from former Waco Mayor Billy Davis. Some years ago, Mr. Davis commissioned a 3-D Texas relief map featuring 41 points of interest around the state. Sculptor Gerald Sanders create the topography and painter John T. French paint the map, including the various points of interest. Featuring well known points of interest such as the Alamo, the King Ranch and Tyler's Municipal Rose Gardens, the map also features lesser-known points such as the World's Largest Helium Well in Dumas and the World's First Rodeo in 1883 in Pecos.



Education Center

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

- Superior Health
- Hillcrest KidSafe

Prosper Waco
HCCAA Head Start
Midway High School
Journalism Class

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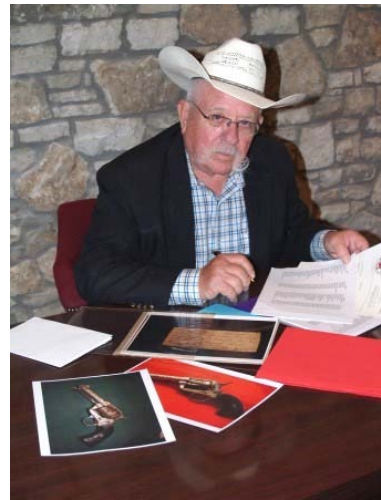
The map is on exhibit in the front lobby of the Museum. Our thanks to former Mayor Davis for this truly Texas donation!

Texas Ranger Laureates Meeting

In 2013 planning began for future museum exhibits. Prominent historians from Texas to California, who have spent decades

researching and writing about the Texas Rangers, were invited to become Texas Ranger Laureates. Our objective is to bring together the best minds in the field, as well as retired and active duty Rangers, to create a comprehensive 'storyboard' of Ranger history.

Of the two previous retreats, one explored the creation of the Rangers in 1823, their role as militia countering Indian raids, their action in the Texas Revolution, their service as US Volunteers in the Mexican War and as a Civil War home guard. Another retreat looked at their evolving role in the Wild West chasing criminals, suppressing feuds and resolving range wars.



Author Bob Alexander

The most recent session looked at Rangers in the early 20th century: the oil boom, the Mexican Revolution, Prohibition, gangsters and political corruption. We are grateful to the participants who shared their encyclopedic knowledge with us:

Bob Alexander - Texas Ranger historian and lecturer who has authored 14 books on the Texas Rangers

John Boessenecker - lawyer and author of novels about historic lawmen. He is working on a biography of Frank Hamer.

Donaly Brice - former Texas State Library & Archives Reference Archivist

Doug Dukes - early firearms scholar and former Austin PD detective

Dr. Charles Harris - retired professor and author of books about early 20th century Texas Rangers and the Border

Dr. John Miller Morris - professor of Political Science and Geography and author of Texas history books

Dr. Harold J. Weiss, Jr. - retired professor and author studying the earliest origins of the Texas Rangers

Photographs From Our Visitors

Photographs are courtesy Annecia Farello who commented, "My kids said pioneers weren't supposed to smile."





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

Turquoise and Silver for Mother's Day

Need the perfect gift for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10th? The Texas Ranger Museum gift shop has new ornately carved Turquoise and Sterling Silver boxes to hold jewelry, trinkets, matches and more. The boxes are lined with black felt. There also is a matching mirror.



- One 12.5" x 15" Mirror - \$375.00
- Four Small Jewelry Boxes - \$64.95 each
- Two Large Jewelry Boxes - \$94.50 each
- One Match Box Cover with Stone - \$55.50
- One Match Box Cover without Stone - \$45.50

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

Free Admission During

Military Appreciation Weekend

On Memorial weekend, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum honors our nation's heroes with Military Appreciation Weekend on Saturday, May 23rd through Monday, May 25th. Active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid id or documentation - medals, service records, photographs are accepted).

Offer Valid: Saturday, May 23, 2015 through Monday, May 25, 2015

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