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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

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The Return of Sam Houston: Dedication on August 28th at 1:30pm

You are cordially invited to the rededication of the museum's landmark painting of Sam Houston on Monday, August 28th at 1:30pm. Generously sponsored by the family of Mr. J. Fred Bucy III, Anne Zankos Art Conservation of San Antonio performed four months of painstaking work cleaning, repairing and stabilizing the painting. Custom Creation of Austin designed and built a new exhibit case to house the painting.



Anne Zanikos with conserved painting

Houston served as President of the Republic of Texas and US Senator. Early in his career in Congress (1846-59), he sat for the painting stating "I think more of it than all my likenesses." The artist Charles Edward Schnabel (1821-1883) created a statesman-like and somewhat idealized portrait reminiscent of Houston's benefactor Andrew Jackson.

Please join us in welcoming Sam back and thanking the Bucy family for their gift to future generations.

The First in A Series

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has authorized a Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ publications program to recognize outstanding nonfiction books about the Texas Rangers. Works are reviewed by scholars, representatives of the Texas Rangers and the museum professional staff to determine suitability. Accepted works will become part of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ and may include the official seal.



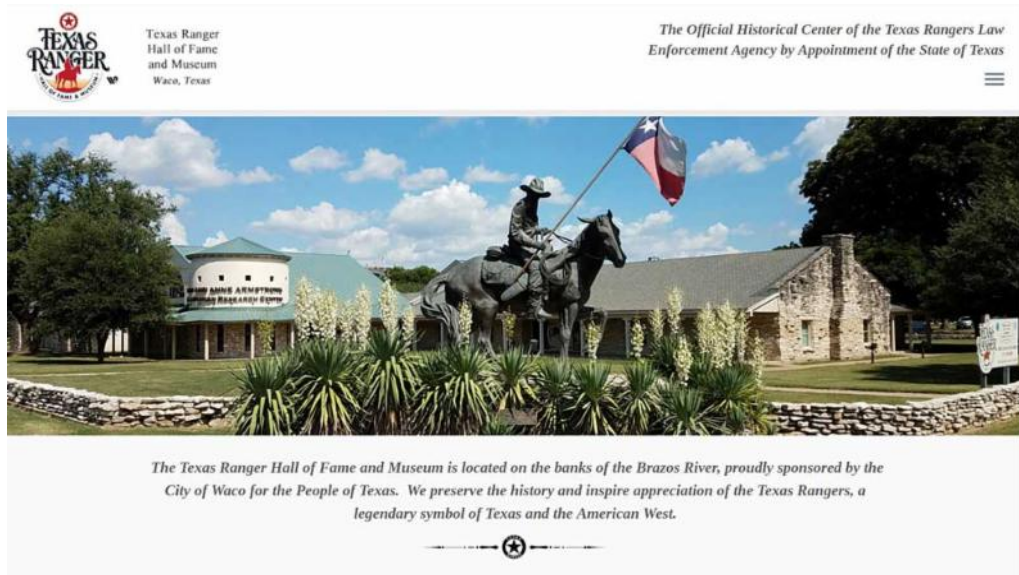
Left to Right: Donaly E. Brice, Author; Director Steven C. McCraw, Texas DPS; Chief Randy Prince, Texas Rangers; Lt. Colonel David G. Baker, Texas DPS; Bob Alexander, Author

The first book, *Texas Rangers: Lives, Legend, Legacy*, was presented to the Texas Rangers, Texas DPS Command and the Texas public Safety Commission on July 27th. Authored by Bob Alexander and Donaly E. Brice, the 650 page work published by the University of North Texas Press is the first comprehensive history of the Texas Rangers. The last comprehensive book was published in 1935.

The second Bicentennial seal will be awarded to the first of a three-volume set of biographies by Don Ivey of the Texas Ranger inductees in the State Hall of Fame.

New Website In Progress

After almost 20 years, and more than 10 million visitors, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame web site is being updated. In preparation for the Bicentennial we are transitioning to a new format. This will make it compatible with cell phones and portable devices as well as desktop computers.




Preview of new homepage on future website

The work involves moving thousands of pages of historical articles, oral histories, rosters of active and retired Rangers, and much more. Libraries of video programs will be accessible including the museum's *Discovering the Legend* TV series distributed to more than 50 cable channels. The new site will premier in December 2017 and be constantly expanded and improved thereafter.

Plum Creek Seminar Saturday August 12th



The town of Lockhart, between Austin and San Antonio, is famed for the 1840 battle of Plum Creek where a Comanche raiding party of several hundred were driven back by hastily assembled Texas Rangers. On August 12th from 9 am to 5 pm the town will stage its 2nd annual *Plum Creek Symposium* with five distinguished speakers including Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Laureates Donaly E. Brice, Chuck Parsons and Bob Alexander.




*...exploring Texas history in
lecture & song*

**Saturday
August 12, 2017
9:00am - 5:00pm**


**Dr. Eugene Clark Library
Lockhart, Texas**


Chuck Parsons
author/historian



Caroline Gnagy
author/vocalist



Oldest in Texas



Mathew "Old Paint" Caldwell
Early Texas Ranger
Donaly Brice

Texas Ranger N. O. Reynolds
"The Intrepid"
Chuck Parsons


Songs of Texas
Texas History in Original Songs
Fletcher Clark

Thirty Minutes Behind the Walls
New Deal Texas Prison Radio
Caroline Gnagy


The Texas Rangers
Lives, Legend, and Legacy
Bob Alexander

presented by
Evenings with the Songwriter
& Lockhart's historic
Dr. Eugene Clark Library
217 S. Main


Registration Fee \$20
For lunch break, visit one of our local eateries!
Please let us know if you are coming!
contact fletcherclark3@austin.rr.com



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Gift Shop Feature: Backpacks

It's Back-to-School time! The backpack features the museum logo in white on the top front side. It includes the following: two net pockets on the sides, 2 cooler type pockets for a small or medium sized water bottle, a large net pocket secured by a strap, and at the top of the backpack is a



pouch with a zipper for cellphone or mp3 players and also a hole for headphones. The exterior colors are blue on the front and black on sides and back.

\$29.95 each

Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. Thank you!

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Education Center

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

DPS - CID (Criminal Investigative Division)
 DPS Crime Lab
 HCCAA Head Start
 Texas Workforce Commission
 Waco NAACP
 AFP

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SIGN UP & 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.

Offer Expires 09/30/2017.



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