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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

Program begins October 15, 2018.

The Texas Rangers are a Texas Legend and an American Heritage™. They will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023.

The Texas Public Safety Commission has named the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum steward of the anniversary stating:

“renovation and improvement of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum as a lasting tribute to the Texas Ranger Bicentennial is favored and endorsed.”

We are seeking \$100.00 individual and family contributors* to help safeguard this Texas and American Heritage™ for future generations. With your contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Bicentennial seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.



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*Corporate and Foundation Supporters: Please call us toll-free at 1-877-750-8631 to discuss how your company or foundation can participate on the company and foundation level.

\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.

Discovering the Legend : Bowie Knife Presentation

On September 10th, the Museum formally accepted the Rezin P. Bowie/Capt. William Y. Lacey Bowie Knife donated by Mr. Rudolph Gleichman. During the ceremony, Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager, gave a brief presentation on the history of Bowie knives, including the Lacy Bowie Knife. Master knife maker Greg Wall, a descendant of the Bowie family, crafted and donated a painstakingly made replica for educational purposes to the museum. He spoke on the meaning behind the making of the replica.

To watch our new *Discovering the Legends* episode featuring this event, please [click here](#) . *Discovering the Legend* is a television series produced by the Waco City Cable Channel and distributed to over 50 City and College cable channels across Texas.

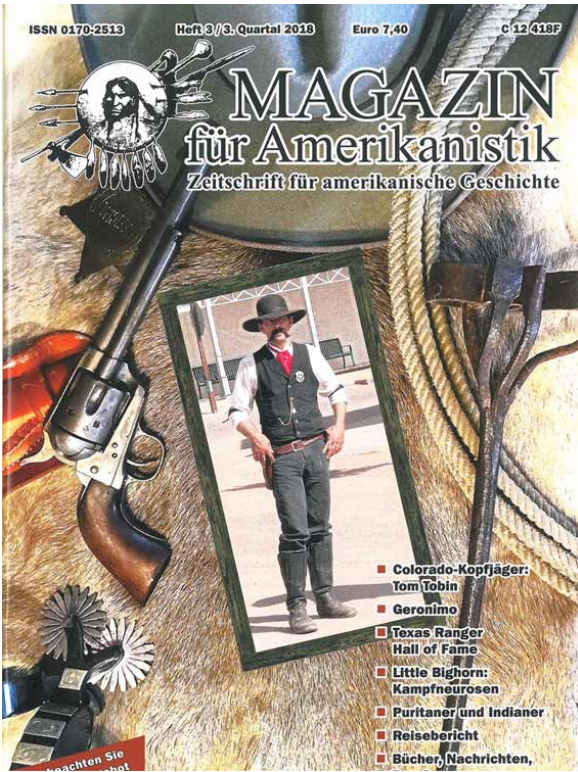


Above, Left to Right: Lt. James Thomas, Collections Manager Shelly Crittendon and Major Corey Lain accept the donation of the Bowie Knife on behalf of the People of Texas
Below: Greg Wall presents a replica of the Bowie knife to the Museum



German Magazine Publishes Article on Museum

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame was featured in the recent issue of Germany's *Magazin für Amerikanistik* (*Journal of American History*) to mark the Museum's 50th year of its opening in the article "1968-2018: 50 Jahre Ruhmeshalle der Texas Rangers." **Danke!**



Dietmar Kuegler
1968 – 2018: 50 Jahre Ruhmeshalle der Texas Rangers

1823, vor 195 Jahren, begann die Geschichte der vermutlich berühmtesten Polizeitruppe der Welt, mit Sicherheit eine der bekanntesten Polizeioorganisationen, deren Legende nie verblasst ist.

Die Texas Rangers, einst als Miliztruppe der texanischen Siedler gegründet, um sich vor Überfällen von Comanchen und Apachen zu schützen, weil die mexikanischen Behörden zu schwach waren, ihrer nördlichen Provinz Sicherheit zu garantieren, haben eine Entwicklungsgeschichte hinter sich, mit der sich keine vergleichbare Polizeitruppe messen kann. Die Entwicklung zur Grenzpolizei erfolgte erst nach dem Krieg zwischen den USA und Mexiko, der den gesamten Süwesten zum amerikanischen Staatsgebiet machte. Heute sind die Texas Rangers nicht nur Grenzsicherer, sondern eine exzellente, hochgelobte Polizeitruppe, die als Unterstützung für lokale Polizeibehörden ebenso bereitsteht, wie als Ermittler in Fällen von Schwerekriminalität. Die Ausstattung ihrer Laboratorien, ihr Fahrzeugpark und ihre Bewaffnung entsprechen jeweils dem modernsten technischen Standard in den USA.

1968, also vor 50 Jahren, wurde im Herzen von Texas, in der geschäftigen Stadt Waco, die TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME errichtet, eines der bedeutendsten Museen des Lone Star Staates. (Der Grundstein für den Bau war schon 4 Jahre vorher, 1964, gelegt worden.)

Der Komplex ist unterteilt in das HOMER GARRISON MUSEUM – benannt nach einem großen Ranger-Führer neuerer Zeit –, die HALL OF FAME und die MOODY TEXAS RANGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Das GARRISON MUSEUM enthält die größte existierende Sammlung von Gegenständen aus der Geschichte der Texas Rangers, zurückgehend bis in die spanisch-mexikanische Zeit.

Im Zentrum steht eine einzigartige Waffensammlung, deren Besonderheit darin liegt, dass alle Stücke – vom ältesten Colt Paterson bis zur modernen automatischen Waffe – historisch und persönlich bestimmten Ereignissen und Beamten zugeordnet werden können, jedes einzelne Stück ist ein dokumentarisches Zeugnis der Geschichte des Staates Texas und der Rangers.

Die Texas Rangers können für sich in Anspruch nehmen, dem Colt-Revolver zum Durchbruch verholfen zu haben: Es waren die Männer um Captain Jack Hays, die 1843 mit dem Feldersatz des Paterson Colts die Gebrauchlichkeit der Waffen Samuel Colts bewiesen, und Dank der Bemühungen des Ranger-Captains Samuel Walker – nach dem Colt schließlich den Winchester Walker Colt 1847 benannte – wurde der geschäftlich bis dahin glücklose Erfinder vor dem Bankrott gerettet. Entsprechend viele Modelle von Colt, in zahlreichen Variationen und in exzellentem Zustand befinden sich in den Ausstellungs vitrinen.

Lieutenant Patrick Peña



Lt. Patrick Peña began his career in July 1999 as a Security Worker at Texas DPS Headquarters Complex in Austin. Graduating from the DPS Academy in 2002, he was a Highway Patrol Trooper in Van Horn and Waco. In 2008 he was promoted to Narcotics Sergeant serving in McAllen, Amarillo and Lubbock. Promoted to Texas Ranger in December 2012, he was assigned to Laredo and then Waco.

In Waco Patrick became fascinated with the history of the Texas Rangers and assisted with educational programs and welcoming visitors from around the world. In 2015 he participated in an oral history interview from the perspective of a Texas Ranger entering service ([please click here to read it](#)).

While we will miss the daily working relationship, we are excited to announce that he was promoted to Ranger Lieutenant in September and stationed in Tyler. We wish him the best of luck in his new role!

Lt. Peña receives a gift of appreciation from the board and staff of the Texas Ranger Museum.

Fort Griffin History Days

Museum staff will be at Fort Griffin outside Albany, TX for the Living History Days October 12th and 13th! Authentic frontier history will come to life at Fort Griffin State Historic Site with activities and interpretations including military demonstrations, blacksmithing, 19th century children games, and much more. We will be talking about the important role the Texas Rangers played in Texas history and have a few of our replica firearms on display. Please come join us on both days from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Here are a few pictures from our attendance in 2016.



DPS Museum Day in Austin

On September 23rd, the Museum was invited to participate in DPS Museum Day in Austin at the DPS Headquarters. The event included the Mounted patrol and their horses, vintage and new DPS State Trooper automobiles, SWAT gear and much more! We look forward to next year's event in September 2019.



National Night Out Press Conference

Last month, Knox Center hosted the Central Texas press conference for National Night Out. It included presentations by Representative Doc Anderson and Fire Chief Bobby J. Tatum Jr. (below) as well as photo ops with mascots including McGruff the Crime Dog.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas celebrates on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about National Night Out.

Gift Shop Feature: Wood Serving Board

These natural wood serving boards are ideal for cheese and fruit. Engraved with



the Texas Ranger badge in the center, they measure 12 inches square.

\$60 + Tax

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 September:

Texas Rangers - Leica Scanner Training
 Reserve Officers Association
 Waco Foundation
 NAACP

**ENJOY
 \$2.00 OFF**

Expires 11/30/2018

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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