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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Spring Break Round Up 2018

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum hosted its 10th annual Spring Break Round Up event on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A warm, sunny day served as an excellent backdrop for the day's activities, including chuck wagon cooking and Ranger camp demonstrations by Palestine-based and Spring Break Round Up Veterans, "Texas Top Guns: Frontier Battalion Company D," the official re-enactors of the museum.

New to this year's event were members of the living history group "Legends of the Texas Rangers" and their display of historic firearms and dress from the 1820s up through the 1930s. In addition, retired Texas Ranger Sergeant Matt Cawthon regaled guests on his personal experiences serving in the Rangers, and he even took the time to answer questions at the close of his program.





The staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is grateful to Sergeant Cawthon and the members of the Texas Top Guns and Legends of the Texas Rangers groups for their continued support of the museum and its education programs, which strive to preserve the history and inspire appreciation of the Texas Rangers.

Statistics, Statistics: Facts About the New Website

A month ago, we premiered our new web site. It is the descendant of our first one in 1997 that put law enforcement history on the web. It's grown and now contains 1,040 primary web pages and many thousands of pages of articles transferred from the old web site. Literally every active duty Ranger is pictured by company, as is every living retired Ranger with space for biographical information.



The popularity of the Texas Rangers and the site has been amazing—Bing now lists more than 1,270,000 references to it and Google has 77,900 direct links. More than 9,500 sites worldwide link to it related to history, news, genealogy and tourism. We've carefully preserved these partnerships built over twenty years. Google users ranked us 4.6 of 5 and Facebook 4.5 of 5.

The Texas Rangers are a Texas Legend and an American Heritage™ known worldwide. Over the first month, web surfers logged onto the site from 43 other countries. The top ten were in order: Germany, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Croatia, Brazil, Sweden and the Netherlands. Exotic locations included the Philippines, Russia, Pakistan, Slovakia, Moldova, Afghanistan and Belize.

Please explore www.texasranger.org; we would be grateful for your suggestions.

Forensic Hypnosis

Did you know the Texas Rangers use Forensic Hypnosis to interview victims and witnesses? In fact, Texas courts have allowed hypnosis-induced testimony since the early 1980s.



Christian McPhate wrote an article "Death Row Case in Dallas County Puts Hypnosis on Trial as 'Junk Science' " for the *Dallas Observer*. The article discusses how Forensic Hypnosis started with the DPS and tells the story of Texas Ranger Carl Weathers and his use of the technique.



Texas Ranger Carl A. Weathers, Ret.

[Please click here to read the article.](#)

"Things To Do In Waco Texas That Aren't Magnolia Market."



Jill Robbins known as the Texas Traveling Mom, is a blogger who wrote, "Things To Do In Waco Texas That Aren't Magnolia Market." The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum was among the attractions featured in the article.

[Please click here to read the article.](#)

New Pathway Sign

In March, the pathway sign that greets visitors at the entrance of the parking lot was replaced as part of the routine maintenance of the museum and it's grounds.

Over the years, the sign has undergone artistic and informational changes. The top picture is the sign in 2002, and the bottom picture is the new sign installed last month.

In addition to updating the information on the sign, the wooden poles were replaced with metal ones and secured to a new concrete platform.

The installation of the new sign was donated by Ruiz Ignacio Jr DBA JR Contracting. We appreciate the service they provided.

Even as the installation was in progress, this sign became a backdrop for visitors taking museum selfies. We can't wait to see them on [our Facebook page!](#)



Gift Shop Feature: Patches

Two new collector's edition patches are available in the Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop. These patches are made by L.W. Bristol Classics in Bristol, Tennessee. Each patch is \$4.95 plus 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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The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in March:

Texas Rangers
 Deidra Emerson
 Historic Waco Foundation
 11th Military Police Battalion
 NAACP

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\$2.00 OFF

Expires May 31, 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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