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**Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter** 

Sponsored by the City of Waco Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

## **TRHFM Upcoming Events**

### **Military Appreciation Weekend**

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host *Military Appreciation Weekend* for Veterans Day – Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 9th-11th. Active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive FREE admission to the Museum, while their families will receive discounted admissions. Please bring a service i.d. or documentation of service.



#### 10th Annual Big Texas Christmas Present

Big 95 FM Radio in Waco has teamed up with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum and Waco Texas Rocks to assist Compassion Ministries! Compassion Ministries helps

those who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment. You can help! Compassion Ministries needs gift items and donations for children, teens, and adults this holiday season.

Saturday, December 14th, from Noon-2PM, Big 95, Waco Texas Rocks, and Compassion Ministries will be accepting donations and painting rocks at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum!

For each rock purchased to paint or item donated, you will receive one free admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. You can get a list of donation suggestions at <u>compassionwaco.com</u>.

Help us wrap up the Big Texas Christmas Present with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, Waco Texas Rocks, Compassion Ministries, and Big 95!

### Texas Ranger Bicentennial Tribute Colt® Single Action Army® Revolver

#### The Colt® Single Action Army® - An American Legend

While Texas Ranger Capt. Jack "Coffee" Hays and his men lacked neither courage nor conviction during their patrols in the Old West, they struggled to reload single-shot pistols and rifles during combat. The arrival of Samuel Colt's .36 caliber, five shot revolver changed everything. In the hands of Hays' men, the new sidearm gave them an awesome advantage. It was the Rangers' praise in the reliability of these revolvers that revived Samuel Colt's dreams of being a gunmaker and inventor. He would continue inventing, redesigning, and refining his firearms.

The Colt® SAA revolver was introduced by Colt in the 1870s and played an important role in America's Western frontier days of the late 19th century. Known affectionately as the "Peacemaker" among other names, Single Actions were the handgun of choice for many legendary Texas Rangers starting in the 1870s and continuing into the 20th century.



Each Colt SAA revolver is fitted with classic walnut grips with a gold decorated Rampant Colt medallion. Both sides of the barrel feature 24-karat gold decorated banners. The left side reads, "Texas Ranger Bicentennial Tribute." The right side of the barrel includes the famous Stephen F. Austin quote, "Ten Men To Act As Rangers For The Common Defense."

The centerpiece of this Colt® Single Action Army® revolver is the handsomely decorated cylinder featuring portraits of four legendary Old West Texas Rangers. Maj. John B. Jones

was the first commander of the Frontier Battalion and the man who transformed the Rangers from a volunteer group of Indian fighters into an efficient crimefighting force. Sgt. John B. Armstrong apprehended the outlaw John Wesley Hardin in one of the most famous showdowns in Ranger history. Capt. Samuel H. Walker partnered with Samuel Colt to create the famous Colt Walker in 1847. The legendary Capt. John Coffee "Jack" Hays served in several armed conflicts from 1836-1848, and whose battle with the Rangers against the Comanche was featured on Samuel Colt's legendary Walker Revolver.



The legend of the Texas Rangers remains one of the most lasting and powerful in our nation's history. This handsomely decorated Tribute honors the legend of the Rangers with the classic Colt® Single Action Army® revolver, a firearm that played such an important role in history of the Rangers.

Only 250 Texas Ranger Bicente nnial Tribute Colt® Single Action Army® Revolvers have been authorized for this edition. Each revolver is numbered within the edition limit of 250 and is accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity. To lear n more and reserve the Texas Ranger Bicentennial Tribute Colt® Single Action Army® Revolver, a working Colt® SAA revolver at the introductory price of \$3,195, please visit <u>americaremembers.com</u>.

Order now and you will have a Tribute to cherish for years to come.

## Texas Outdoors Features TRHFM

" There's a museum in Waco that has everything, dating back to the creation of the Texas Rangers and that's where we're going in this week's Texas Outdoors." - Barry Davis, host of *Texas Outdoors*.



The San Antonio station KENS5 (CBS) airs *Texas Outdoors,* a weekly program with host Barry Davis. Last month, Davis went indoors to visit the Museum. He enjoyed a tour led by our Marketing Specialist, Christine Rothenbush.

Please click here to watch the episode.

## **German Travel Planners Visit TRHFM**

Recently, Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd gave a guided tour of the museum to travel planners from Germany. Each year tours and travel writers visit from around the world to Waco from Australia, Germany, France and the UK.



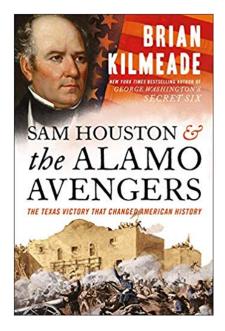
## Ballad Of A Texas Ranger

The Blan Scott Band recently contacted the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center about early Ranger dress to costume their music video *Ballad Of A Texas Ranger*. Blan is a singer-songwriter who hails from a ranching family near Abilene in Callahan County that arrived in Texas in the 1870s.

Please <u>click here</u> to watch the video.



#### Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers



Join the Historic Waco Foundation at the Lee Lockwood Library on Saturday, November 9th from 4-6PM for an evening with Brian Kilmeade as he discusses his new book, *Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers*. In his now trademark fashion, Brian Kilmeade explores hidden aspects of Sam Houston, the first president of Texas, and brings the reader to the scenes of one of the most pivotal moments in American history. Thanks to Kilmeade's storytelling, a new generation of readers will remember the Alamo.

This event is free! The first 150 individuals/families will receive a complimentary autographed copy of *Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers*.

This event is sponsored through the generosity of: Rondy and Jackie Gray Clifton and Betsy Robinson Ken and Alice Starr

### **Gift Shop Feature: Texas Ranger Ornaments**

Decorate your home in silver and blue! Our new holiday ornaments are festive and the perfect gift!

#### \$7.50 + Tax

To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our **<u>Gift Shop online</u>**, or in person 9am to 4:30pm daily. You never have to pay admission to shop.

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. We ship worldwide. Thank you!



# Texas Ranger Bicentennial <sup>™</sup> Partners Program

Be part of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial! The Texas Rangers will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

- A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial<sup>™</sup> seal
- 2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
- 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.

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

Please <u>click here</u> to learn more about the program.



Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin Trademarked by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety Designed by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum



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

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Texas Department of Safety Criminal Investigations Division Heart of Texas Workforce Museum Association of Waco National Rural Letter Carriers Association NAACP
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

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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