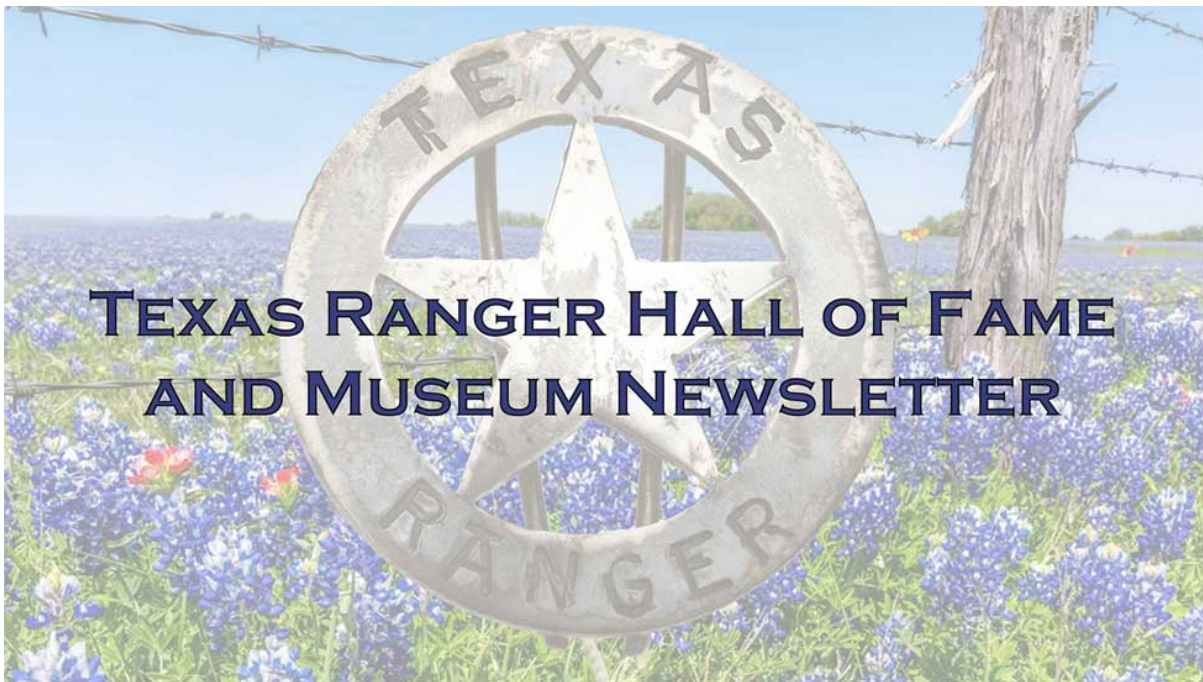


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TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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"Ask the Ranger Museum" Featuring Collections Department

"Ask the Ranger Museum" returns! Go behind the scenes of the museum collections and exhibits in this exciting new episode featuring TRHFM Collections Manager Shelly Crittendon and Assistant Collections Manager Rachel Smith.



The Collections Department is responsible for the preservation, documentation, and management of the artifacts and artworks in the museum's collection. Responsibilities include acquisition, registration, cataloguing, processing of loans, digital database management and cooperating with current and potential donors on new acquisitions. The Collections Department also leads the Exhibits Committee to develop and install new exhibits.

Please [click here](#) to watch the episode.

Sculptures Cleaned and Waxed

Art conservator Jo DeDecker, of Sculpture Services of Colorado, was at the museum in June to clean and wax our two outdoor bronze sculptures. Following sculpture maintenance guidelines from the National Park Service, the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, and the Getty Museum, DeDecker spent the day giving new life to the bronze artworks. We think you will like the results!



Before & After

Pictured is DeDecker working on “Texas Ranger” by Don Hunt. Before and after pictures of “Major George B. Erath - Frontiersman” by Robert Summers.

Staff of the Israeli National Defense College Visits



On June 15th, we welcomed the staff of Israel's National Defense College (INDC) for a meeting with the Texas Rangers, McLennan County law enforcement and Texas congressional representatives. The INDC is part of the Israeli Military College system and teaches international students history, policy, society, economics, foreign relations, science, and security.

At the request of the Consul General of Israel, Texas State Representative Doc Anderson arranged the visit to Central Texas and meetings with law enforcement.

Texas Ranger Co. “F” Major Corey Lain met with the delegation, providing an orientation on the mission and duties of the Texas Rangers. The area of the 43 counties comprising Texas Rangers Company “F”, one of five Texas Ranger companies, is more than seven times the size of the entire State of Israel. McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara discussed the role of county Sheriff's in the U.S.

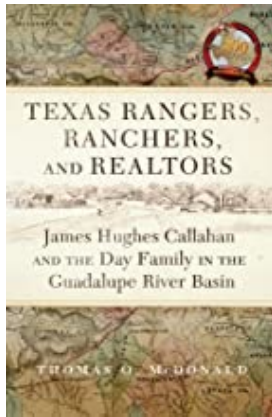


Visiting staff of Israel's National Defense College with Texas Ranger Co. F Major Corey Lain (center with hat) and Rep. Doc Anderson (2nd from right). For reasons of security, INDC officials' faces have been blurred.

Texas Rangers, Ranchers, and Realtors

Texas Rangers, Ranchers, and Realtors - James Hughes Callahan and the Day Family in the Guadalupe River Basin by Thomas O. McDonald, University of Oklahoma Press, 2021. 619 pages.

Native Georgian, James Hughes Callahan (1812–1856) migrated to Texas to serve in the Texas Revolution in exchange for land. In Seguin, Texas, where he settled, he met and married a divorcée, Sarah Medissa Day (1822–1856). The lives of these two Texas pioneers.



Callahan was a soldier, a Texas Ranger, a rancher, and a land developer, at every turn making his mark on the evolving Guadalupe River Basin. Sarah's family's journey reflected the experience of many immigrants to Texas after its war of independence.

Junior Ranger Eva Peña

For her 5th birthday, Eva asked if she could become a Texas Ranger like her daddy. On June 17th, her father, Company "F" Lieutenant Patrick Peña, swore her in as a Junior Texas Ranger! Congratulations!



Adolph Thomas Distinguished Service Award

At the June meeting of the Public Safety Commission, Captain James Thomas, Rangers Division — Austin, received the Adolph Thomas Distinguished Service Award. This award was created to honor DPS employees who display excellence and distinguish themselves in the areas of mentoring fellow employees, training others and civic engagement.



Adolph Thomas Distinguished Service Award
presented to **James Thomas**
Captain, Texas Rangers Division



"During Chief Adolph Thomas' distinguished 27-year career with the Department, he placed protecting and serving others above self, and he lived a life committed to helping everyone accomplish their dreams. His legacy of excellence and sacrifice continues today through the Adolph Thomas Distinguished Service Award, for which I am truly humbled to be a recipient. I remain committed to living a life in service to others." - Captain Thomas

Please [click here](#) to read more about the many awards presented at the meeting.

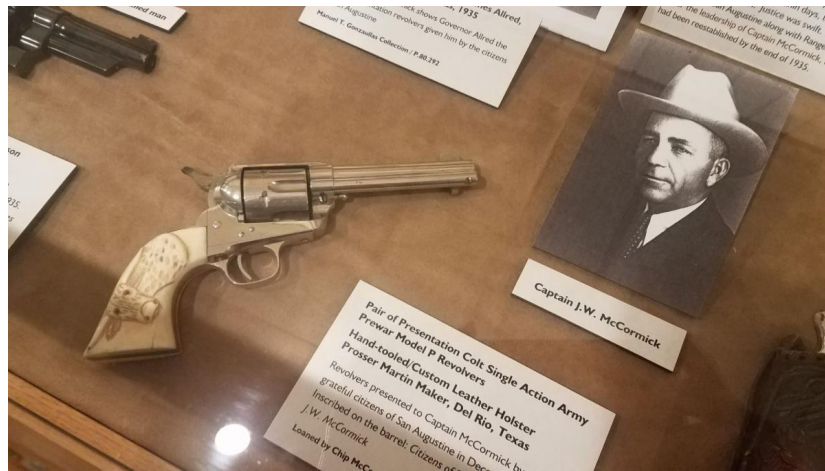
In Memoriam: Chip McCormick

We are saddened to announce the passing of Chip McCormick, a legendary gunsmith and innovator. He is most known for both creating the drop-in AR-15 trigger and conceiving of a "spec" 1911 made with parts that could be quickly and easily assembled.



Mr. McCormick was also a patron of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. His grandfather, J. W. McCormick was a Texas Ranger in the 1920s-1930s and helped clean

up the east Texas town of San Augustine. On display are a pair of presentation Colt Single Action Army Prewar Model P Revolvers inscribed on the barrel, "Citizens of San Augustine to Capt. J. W. McCormick". These revolvers were presented to Captain McCormick by grateful citizens in December of 1935. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the TRHFM Memorial Fund.



Please [click here](#) to read his obituary in the *NRA Shooting Illustrated Magazine*.

Texas Ranger Classic

The Texas Ranger Classic is a series of annual fundraising events benefiting the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) and the Texas Rangers. The sporting clay tournaments are open to all firearms enthusiasts looking to have a fun, competitive day of sporting clay excitement. The tournaments vary in format, specialty games, and sponsorship opportunities.



- July 9, 2021 - Company "E" | Midland, Texas
- July 24, 2021 - Company "C" | Lubbock, Texas
- August 20, 2021 - Company "F" | San Antonio, Texas
- September 24, 2021 - Company "B" | Dallas, Texas
- October 23, 2021 - Company "D" | Edinburg, Texas

Please [click here](#) to register and learn more about an event near you.

Three New T-Shirts!

Now available in the Gift Shop! These Bella Canvas cotton t-shirts are super soft and lightweight for the Texas summer heat. Available in adult small - 3xl. Prices range from \$19.95 to \$21.95 each.



To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our [Gift Shop online](#) 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™ 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:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger 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.

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

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



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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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