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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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41st Episode of *Discovering the Legend*: A Story of a Hidden Speakeasy

Learn more about Prohibition, gambling, and all things illegal in our new episode of *Discovering the Legend*. We'll explore the turbulent period in Texas history from 1920 to 1935 and how the Rangers responded to changing times. Special guests Vickie Bryant, Historian and Curator at Top O' Hill Terrace in Arlington, and Jan Devereaux, Historian and Researcher, talk about gambling and Prohibition in Texas. You'll learn about the celebrity clientele of illegal gambling establishments, the Petticoat Rangers that operated undercover for the Department of Public Safety, and the Texas Rangers that finally brought an end to Top O' Hill Terrace.

[Click here to watch "Texas Rangers During Prohibition."](#)

Top O' Hill Terrace, a Texas historic Site preserved by Arlington Baptist University, kindly loaned the Museum one of the roulette wheels from the original 1930s casino for the exhibit "Texas Rangers During Prohibition."



Discovering the Legend is a series of TV programs about Texas Ranger history, artifacts and art, and modern Ranger duties. It is produced in cooperation with the Texas Rangers, City of Waco, historians, and donors, as part of our mission to disseminate knowledge and inspire an appreciation of the Texas Rangers. An index to these programs can be found here: [Discovering the Legend - Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum](#)

Search the Collections

The museum's online collections website is expanding! The site, launched in March 2020, allows visitors to browse a selection of the 20,000 artifacts, artwork, photographs, and documents preserved for future generations in the permanent collections.

Visitors can view "Random Images" to see a selection of the wide variety of items in the museum collections. Visitors can also search for specific people or things, and explore particular collections via the homepage. The "Texas Ranger Collection" and "General Weapons Collection" are popular, and the "Pop Culture Collection" and "Museum Highlights" are also fun to explore.



Explore our collections at <https://texasranger.pastperfectonline.com>.

Veterans Day 2021

We honor our service members, veterans and military personnel this Veterans Day. On Thursday, November 11th, all active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid military ID or documentation).



Family Destinations Guide

We made the list! Check out the "17 Best Things to Do in Waco, TX (for 2021)" by *Family Destinations Guide*.



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

U.S. Representative Pete Sessions Visits TRHFM

U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions for Texas's 17th District recently visited the Texas Ranger Museum. He spoke with the TRHFM Board regarding support for national initiatives surrounding the 200th Anniversary of the Texas Rangers in 2023. He toured the

galleries and met staff members including Customer Service Representative Susan Blackwood (pictured).



Texas Ranger Day at the Alamo

On Labor Day weekend, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd and Assistant Collections Manager Rachel Smith donned costumes and headed to San Antonio for a living history event on Alamo Plaza.



The Alamo invited our participation in Texas Ranger Day at the Alamo, a living history event about the story of the Texas Rangers, as well as the evolution of their weaponry and Texas itself. During the event Audrey and Rachel provided talks on the history of the Rangers, the technology of the 1830s, and early Ranging companies. About 1,500 people participated, even though the temperature reached 104 degrees. Visitors also enjoyed living history demonstrations covering the Texas Rangers during the 19th century, Spanish presidials, 1890s Mexican Rurales, 1800s cooking and branding, and more.

Historians believe that 32 Tejano and Anglo Rangers from Gonzales answered the desperate call to defend the old mission. All of them perished including one 16-year-old Texas Ranger. These ill-fated Rangers have become known as "The Immortal 32."

10+ years of TRHFM Newsletters



A little over 10 years ago, we began our monthly email newsletters. Christine Walker Rothenbush had joined TRHFM staff in 2007 a new marketing position aimed at promoting the TRHF to its worldwide audience. Initially she developed a Facebook site, at that time a new, rapidly growing service founded just two years before in 2005.

Soon after, Christine began researching email newsletter formats. Publication began in 2009, simple in comparison to today's version. The goal was to communicate with Texas Ranger history enthusiasts, educators, donors, and members. It was to be ad-free and highlight research, education, donations to the publicly-owned collections and ground-breaking public safety programs by the Texas Rangers and Texas DPS.



Over 10,000 individuals and organizations receive it monthly . The number of total recipients is unknown; organizations that receive it have distributed issues it to countless members. We appreciate the support you've shown in subscribing, reading, and commenting on our newsletters. The feedback has been tremendous. We look forward to providing another decade of Texas Ranger Museum news and happenings to our many dedicated supporters and followers. To see our archive of back issues please visit <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/news-events/newsletter-archives/>

Gift Shop Feature: New Hats

Check out the new hats we have in TRHFM's Gift Shop. We love the vintage vibe!
Available in gray or turquoise with white mesh back and embroidered patch on front.
\$15.00 each + Tax



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.



Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin

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Designed by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum

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

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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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