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#### **Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter**

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June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum along with Texas Ranger Bicentennial 2023 – Waco, Texas – Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Ranger Reunion, BBQ Cookoff, Golf Tournament



WACO, Texas — In 1971, the 67th Texas Legislature commissioned the creation of the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame to commemorate the Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) of the Texas Rangers. The commission was made up of notable Texas Rangers including DPS Director, Col. Homer Garrison, Sr. Cpt. Clint Peoples, Cpt. E.G. Albers, and Cpt. M.T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzaullus, as well as prominent Texas citizens including artist Tom Lea, Charles Schreiner III, Dr. George Beto, Lt. Governor Ben Barnes, and many others.

In 2023, the HOF will induct four new honorees for the first time in 25 years. And for the first time ever in the history of the HOF, two of those inductees are living, retired Rangers. The primary function of the HOF is to induct and commemorate Rangers whose service is recognized as having been uniquely commendable even amongst their legendary peers. To date, only 31 Rangers (out of thousands who have served over the past 200 years) have been inducted.

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Ranger Reunion

Friday June 2nd, 6-9pm – Private Event Saturday June 3rd, 10am-9pm – Private Event Program Details: Ranger Reunion 2023

For more information: https://traf.org/reunion2023 Please call the Texas Ranger

Association Foundation at 254-752-1001.

## THURSDAY JUNE 1ST & FRIDAY JUNE 2ND



Join us at the first-ever Texas Ranger BBQ Cookoff and enjoy some great food, learn about the history and the modern Ranger. Visit with DPS Recruiters, Troopers, and Rangers to learn about DPS and the Rangers.

#### **BBQ** Cookoff

Thursday June 1st, 5-10pm – Free Public Event at 8pm Concert: The Gabe Garcia

**Band** festival seating

Friday June 2nd, 11am-11pm – Free Public Event at 9pm Concert: The Ray Johnston

Band with Fiddle & Steel festival seating

Where: Extraco BASE, Waco

For detailed schedule: https://texasranger2023.org/bbq/

Register your teams fast! Spaces are limited!

https://www.texasranger2023orders.com/shop/bbg/19

Free Admission to the public, for more info visit <a href="https://texasranger2023.org/bbq/">https://texasranger2023.org/bbq/</a>

Advisory Board Chair of the Hall of Fame and Museum, Hank Whitman, planned the BBQ competition which will be organized and judged by the Lone Star BBQ Society. Competitors will match their skills against one another for prizes awarded for overall People's Choice, and best Ribs, Chicken, and Brisket.

The Grand Champion will carry home a three-tiered, Texas-sized trophy made of native Texas woods that tells the story of the Texas Rangers in eight panels. Created by Whitman, an accomplished woodworker and Judge of Wilson County, it is open to all entrants.



35<sup>th</sup> Captain Bill Wilson Golf Tournament Bear Ridge Golf Course Saturday June 3rd, 9am – This tournament is open to the public and team fees apply. To register, please call the Texas Ranger Association Foundation at 254-752-1001.







www.TexasRanger2023.org

#### **Texas Ranger Talks**

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum

Coming this summer! Texas Ranger Talks 10:30 am and 2:00 pm:

- June 10 Ranger John Lingle
- June 24 Staff Capt. Troy Wilson
  - July 8 Ranger Joe Haralson
- July 22 Ranger Laura Simmons \* Speakers subject to change based on availability.



www.texasranger.org 254-750-8631 off I-35 in Waco, TX

Our first Texas Ranger Talk on June 10th kickoffs with two presentations by Texas Ranger John Lingle. It is also our annual Home on the Range Day! We'll have reenactment groups from 10am - 2pm on site to show off the tools Rangers used on the frontier.

#### Gift Shop Feature: New Flag Mug

This sage green coffee mug might just be our new favorite! Tag a friend who would love it. \$16.00 + Tax & Shipping



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 (254) 750-8631 or email <a href="mailto:thestore@texasranger.org">thestore@texasranger.org</a> to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

### Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Bicentennial<sup>TM</sup> Support

Contribute to the TRHFM in honor of the Texas Rangers Bicentennial<sup>™</sup> in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

- A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring a Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
- A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
- Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Supporters™
- 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.



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Bicentennial Pin

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## **ENJOY** \$2.00 OFF

Expires 6/30/2023

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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