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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter
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Spotlight on Volunteers – Doug Dukes

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is supported by a diverse group of volunteers who contributes to and enhance our mission. They come from all walks of life, including students, retirees, history reenactors, educators, and business and technical workers. Joining them are active and retired Texas Rangers, historians, artists, and law enforcement veterans with decades of experience and knowledge. Together, they assist with educational programs, exhibits, and the artifact collections and archives.

One such individual is Doug Dukes who has volunteered for over a decade. Doug retired as a Lieutenant from the Austin Police Department after 28 years of distinguished service. Since then, he has devoted his attention to researching law enforcement in the Old West with experience and a unique perspective gained from a career in modern law enforcement.



Historian Doug Dukes holds a Remington during the filming at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum with Remington Arms CEO Ken D'Arcy.

Doug's historical and biographical research has been published in the *Wild West History Association Journal* and *Wild West* and *True West* magazines. A recognized authority on firearms technology, his stellar work, *Firearms of the Texas Rangers*, was published on the 200th anniversary of the service by the University of North Texas Press.

Doug has traveled across the state to make presentations on Texas Ranger history and provide demonstrations of frontier know-how as a living history reenactor. He has also consulted on prospective artifact donations, exhibit planning, and even handcrafted replicas for display. He has served as a commentator and resource for documentaries by the French ARTE network, BBC, History Channel, Remington Arms and many others. His service has included membership on the museum advisory board helping to plan its future.

We are grateful to all our volunteers and look forward to highlighting more in coming newsletters.

TRHFM Educational Partnership

For the past two fall semesters, The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum has collaborated with Baylor University which offers a class connecting teachers with museums and educational settings outside of the classroom. "Teaching in Informal Education Environments" provides classroom teachers with insights into the purpose of museums and their programs and their value to teachers. Museums gain insight into the challenges of modern classroom teaching and how they can tailor their programs to assist them. It also offers teachers an opportunity to explore alternative careers in the field of museum education if they decide to leave the classroom.



Audrey Ladd, Education Programs Manager, leads Informal Education Environments class in tour of Museum.

Story Time & Craft Days Return

Story Time & Craft Days return to the museum in Waco for the end of the 2023 Texas Ranger Bicentennial year commemorations. Activities run 10am-1pm on the second Saturday of the month and are included with regular museum admission.

October 14- Spooky Campfire Tales

November 11- Veteran's Day

December 9- Cowboy Holidays



Join us on Saturday, December 9th
10am to 1pm for our final monthly
Story Time & Crafts Day: Cowboy Holiday!

Bring a donation for Compassion and receive
FREE admission from 9am-1pm (one item per person).
Compassion is a transitional home for families in Waco
and is seeking gifts for children and parents as well as
household supplies and toiletries for the apartments.

www.texasranger.org

<https://www.facebook.com/CompassionWaco/>



Bringing Texas Rangers to Elementary School Students

TRHFM Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd was interviewed about the Texas Rangers for a Bicentennial article "Texas Rangers Turn 200!" by Ashley Morgan on *News-O-Matic*. *News-O-Matic* is a digital resource for elementary and middle school students offering more than 13,000 articles and authentic "read-to-me" recordings.

One question that *News-O-Matic* asked for its young audiences was, "What is your favorite thing about the Texas Rangers and why?" Audrey responded, "A Texas Ranger is always easy to spot in a crowd. Rangers wear cowboy boots and a white cowboy hat whenever they're working. I like that the way they dress shows off their history. And, of course, I like that Rangers help people. The world can always use more helpers."

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Texas Rangers Turn 200!

Learn about law enforcers from the Lone Star State.

"Did you know that the Texas Rangers have been around longer than Texas itself?" asked Audrey Ladd. "You can't talk about Texas history without talking about the Rangers."

Ladd knows all about this [law enforcement](#) group. She works at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. That's in Waco, Texas. The center tells the story of the Texas Rangers — a story that now spans 200 years!



Rangers still protect people today.





Texas Rangers in 1885

Let's Go 

50 STATES 50 WEEKS Texas 

Opinion 

Teacher Tools 

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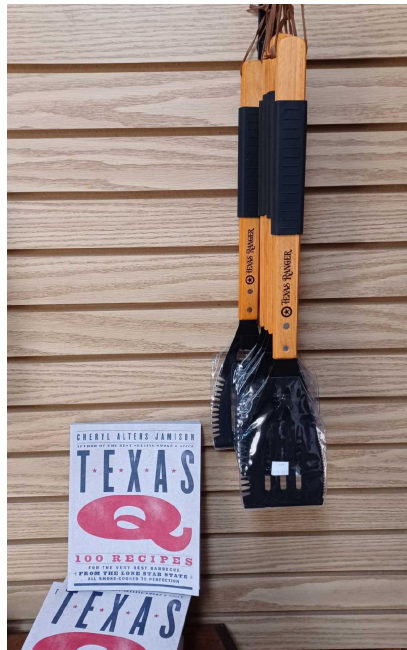
Farewell to Shelly Crittendon

This month we bid farewell to Collections Manager Shelly Crittendon who is relocating to Abilene to become the Deputy Director of Frontier Texas! in Abilene.



Shelly served as Collections Manager at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum since November 2009. She and her assistants have tracked and cared for the estimated 20,000 artifacts and artworks in the collections, concluding gifts and loans, and maintaining the computer records and a database anyone can browse worldwide. She was instrumental in working with staff to upgrade and rotate the exhibits which were seen by close to a million persons during her tenure.

We wish her luck in her new position as Deputy Director of Frontier Texas! in Abilene.



Gift Shop Feature: BBQ Spatula

As the weather cools down, Texans heat up their smokers and grills. This BBQ Grill Spatula is perfect for any Texas Ranger fan. Wood and metal. \$16.00 + 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 (254) 750- 8631 or email info@texasranger.org to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Bicentennial™ Support

Contribute to the TRHF in honor of the Texas Rangers Bicentennial™ in 2023.

With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring a 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 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



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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Bicentennial Pin

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\$2.00 OFF**

Expires 11/30/2023

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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