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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Hall of State Exhibit

As part of the 200th anniversary of the Texas Rangers, we had the privilege of assisting Texas Ranger 2023, Inc., the Hall of State/Dallas Historical Society and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation on *The Texas Rangers – 200 Years and Beyond* at the State Fair of Texas.



Texas Ranger 2023 is an organization spearheading commemorations of the anniversary throughout the State. Without their hard work and dedication, this year would not have been possible. It has been our pleasure to assist them with projects such as the Hall of State exhibit.



The exhibit *The Texas Rangers - 200 Years and Beyond* will be on display until July of 2024. So, if you didn't make it to the fair this year you have plenty of time to check it out at Hall of State, 3939 Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75210.

Recruiting the Next Generation of Texas Rangers

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is hosting a kiosk for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on the career path to become a Texas Ranger.

Texas DPS is seeking applicants to become State Troopers in a rapidly growing State. It is a career path that can lead to selection as a Texas Ranger. Troopers are educated in criminal and traffic law, crash investigation, crisis intervention, emergency casualty care, criminal investigations, communications, cultural diversity, and many other areas. All Texas Rangers begin as Troopers, learning the State and getting to know its diverse people.



Rangers are selected from the ranks of experienced DPS Troopers and commissioned officers meeting rigorous qualifications. For information on joining Texas DPS see https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/training-operations-tod/become-texas-state-trooper and on the process of becoming a Texas Ranger see https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/texas-rangers/become-ranger

The kiosk features a 30 second PSA on loop and a QR code for guests to scan. Come view it today or <u>watch the video on YouTube.</u>

Mexican Government Officials Visit

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame recently welcomed the Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, Américo Villarreal Anaya, and officials escorted by retired Texas Ranger Lt. Roland Villareal, Jr.



Tamaulipas is the sixth largest Mexican state by area sharing a 318-mile border with Texas. It has a population of approximately 3.5 million, the largest city being Reynosa. In recent years, the museum has been privileged to welcome distinguished officials and heads of state from countries such as Israel, Thailand, Russia, Great Britain, Brazil, Mexico, Kyrgyzstan and Australia.

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.

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/





Duty Chief Badge

Texas Rangers Assistant Chief Corey Lain traveled to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to present the USS Texas, a Virginia class submarine, and its crew with an official badge for the ship's Duty Chief to wear.



A little backstory: This all began when a senior enlisted member of the USS Texas' crew, who also happens to be a Texan, saw the Texas Ranger badge that was customarily worn by the Duty Chief and noticed some irregularities.

The lore of the ship says that the badge was presented to the crew several years ago by a Texas Ranger Captain; however, the senior enlisted member wasn't sure if that was true. Since the origin of the badge could not be verified, as any good Texan would do, he set out to determine if the badge was — in fact — real.

After contacting Texas Ranger Assistant Chief Corey Lain, the USS Texas learned that the badge they had been wearing was not issued to them by the Rangers. Understanding the vital role America's submarine fleet plays in protecting America, enhancing the crew's morale was important to the Rangers.

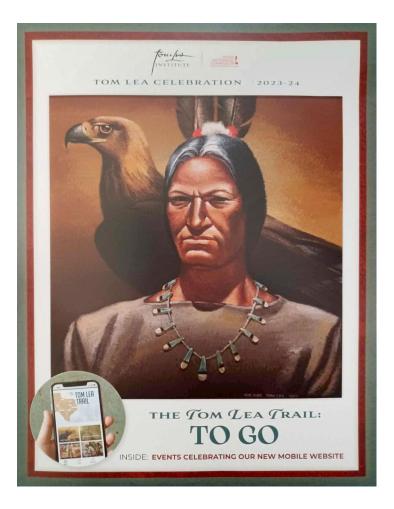
So, to give them an official badge, Texas Ranger Chief Jason Taylor commissioned the making of a new Duty Chief badge from the traditional Cinco Peso, of which all Ranger badges are made.

Assistant Chief Lain, on behalf of Texas Ranger Chief Taylor and the Texas Rangers, had the honor of presenting the Duty Chief of the USS Texas with an official badge from the Rangers.

Now every Duty Chief of the Ship will proudly wear the badge as they protect and serve America around the globe.

Tom Lee Trail 2023-2024

The TRHFM is pleased to assist the Tom Lea Institute and Texas Historical Commission with the Tom Lea Trail 2023-2024. We first worked together back in 2013.



The launch of the Tom Lea Trail mobile website, <u>www.tomlea.com</u>, as well as events throughout the State of Texas will make this a celebration to remember. Lea is known for capturing the essence of the Southwest. TRHFM will host an event on Saturday, March 23rd. Please stay tuned for more information.

Momtastic Article



The TRHFM was ranked #4 in the "The 10 Best Family-Friendly Activities in Waco, Texas" by editors at *Momtastic*. *Momtastic* is a complete parenting resource designed to support families with practical advice, news, DIY, daily inspiration, a strong community, and more.

Please click here to read the article.

In Memoriam: Captain Bob Bullock



We regret to inform you of the passing of Captain Robert "Bob" Bullock, who served as a Ranger from 1995-2011.

He served in the Marine Corp and started his law enforcement career in Pecos in the early 1980s. His first duty station was in Company C in Hereford. In 2009, he commanded Company A in Houston.

Our condolences to his family and friends.

Gift Shop Feature: Ornaments

We are already planning for the Holidays with these three unique ornaments. Perfect to hang on a wreath and a tree or be admired as year-round decor.

Blue Glass Ball Double-sided \$16.99 + Tax Texas Shaped Museum Logo \$16.00 + Tax Pewter Coin-style Badge \$22.00 + 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 (254) 750-8631 or email info@texasranger.org to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and BicentennialTM Support

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

- A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring a Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
- 2. 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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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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