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### Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

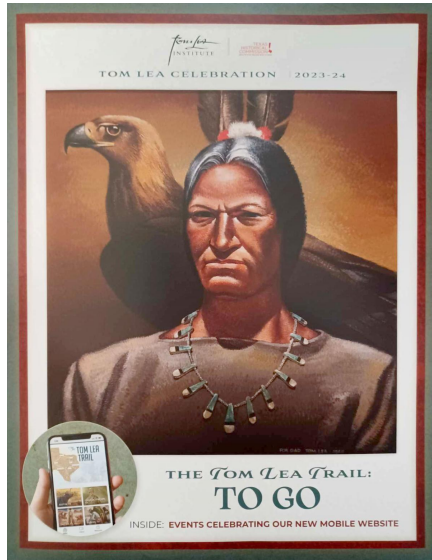
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### Spring Break Round Up March 9th

Spring Break Round Up returns on Saturday, March 9th. Texas Top Guns and The Legends of the Texas Rangers reenactor groups will delight guests with their recreation of a late 1800s camp scene and we will host our first Ranger Talk of 2024 with Kenneth Shields, Co. "F" in Temple/Belton. Shields will bring his drones.



### Tom Lea Day March 23rd



Join us on Saturday, March 23rd at 10 am for a special presentation by Adair Margo, the founder of the Tom Lea Institute. Margo will speak about the life and enduring legacy of the renowned El Paso artist, muralist, and writer, Tom Lea. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is part of the *Tom Lea Trail* [www.tomlea.com](http://www.tomlea.com) touring the sites and collections of his work.

Tom Lea (b. 1907, d. 2001) is celebrated for his vivid portrayals of Texas and the Mexican border region. During the Great Depression, Lea's mural projects were funded by the WPA, with "Pass of the North" being one of the most renowned completed in 1939 for the U.S. Post Office in El Paso. Additionally, his notable literary works include "The Brave Bulls," adapted into a 1951 film starring Mel Ferrer and Anthony Quinn, and "The King Ranch."

Following Margo's presentation, author and historian Bob Alexander will delve into the world of the Texas Rangers as depicted by Lea.

### Family Reading Room Opens

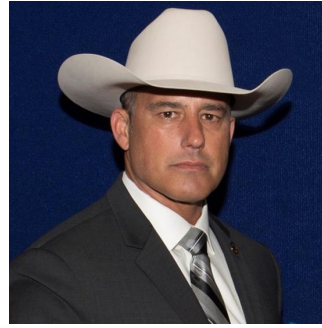
The popularity of our online *Story Time With Audrey* has led to the creation of a family reading room in the TRHFM pop culture gallery. Maggie O'Quinn from the Baylor Informal Education class helped to springboard the idea of a nook where parents could read books featured on *Story Time* to enhance their family's visit. Books were donated through our [Amazon wish list](#). Furniture and accessories were partially provided by Thrivent Financial, volunteer Jan Deveraux and TRHFM exhibit fund.



Left to Right: Maggie O'Quinn and Audrey Ladd

### Scotty Shiver Promoted to Texas Ranger Chief

Scotty Shiver began his career with DPS in 1995. His first assignment was with the Texas Highway Patrol in Navasota, and he later transferred to Huntsville. In 2001, Shiver was promoted to Sergeant/ Investigator with the Criminal Law Enforcement Division, serving in the Motor Vehicle Theft Service in Arlington for six years, and the Motor Vehicle Theft Service in Houston, which included a four-year assignment to the Houston PD's Houston Auto Crimes Task Force. He also served a member of the DPS SWAT Team in 2006 and 2007.



Shiver's first Texas Ranger assignment was with Company "C" - Lubbock in 2011, and he later transferred to Company "A" - Houston. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014. During those years he also served as a member of SRT-5, SRT-2, and then as the Lieutenant Coordinator, Precision Rifle Coordinator, and Team Leader for SRT-5. In 2017, he promoted to Ranger Captain. He was subsequently appointed to Major in 2018, to oversee the Public Integrity Unit (PIU), and in 2019, transferred as a Major to oversee the Special Operations Group (SOG) at Austin Headquarters. In November 2021, he was appointed to Regional Director, Region 7, Capitol Region. Most recently, Shiver was appointed to Chief, Texas Rangers Division, in February 2024.

Shiver earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Texas at Arlington, a Master of Arts in Security Management from the American Military University and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Class #276. He has been married for over 24 years and has one seventeen-year-old daughter.

### **Jason Taylor Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Law Enforcement Operations**

As Lieutenant Colonel of Law Enforcement Operations, former Chief Jason Taylor now oversees the Criminal Investigations Division, Texas Highway Patrol, Texas Rangers, Aircraft Operations Division and the Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division.



Taylor began his career with DPS in 1998 as a Trooper assigned to the Anahuac and New Caney offices before promoting into CID. He served as a Sergeant/Investigator in the Special Crimes Service in Garland and with the Criminal Intelligence Service in Houston.

Taylor was then accepted into the Texas Ranger Division, where he had assignments in Waco and Houston. In 2011, he promoted to Lieutenant and then Captain in 2014. Taylor was subsequently assigned to oversee the Public Integrity Unit (PIU) at Austin Headquarters before promoting to Major in 2016 in Houston. In 2018, he was appointed to Regional Director for Southeast Texas Region. In October 2022, he was appointed to Chief of the Texas Ranger Division.

Taylor holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. He volunteers for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where he serves on the Emergency Response Team. He is a four-time recipient of the Houston 100 Club Officer of the Year Award and has received other awards and commendations, including a DPS Regional Commander's Award and a Ranger Company Commander's Award.

### **TRHFM & Waco Featured by Two Media Outlets**

In February, both TRHFM and the city of Waco have been featured by two media outlets. The first was an article by *laTribune.com* titled "Waco Thirsts For All" in French Canadian outlets.

## TEXAS | Waco pour toutes les soifs

Par Jonathan Custeau, La Tribune

4 février 2024 à 04h00

In the second feature by *Today With Hoda & Jenna* talk show was a discussion of "2024's Hottest Travel Destinations." From locations in Mexico to Canada, travel expert Mark Ellwood shares a list of the hottest travel destinations for the 2024 winter season. Please [click here to watch](#) the conversation.



### Rangers in the Classroom

The Texas Rangers and TRHFM educate students on the history, legacy and future of Texas Rangers. They will be the next generation of Rangers to fight crime in Texas. Earlier this year retired Ranger Captain Barry Caver talked about the Texas Rangers to his granddaughter's fourth grade class.



DPS Troopers and Texas Rangers participated in the Cathey Middle School annual Career Fair. Students and staff asked many questions about their jobs and were allowed to wear some of their gear. Students were interested in speaking to Texas Ranger Esteban Martinez and asked many questions about becoming a Texas Ranger.



**Gift Shop Feature: Cuff Bracelets**

New beautiful silver cuff bracelets. The top row has tigers eye gemstone and is \$22. The middle row has gold details and is \$10. The bottom row is \$12. Please call the gift shop for more details.



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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](http://www.texasranger.org).

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