



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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Greetings!

It's been a busy summer tourism season, and cooler weather is not too far away (we hope!). This month we feature a preview of many Texas Ranger related events around the State.

Authority Exhibit Renovation

A new exhibit on historic badges and commissions of the Texas Rangers and Phase One of a major gallery renovation are being designed and fabricated thanks to your support. We are pleased to be working with designer/fabricators Custom Creation and Pony Allen Studios of Austin.

The first project is a renovation of the Authority Exhibit on badges and commissions in Garrison Gallery. As you may recall, the Museum worked with both of these organizations on the design and installation of the new Jack Hays and Texas Ranger Surveyors Exhibits last year. This will complete the section in Garrison Gallery and tie the three exhibits into one continuous story.

Featured Article



TXDot has closed the I-35 northbound exit ramps to 4th and 5th Streets and University Parks Drive (Exit 335-B)

for repairs. Work is expected to be completed on August 23rd. Please take 8th Street (Exit 334-B) when visiting us from the South (Austin, San Antonio...).

We'll post updates as it becomes available on our [Facebook page](#).

Texas Top Guns Day

You're Invited!

Join the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Texas Top Guns for living history demonstrations throughout the day on Saturday, October 22nd. More details to follow.

Museums Marketplace 2016



The Museum Association of Waco's Museums Marketplace is an annual trade show



Conceptual drawing of Authority Exhibit case (left).

Support for the three new exhibits in Garrison Gallery was made possible by the generous donations from Ram and the Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) Foundation.

Staff is also working with Custom Creation and Pony Allen Studios on Phase One improvements to the Popular Culture Gallery. We anticipate completion of both projects by the end of 2016. Please stay tuned for more details, as we will be featuring the progress and final products in upcoming newsletters. Thanks to the FCA Foundation.

Baylor Game Days Parking Detour

Please Note: Parking lots at the Museum are closed to the public on Baylor's McLane Stadium Home Game Days — the Museum is OPEN to foot traffic.

The game days are:
 Friday, September 2nd
 Saturday, September 10th
 Saturday, September 24th
 Saturday, October 15th
 Saturday, November 5th
 Saturday, November 19th

Persons with mobility issues and tour bus operators are advised that parking adjacent to the museum will not be available on those days.



designed to highlight the services that member organizations provide educators, students and the general public in our community. Attendance is free and open to the public. There will be door prizes!

Saturday, September 17th from 10am to 2pm at the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute (300 S 5th Street)

Education Center



The following organizations were guests of the Capt. Bob Mitchell Education Center in July:

Baylor School of Education
DARS Division for Blind Services
National Rural Letter Carriers Association
Association of Fundraising Professionals
NAACP
DPS Texas Rangers
HCCAA Head Start

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Events Around Texas

Clay Shoot Tournaments

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) hosts clay shoot tournaments around Texas to raise funds for their scholarship and compassionate relief programs. The next three locations are:

Co. "D" Clay Shoot
Aug. 17, McAllen

Co. "F" Clay Shoot
Sept. 16, San Antonio

Co. "E" Clay Shoot
Oct. 1, San Angelo



Please [click here](#) for more information on TRAF and the clay shoots.

Save Texas History Symposium



On Saturday, September 17th the General Land Office (GLO) will present its 7th annual Save Texas History Symposium. This year's theme is "The Alamo, Keystone of Texas History: Past, Present and Future." The symposium runs from 8am to 5pm at The Menger Hotel (204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio) and includes an Alamo battlefield tour and a BBQ dinner at the Witte Museum.

A troop of Texas Rangers from Gonzalez were the only reinforcements to make it to the Alamo before the famous battle, and all died in the cause of Texas Independence.

Please [click here](#) to register for the symposium, tour and dinner.

Museum Day at DPS Headquarters

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The Texas Department of Public Safety, parent agency of the Texas Rangers, will hold Texas DPS Museum Day on Sunday, September 18th from 11am to 4pm. The event will be on the grounds of the DPS Headquarters (5805 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin). The theme of this year's event is "A Recruit's World".

The event will showcase the steps it takes for a civilian to become a trooper while also providing a historical background via film and photographs. For the first time, public will be invited to tour Building C where the Education, Training and Recruit Division (ETR) will be hosting several programs and showing films.

In addition, the following DPS areas have also been invited to participate and showcase current DPS programs/equipment: Texas Rangers SWAT; Crime Lab; Communications Mobile Command Unit; Aircraft (helicopter); Capitol District Motorcycle, Bicycle and Mounted Patrol Units; K-9 Unit; the Tactical Marine Unit; TDEM; and Driver License division.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Heart of Texas Historians & Storytellers



Join the Heart of Texas Historians & Storytellers on Sunday, September 18th at 2pm in the HOT Events Center (805 San Angelo Hwy 87, Brady) for "The Texas Rangers."

The event will feature presentations by Retired Texas Ranger Chief Hank Whitman and noted Texas Ranger historian Bob Alexander. Chief Whitman is board chairman and Mr. Alexander is a board member of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum advisory board. The event is sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Heart of Texas Chapter.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Fort Griffin Living History Days

The past will come alive at Fort Griffin State Historic Site (1701 N US Highway 283, Albany) on October 7th and 8th. From 8am to 5pm both days, historians from all over will gather to portray life at the fort and nearby Wild West town as it was in the 1870s.



Fort Griffin is a Texas State Historic Site. It began as a cavalry post established in 1867 to protect settlers from Comanche and Kiowa raids. It was a supply depot and marshalling point for patrols and campaigns. When the threat of raids waned, the post was deactivated in 1879. Among visitors to the post were Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Dave Rudabaugh, and brothers Bat and Jim Masterson who followed the cattle drives north to Dodge City, Kansas.

Activities will include: military interpretations from various time periods with artillery, infantry, and cavalry demonstration, blacksmithing, gun fights, Drummer Boy ice cream, 1800s children's games, period music by Time Was..., Native American culture and dancing, Texas longhorns, the Texas Camel Corps, and frontier living.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Gift Shop Feature: Coffee Mugs

The Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop has new coffee mugs in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes to suit the preferences of every Ranger enthusiast.



Stoneware mugs are handcrafted in America. They are 100% lead free and oven, microwave and dishwasher safe. All three designs feature the DPS Texas Ranger badge.

\$22.95 for green, short blue and orange stoneware mugs.

\$34.95 for the blue stein.



\$32.95 for blue stein etched with badge.

\$13.95 for black metallic mug with One Riot One Ranger and badge.

\$11.95 for gray mug featuring Est 1823 and badge.

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. Thank you!

**Save
\$2.00**

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.

Offer Expires: September 30, 2016