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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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2014 HOT Readers' Choice Winner



Thank you to the readers of the Waco Tribune-Herald for voting for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum as a winner of the 2014 Readers' Choice Awards. We appreciate your support!

Captain Taylor

Dear Christine,

Happy Holidays from the board and staff at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum!

December Events



Big Texas Christmas Present

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Friends for Life, Big 95 KBGO and Mi Familia Car Club have teamed up for the 5th annual "Big Texas Christmas Present" to benefit Gifts for Grannies, which provides items to the elderly and people with disabilities.

Donations will be accepted at the Museum on Saturday, December 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Anyone making a donation to Gifts for Grannies will receive FREE admission to the Museum - one admission per item. Please see [Friends for Life](#) for gift ideas.



Captain Jason Taylor is the new Administrative Captain at Ranger Headquarters in Austin. He was promoted on November 12th and is responsible for administrative duties. Captain Taylor was previously the Lieutenant of Company "A" and was stationed in Houston.

Texas Taco Soup



Veggies and beef get a little heat and a lot of flavor-with less than half an hour on the stove-to make a dish that looks like soup but tastes like tacos.

[Get the Recipe](#)

Game Day Schedule



Please Note: Parking lots at the Museum may be closed to the public on Baylor Stadium Home Game Days



Hopalong Cassidy Presentation

On Saturday, December 20th at 2:00 pm, Dr. Derham Groves of the University of Melbourne will discuss his research into William Boyd/Hopalong Cassidy's tour of Australia for his upcoming book, *When Hoppy Met Skippy: Hopalong Cassidy in Australia*.

Played by Boyd, Hopalong Cassidy was a popular character on radio, TV and film from the 1930s to the 1950s. Boyd starred in more than 66 films.

Dr. Groves is an architect and pop culture historian. He was the founding Vice President of PopCAANZ (the Popular Culture Association of Australia and New Zealand), and for many years he has been the area chair of Popular Art, Architecture and Design for the Popular Culture Association. He is the author of several books, including *Out of the Ordinary*, 2012, *Anna May Wong's Lucky Shoes*, 2011, and *There's No Place Like Holmes*, 2008.

The program will take place at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and is included in the regular admission fee.

TRHFM on C-SPAN 3



In early November, Scott Hummelsheim from C-SPAN3 interviewed Byron Johnson, Director, and Christine Rothenbush, Marketing and Development Coordinator, for a segment on Texas Ranger history and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

The Museum feature is part of a weekend special on Waco, Texas. Local segments will air on Book TV (on C-SPAN2) and American History TV (on C-SPAN3) during C-SPAN's Waco weekend on December 6th and 7th.

The approximately 20-minute Museum segment highlights the legacies of Stephen F. Austin, John Coffee Hays, Frank Hamer and M.T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzallas.

After airing, the segment will be uploaded to the American History TV website. To watch it and past programs, please visit [American History TV](#).

New Microfilm Scanner

In the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center

The Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center has recently acquired a new microfilm scanner. The ScanPro3000 not only allows users to read and print from microfilm and microfiche, but because it is attached to a computer, it can digitally scan the microfilm image(s) onto a computer hard drive or removable drive. It allows the saving of multiple images at one time and has some capability to edit images for scanning. This scanner replaces the old Eyecom reader/printer that the Research Center has been using for the past 30 years.

-- the museum is OPEN to foot traffic. The remaining day for 2014 is 12/6. Persons with mobility issues and tour bus operators are advised that parking adjacent to the museum may not be available.

Holiday Hours



The Hall of Fame and Museum is closed on Christmas and New Year's Day so that staff may spend time with their families. Our regular hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily with the last guest admitted at 4:30 pm. The Gift Shop also closes at 4:30 pm.

End of Year Donations



As the year comes to an end, please remember the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for your 2014 tax-deductible donations. The Museum can accept donations of cash, stocks, and in-kind services.

For more information, please contact Christine



The purchase of the scanner and computer was made possible through the generous donation of funds from Rick Miller, Marshall Doakes and the Darden Family Charitable Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Texas Ranger Co. A Belgium Reenactors



Jeff Van Gestel shared this photograph with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. They are a Belgian reenactment group of Texas Rangers Co. A based in Gierle near Antwerp. Goed gedaan, Rangers!

Last Chance to see *Texas Roots*

Open through January 11th

See it before it closes on January 11th! The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum presents *Texas Roots: The Art of Lee Herring*. The exhibit features over 20 works of art by the 2007 State of Texas Artist. Mr. Herring is a master at capturing the American West.

Rothenbush, Marketing and Development Coordinator, at (254) 750-8631. Thank you.

Education Center



The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs during the month of November:

- Education Service Center Region 12
- Strategic Communication Research class at Baylor University
- Texas AHEC Waco - East Region
- Child Protective Services Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- Cooper Foundation
- Bill Logue Juvenile Justice Center

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Join Our Mailing List!

These works are available for purchase and 40% of the sale price will be donated to the Texas Ranger Museum's Bicentennial Fund to renovate and expand the museum in preparation for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023.



A full list of artworks and prices is available at <http://www.texasranger.org/leeherring.html>

Please Take Our Survey

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum wants to know what you think! Whether you visited the museum dozens of times or never have, your opinion is valued.



This is a survey regarding expectations, opinions and attitudes towards the Texas Ranger Museum being conducted by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum in conjunction with a Baylor University research class. Through this research, we hope to gain insight that we can use to improve our facilities in preparation for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Thank you for participating in our research.

[Take the Survey](#)

In Memoriam

Ranger Chaplain George Frasier



We are sad to report that retired Texas Ranger and Chaplain of the Rangers George C. Frasier passed November 13, 2014.

George led the typical life of a Ranger. He investigated murders and made arrests. He investigated oil field thefts in the Odessa/Midland area. He served on one of the first Texas Ranger SWAT Teams (forerunner of today's DPS trooper SWAT teams).

He retired from the Rangers and law enforcement in 1992 after 34



years to pastor churches in San Angelo, Austin and Coleman.

He continued to serve for many years as Chaplain of the Texas Rangers. George conducted the annual memorial service at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and was a comfort to two generations of Rangers in difficult times.

To read more about Ranger Frasier, including an oral history, please [click here](#).

Gift Shop Feature

New to Decorate Your Home

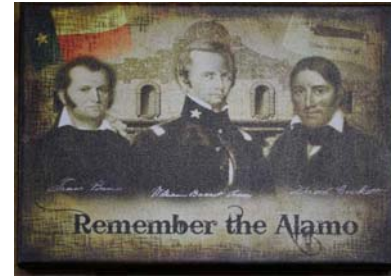
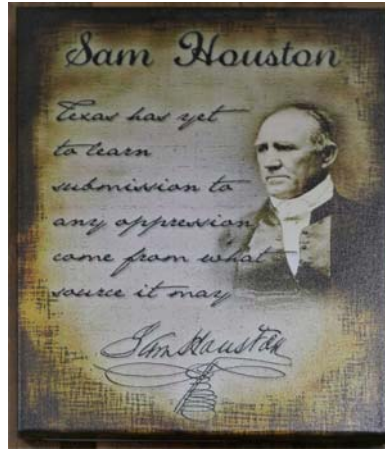
The Gift Shop now offers four decorative wall plaques that highlight the history of Texas. One features a Co. A badge inside a star cut-out with a Texas-shaped caption that reads, "Texas Rangers, Peso Badge: The Rangers received legal status October 17, 1835. This early Ranger Badge was actually pressed out of a Peso and is still in use today." It has a barn-wood frame, measures 7" by 12" and retails for \$59.95.



The second plaque highlights the artwork found on a \$5 Republic of Texas currency from 1840. It is 6" by 10" and retails for \$27.95.



The other two are unframed. The one on the left feature Sam Houston and his infamous quote, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may." The one on the right features the line "Remember the Alamo" and the three Alamo leaders: James Bowie, William Barret Travis and Davy Crockett. Both measure 10" by 13.5" and retail for \$67.95.



To purchase these items, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

Please note that the last day for guaranteed delivery by Christmas is December 19th.

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: December 31, 2014

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