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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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National Wear Red Day



On National Wear Red Day, Friday, February 5th, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is offering reduced admission and 10% off gift shop purchases to visitors wearing red in honor of the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day initiative.

Changing Exhibit: *Distinguished Service*

The Texas Ranger Museum was appointed Official State repository for the Texas Rangers in 1998 by the Texas Legislature. It safeguards more than 20,000 gifts and loans, artifacts and artwork from Texas Ranger history. With these collections comes an obligation to care for them in perpetuity. These items and their stories belong to the People of Texas, an irreplaceable legacy from one generation to the next.



Caring for these items requires a full-time professionally trained staff - Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager and Assistant Kate McCarthy. They work with donors and lenders, research and document artifacts and artwork, do periodic cleaning, conduct inventories, and assure proper display. Items not currently on display safely reside in the study collection available for future exhibits and research.

Cardiovascular diseases and stroke cause 1 in 3 women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds.

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

Leap Year Celebration

10% off

In celebration of Leap Year, save 10% off your total purchase of \$100.00 or more (before tax and shipping costs) on a purchase from the Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop from Saturday through Monday, February 27th to 29th.

Only one coupon per household. Please bring a copy of the coupon at the end of this newsletter when shopping in person. For phone orders, please reference code:

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Ranger Haralson Receives Bronze Star Medal



Texas Ranger Joe Haralson earned the Bronze Star Medal for his actions in combat during the Vietnam War. In the *Houston Chronicle* article, "Medal pinned on Texas Ranger's chest 45 years after he left Vietnam jungle," author Dane Schiller tells the story of Ranger Haralson's Vietnam and Ranger career.

Please [click here](#) to read the article.

A year ago an exhibit was created-Distinguished Service: Living Retired Rangers featuring a changing display of items from retired Rangers. It was made possible by generous support from the Family of late Texas DPS Commission Chairman Robert Holt, the Fiat-Chrysler Foundation and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.



An array of important artifacts has been newly installed: items from the 1997 Republic of Texas standoff in 1997 generously donated by Captain Barry Caver; evidence confiscated from criminals by Ranger Bill Gunn during his career; a custom Government Model .45 caliber pistol carried by Sgt. Andrew Carter during the 'Railroad Serial Killer' investigation. It was purchased at a charity auction and donated in memory of Constable's Deputy Michael Eakin III, by Bill and Janet Green.

Thank you to the donors and lenders who make it possible to bring the story of the Texas Rangers to life

First Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Commemorative Released

Renowned art print and Texas History artist Gary Crouch has produced the first collectible for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ in 2023. Licensed by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and signed by the artist, the prints are illustrated with badges, firearms, and historic images from the collections of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. This print focuses on the Old West, evoking the Ranging companies and Frontier Battalion.

Shadow of Doubt



On January 6th, the Investigation Discovery channel aired *Shadow of Doubt: Monsters Among Friends*. The episode featured an investigation by Texas Ranger Lane Akin into the murder of Heather, a high school cheerleader from Oklahoma.

Please [click here](#) to watch the episode.

Texas Ranger Classic



The Texas Ranger Association Foundation's next Texas Ranger Classic clay shooting tournament is sponsored by Company "A" in Houston on Friday, March 18th.

Please [click here](#) for more information on the sporting clay tournament and to register.

Parker Exhibit



The Tower Art Gallery in Grapevine presents an exhibit "The Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker Exhibit: A Woman OF Two Worlds and a Man IN Two Worlds." The free exhibit will be on display through March 3rd.

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

In Remembrance



A resident of Burleson, Gary began his art career as a medical illustrator in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star and his unit was awarded a Presidential Citation. In civilian life he became a sought after commercial artist and designer receiving commissions from firms such as Xerox, American Airlines and Sony. Semi-retired, Gary continues to create art prints on historical topics that sell internationally.

The 24" x 30" prints are signed by the artist and available for pre-order for \$45.00 unframed from the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame museum store. Proceeds from sales of the art prints will be used to update Museum exhibits. Please call 1-877-750-8631 to pre-order. The prints will be available in mid-February.

Lone Star History Conference III

Friday through Sunday, April 29th through May 1st

Join us April 29-May 1 for a weekend jam-packed with presentations on Texas Ranger history by leading historians and active-duty Texas Rangers! Scheduled speakers include: Texas Rangers Assistant Chief Frank Malinak, Lieutenant Wende Wakeman, the first female lieutenant in the Texas Rangers service; Bill O'Neal, State Historian of Texas; David S. Turk, historian of the U.S. Marshals Service; and Jim Willett, historian of the Texas Prison Museum.



Respected Texas Ranger Ray Ramon recently passed on after a long battle with cancer.

Sgt. Ramon joined DPS in 1981 and he served as a Texas Ranger from 1995 to 2009 out of Company "D" in Eagle Pass, Kingsville and Alice. He retired to become Chief Deputy of the Jim Wells County Sheriff's Department.

Please [click here](#) to read more about his life and career.

Education Center



The following groups used the Education Center in January:

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A NO CHARGE EVENT PROMOTING
AND PRESERVING RANGER HISTORY
FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST
8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
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During the conference many Texas Ranger historians will be available to autograph copies of their books available in the museum store.

More information will be published in our upcoming newsletters.

Spring Break Round Up

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event on Saturday, March 12th. This come and go event will showcase a Nineteenth Century Texas Ranger camp scene, courtesy of the Texas Top Guns. In addition, visitors can look forward to a presentation by an active-duty Texas Ranger. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and is included with a regular admission ticket.



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Join Our Mailing List!



Welcome to the Board

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame welcomes Steve Wharram of Cleburne, Texas to its Board. He is a principal in the firm of Gilliam, Wharram & Co. P.C. and has been a practicing CPA for 35 years. His public service includes work with Hill College, the Boy Scouts of America and Cleburne Chamber of Commerce. Steve and wife Vickie raise Appaloosa horses, some of which have achieved National and World Champion rankings.

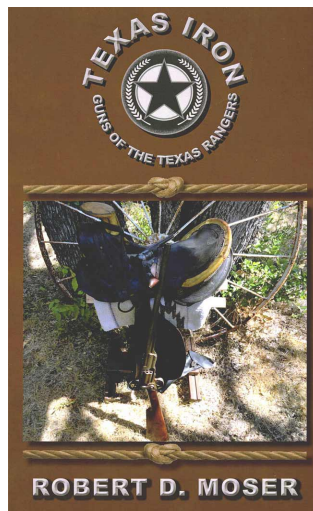


Autographed Limited Edition - Texas Iron

Available while Supply Lasts

Texas Iron: Guns of the Texas Rangers

Author Robert D. Moser of Killeen, has detailed his lifelong fascination with the lore of Texas Ranger firearms in an autographed limited edition book. It is illustrated with examples from his extensive personal collection, from flintlocks to modern service weapons and engraved 'Bar-B-Q' pistols.



Bob has graciously donated a limited number of copies to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in support of our efforts. The first printing is limited to 200 signed and numbered copies priced at \$40.00 plus shipping; please call 1-877-750-8631 for availability.

Bob Moser is a distinguished Vietnam veteran, a Cobra helicopter pilot who achieved the rank of Captain and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star. Thanks, Bob!

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