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## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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**TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM**  
 Honoring Military Service Personnel  
 and their Families this Veterans Day  
**Military Appreciation Days**  
**Sunday, Nov 11th & Monday, Nov 12th**

Free admission for Active Duty and Retired Military  
 and discounted admission for their family,  
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 Waco, TX

### Texas Ranger Talks!

Here is your opportunity to meet an active or retired Texas Ranger, learn about their remarkable service and heritage and leave with a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Modeled on the popular *Astronaut Encounter* at the Kennedy Space Center, we are planning a series of informal **Texas Ranger Talks** on selected Saturdays. The first two Saturdays will be held on December 8th and 15th with talks at 10:00AM and 2:00PM in the Hall of Fame. Each presentation will last approximately 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes for Q&A.

Presentations are included with regular admission to the museum.



### Time for the 9th Annual **Big Texas Christmas Present!**

Big 95 has teamed up with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum to help Compassion Ministries! Compassion Ministries helps those who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment. They also provide a transitional housing facility, financial training, and other services. Compassion Ministries needs gift items and donations for children, teens, and adults this holiday season.



# BIG TEXAS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

SHELTERING FAMILIES...  
CHANGING LIVES



Compassion  
MINISTRIES



Saturday, December 1st, from 1:00PM-3:00PM, Big 95, and Compassion Ministries will be accepting donations at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum. For each item donated, you will receive one free admission pass to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. You can get a list of donation suggestions at [compassionwaco.com](http://compassionwaco.com). Help us wrap up the Big Texas Christmas Present with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, Compassion Ministries, and Big 95!

### **Texas Ranger Lego Set**

Longtime donor, Jim Griffin, recently donated a *Texas Ranger Lego Set* to the Pop Culture Collection. Over its history, Lego has introduced many themes, including pirates, castles, outer space, city life, and wild west. Since introducing their brightly colored interlocking bricks in 1949, Lego has designed sets around several television series and film franchises.



Manufactured in Denmark in 1977, the *Texas Ranger Lego Set* features a headquarters, stable with horses and Texas Rangers. The Museum currently has two other Lego sets on exhibit from the 2013 *The Lone Ranger* movie starring Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer. The *Texas Ranger Lego Set* is a welcome addition to the collections and will be on exhibit in early November.

### **Junior Ranger Turner Hamilton**

Turner Hamilton has a great admiration for his uncle, Staff Lt. Burleigh Locklar, Jr. In October, Turner was sworn in by his uncle as an official Junior Texas Ranger at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. It was a moment he will cherish.

His uncle serves with the Texas DPS Border Security Operations Center, a string of six Joint Operations and Intelligence Centers (JOICs) located along the Texas/Mexico border. They collect and analyze intelligence related to border security and collaborate with state, local, and federal law enforcement partners.



Your children can become Junior Texas Rangers through a special program. They will receive: an honorary Junior Ranger certificate signed by an Active-Duty Texas Ranger, a child's badge, a family admission pass, and their name on the rolls of the Junior Texas Rangers on our website. There is a \$35 donation per Junior Ranger which supports the educational and preservation programs of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.

### **Fort Griffin History Days**

Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd and Collections Assistant Rachel Smith attended the Living History Days on October 12th and 13th at Fort Griffin State Historic Site in Albany, TX. Over 500 schoolchildren participated in activities and interpretations including military demonstrations, camels, 19th century children's games, and much more.



Audrey Ladd discusses the various tools utilized by both the Texas Rangers and Native American Tribes on the Frontier

### Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

The Texas Rangers are a Texas Legend and an American Heritage™. They will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023.

We are seeking \$100.00 individual and family contributors to help safeguard this Texas and American Heritage™ for future generations. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.

\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

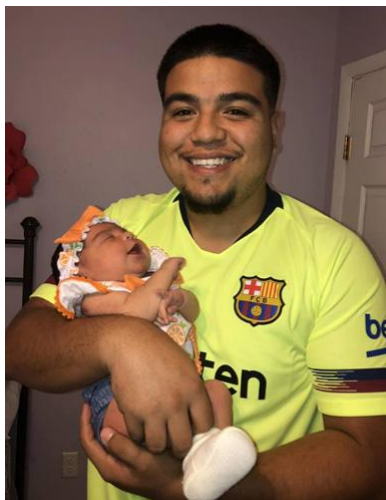
Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.



Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin  
 Trademarked by the Texas Dept. of Public  
 Safety

Designed by the Texas Ranger Hall of  
 Fame and Museum

**Welcome Baby Maya!**



On September 28th, Mariana Juarez and Dominic Villa welcomed baby Maya Ximena Villa.

Each year thousands of admirers from as far away as Bulgaria and Australia call the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame gift shop. Dominic handles most national and international orders, including a tangle of shipping rates and customs regulations.

Welcome Maya to the TRHFM family!



### ***In Memoriam: Jimmy Lee Gillespie***

Retired Company "C" Texas Ranger Jimmy Lee Gillespie passed away on October 5, 2018, at the age of 82.

Jimmie was born on September 23, 1936. He graduated from Follett High in 1955 and attended Texas Tech University until joining the US Army in June of 1959.

He faithfully served as a Texas Ranger Sergeant in Dumas from August 1974 to August 1998.

Jim is survived by his wife, Trudy, 2 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

### ***Gift Shop Feature: Texas State Rifle Association Calendar***

Celebrating their 100th anniversary next year, the Texas State Rifle Association and the TRHFM have partnered together to create this collectible calendar featuring firearms and artifacts from the Museum collections. It was distributed to 35,000 TSRA members. The Association graciously gave us a limited number to sell as a fundraiser for the Museum.



**TEXAS RANGER**  
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

**About The Texas Ranger Hall Of Fame And Museum**

Texas Rangers have protected the people of Texas through three centuries and under five flags. Their legacy is one of integrity, perseverance and service that has inspired generations worldwide. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco is privileged to be the official historical center of the Texas Rangers. It is sanctioned by the State of Texas and sponsored and operated by the City of Waco. Its mission is to share our unique heritage and preserve it for future generations.

Founded in 1964, the museum preserves a growing collection of approximately 20,000 artifacts, works of art and an official archives and library of the service. The collections span three centuries, from the creation of the Rangers in 1823 to the present. They include clothing, badges, firearms, and forensic investigation equipment. The art collections include historic and modern paintings, sculpture and folk art relevant to the Texas Rangers and Texas. Visit us at <https://www.texasranger.org/>

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
1919 2019

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\$9.95 + Tax

Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email [thestore@texasranger.org](mailto:thestore@texasranger.org) to order. Thank you!



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#### Education Center

The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in October:

Texas Rangers - Leica Scanner Training  
 Texas Rangers - Interview and Interrogation Training  
 Methodist Children's Home - Core Conference  
 National Rural Letter Carriers Association  
 NAACP

**ENJOY  
\$2.00 OFF**

Expires 12/31/2018

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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