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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum

Is Honoring Military Service Personnel and Their Families this Memorial Day Weekend

May 25th - 27th

Active Duty Personnel, Retirees and Veterans will receive Free Admission to the Museum while Their Family Will Receive Discounted Admissions
(with military identification)

Open 9am to 5pm. Located off I-35 Exit 335B
@ University Parks Drive in Waco
254-750-8631 www.texasranger.org

Spring Break Round Up

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Spring Break Round Up! We had a wonderful time at the museum learning about Texas Ranger history and how Rangers operate in the field today.



The Texas Top Guns set up an 1870s Texas Ranger frontier camp--complete with a fully functioning chuck wagon that cooked up period accurate biscuits and lunch.

The Legends of the Texas Rangers displayed a Texas Ranger History Timeline complete with reenactors dressed as famous Texas Rangers throughout history.

As part of the ongoing series ***Texas Ranger Talks***, Texas Ranger Lieutenant James Thomas spoke to visitors about how he became a Ranger and what the job is like in the present day.



The staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is grateful to Lieutenant Thomas and the members of the Texas Top Guns and Legends of the Texas Rangers groups for their continued support of the museum and its education programs, which strive to preserve the history and inspire appreciation of the Texas Rangers.

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 select Saturdays throughout the summer. Each presentation will last approximately 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes for Q&A. Presentations are included with regular admission to the museum.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#)! Dates will be announced soon!



Texas Ranger Lt. James Thomas speaking at the Texas Ranger Talk during Spring Break Round Up.

Visit to the Brazos Valley Co-Op



On March 1st, Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd visited a class of junior high students at the Brazos Valley Co-Op to speak about Texas Ranger history.

To give students an up close look at Ranger history, Audrey brought different objects from the TRHFM Education Collection.

Our Partnership with Education in Action

We are proud to work with Education in Action, an organization whose mission is to empower young people to be informed and active leaders in their communities. Education in Action fosters leadership skills in young people by giving them opportunities to learn about Texas history, geography, science, government, and citizenship.



As part of their mission, Education in Action organizes school field trips to cultural and historical institutions in Texas. Through our partnership with Education in Action, we welcomed over 6,000 students to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame last year. We look forward to many more years working with Education in Action!

To learn more about Education in Action, please visit their [website](#).

Texas Rangers in Salem Newspaper, 1847

During the U.S.-Mexican War (1846-1848), Texans volunteered to be part of the United States Army. Some of these men had been Rangers before the war. Newspaper accounts of the time labeled all Texans with the U. S. Army as "Texas Rangers," even though they were regular U.S. army soldiers. Newspaper coverage of their exploits in battle made them famous nationwide and around the world.



Diane and Emmitt Landreth present TRHFM Research Librarian Rusty Bloxom with the newspaper.

Emmitt and Diane Landreth visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum during Spring Break and donated a Salem Register newspaper dating from October 4, 1847. The front page reports on the Texas Rangers in the U.S.-Mexican War and includes a letter from Buena Vista, Mexico about the Rangers. The article describes the Texans' appearance "*with their rough, uncouth, broad-brimmed but shapeless and slouch white hats, (peculiar to themselves,) the fronts turned up and fastened full up and aside, to permit the seemingly reckless, but really quick and observant eye beneath, to have full scope*". We are thankful for this gift to the museum which demonstrates the great fame of the Texas Rangers throughout Texas history.

Artist Raymond Ryan

On March 27th, artist Raymond Ryan visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Ryan painted *Homer Garrison*, one of the artworks that hangs in Taub Hall.

Homer Garrison, painted in 1980, hung in the Homer Garrison Federal Building in Lufkin, Texas before it was given to the Museum in 2009 by Joan Norris Duncan. Ryan was inspired by a photograph taken in the 1940s in Burnett County.

Ryan continues his work as a western artist in east Texas, where he continues to serve as reserve sheriff's deputy. Still living on his family's thickly wooded rural land, Ryan captures traditional Texas lifestyles, culture and nature in his art. Ryan's works are included in many public, private and corporate collections.

For more information on Raymond Ryan, please visit his [Facebook page](#).



Raymond Ryan, September 1983



Raymond Ryan at TRHFM, March 27, 2019

Visitors from Saxony, Germany!

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame welcomed Police Commissioner Rico Sommerschuh and Chief Inspector Jérôme Hötzel from Dresden, Germany! After touring the museum, the officers visited with Major Corey Lain and Ranger Jake Burson at Co. F to talk about police work in both Texas and Germany.



Major Corey Lain, Chief Inspector Jérôme Hötzel, Police Commissioner Rico Sommerschuh, and Texas Ranger Jake Burson

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

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Education Center

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

Texas DPS Criminal Investigation Division
NAACP

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Expires 5/31/2019

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.

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