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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

Kick-off to 2023 Bicentennial Year

Jan 13th - Feb 4th - Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo



The Texas Ranger Bicentennial will begin at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Statewide events and commemorations hosted by the Texas Ranger 2023 Committee will occur throughout the year.

To participate in the Bicentennial activities across Texas, please contact:

Texas Ranger 2023
5906 Dolores Street
Houston, TX 77057
Phone: 713-775-2627

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[Bicentennial Calendar of Events - Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum](#)

Upcoming Events at TRHFM

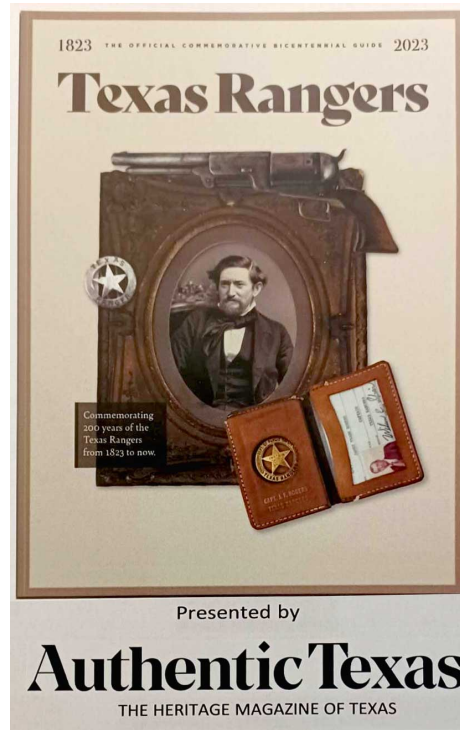
Come to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for monthly Western crafts and a story time! The theme will change monthly. 10am-1pm. Activities are included with regular museum admission.

- January 14: Cowpokes!
- February 11: Prickly for You! A Western Valentine
- March 11: Spring Break Round Up (No Crafts and Storytime)
- April 8: Crafty Varmints
- May 13: The Science of Clues



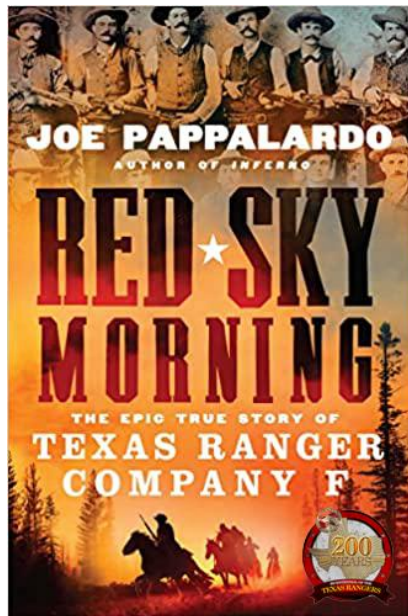
Bicentennial Feature in *Authentic Texas Magazine*

We're excited to announce that we have partnered with *Authentic Texas Magazine* to produce an issue dedicated to the Texas Ranger Bicentennial. Get your copy this January!



Created in 2016 as the heritage magazine of Texas. Supporting heritage tourism and community development in the Lone Star State, this quarterly statewide publication is available at more than 100 visitor centers, historic sites, museums, and select cultural and heritage sites.

New Bicentennial Publication: *Red Sky Morning*



Red Sky Morning: The Epic True Story of Texas Ranger Company F by Joe Pappalardo. Macmillan Publishers, 2022. 352 pages.

The explosive and bloody true history of Texas Rangers Company F, made up of hard men who risked their lives to bring justice to a lawless frontier.

Between 1886 and 1888, Sergeant James Brooks, of Texas Ranger Company F, was engaged in three fatal gunfights, endured disfiguring bullet wounds, engaged in countless manhunts, was convicted of second-degree murder, and rattled Washington, D.C. with a request for a pardon from the US president.

His story anchors the tale of Joe Pappalardo's *Red Sky Morning*. Brooks' men met their match in the Conner family, East Texas master hunters and jailbreakers who were wanted for their part in a bloody family feud.

In Memoriam: Timothy Matthew Hatch



February 23, 1980 -- December 2, 2022

Texas Ranger Timothy Matthew Hatch, age 42, of Rusk, TX passed away on December 2, 2022. Tim was born February 23, 1980 in Corpus Christi, TX to Randy and Sue Hatch. Tim was beloved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Tim was a dedicated law enforcement professional with a career spanning over two decades. His law enforcement journey began at the age of 19 with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. Tim would later join the Texas Department of Public Safety in 2007 where he served in the Highway Patrol, Governors Protection Detail, Criminal Investigations Division, and as a Texas Ranger beginning June 2021.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Brian Downs, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, and Texas Ranger Company "B" for their support during a difficult time.

New Signage

The TRHFM raised admission rates for the first time in over 5 years. As the construction of I-35 nears completion, the Museum admission was increased to align with the other museum attractions in Waco and cover inflation. Our thanks to the City's Facilities Department for installing the new signage.

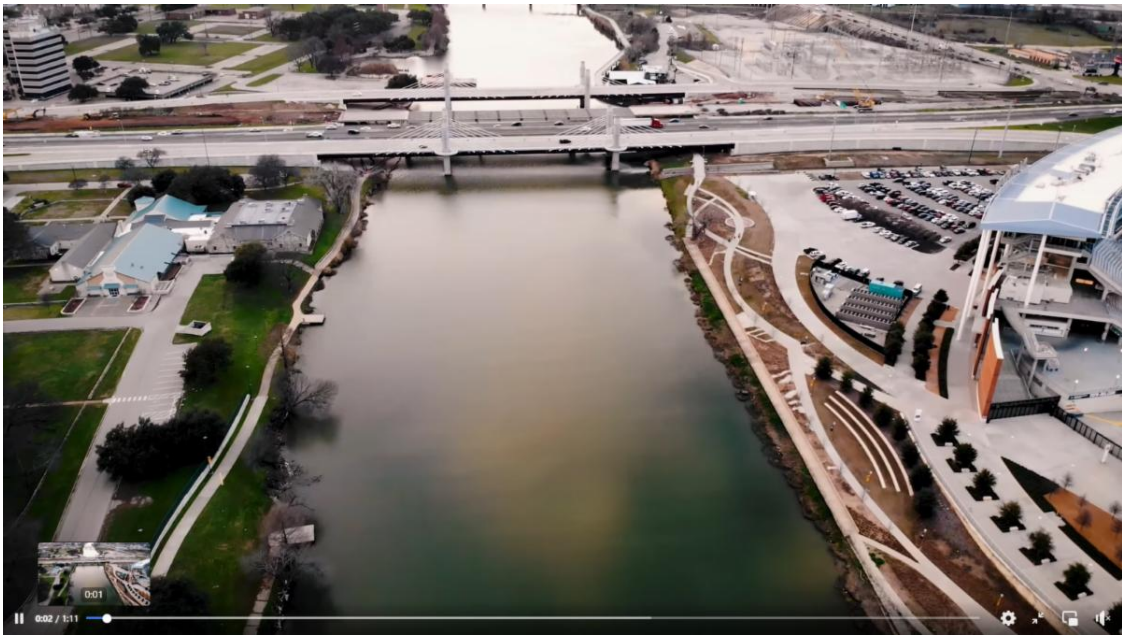


Compassion Waco Donation Drive



The Texas Ranger Museum was honored to be a collection station for Compassion Waco holiday donation drive. We filled two big boxes with items for the home and toys for the children. The first Compassion drive at TRHFM began in 2015 and has been a successful partnership ever since. Compassion Waco provides transitional housing and support for homeless families located in Waco. During their six-month residency, the residents learn financial skills, receive counseling, and must hold a job during the time. The holiday donation drive allows for Compassion Waco to provide a “store” for the residents to “shop” for gifts – both parents and children alike. We are thankful to the community for their gifts and support of our partnership.

Brazos River Aerial Photograph



What a shot! This beautiful aerial photograph was taken by Baylor Athletics and shows the Museum next to the Brazos River.

A Smithsonian Affiliate in Waco



Baylor University's Mayborn Museum became the first Smithsonian Affiliate in Central Texas. The museum joins a network of more than 200 Smithsonian Affiliates in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Panama.

"Our partnership with the Smithsonian will facilitate new exhibits and programs for our visitors that will inspire a deeper understanding of our world and how it can be changed for the better."

- Mayborn Executive Director, Charlie Walter

Congrats to our colleagues at the Mayborn Museum for making this dream a reality. Waco is now home to:

1. A State Museum - Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum
2. A National Park - Waco Mammoth National Monument
3. A Smithsonian Affiliate - Mayborn Museum
4. A World-Renowned Zoo - Cameron Park Zoo
5. A Corporate Museum - Dr Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute

New Gift Shop Product: Hoodies

Available in adult medium - 3xl in Port and Navy. \$42.50 + Tax



To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our [Gift Shop online](#) or in person 9am to 4:30pm daily. You never have to pay admission to shop. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (254) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Bicentennial™ Support

Contribute to the TRHFM in honor of the Texas Rangers Bicentennial™ in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring a 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 Supporters™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Bicentennial Pin

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

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\$2.00 OFF

Expires 2/28/2023

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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