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Save the Dates



On Saturday, March 16th, the Texas Ranger Museum will host Spring Break

Dear Christine,

Happy New Year! Thanks to our donors and supporters for making 2012 a wonderful year of progress and improvements. We appreciate your interest in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and look forward to another year of celebrating our unique Texas heritage.

#### Retired Texas Ranger Glenn Elliott Passes



Legendary Texas Ranger Glenn Elliott died Monday, December 31, 2012 after a long illness. He was a fixture in East Texas and one of the most respected Texas lawmen of the 20th century.

Ranger Elliott served 38 years as a Highway Patrolman and Texas Ranger (1961-1987), investigating both high profile and routine cases with dogged determination. He wrote two books with his biographer, the late Robert Nieman, *Glenn Elliott: A Ranger's Ranger* and *Glenn Elliott: Still a Ranger's Ranger*, which detail many of those cases.

Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt said, "I never met a Ranger or law enforcement person who did not respect Glenn Elliot. He will be remembered."

Elliott is honored at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum with an exhibit, a permanent archive of his papers, and numerous articles and oral history files.

Round Up.

The Lone Star History Conference will take place on May 10th and 11th.

## Campus Circle Article



Please [click here](#) to read a Campus Circle article on Waco attractions: Dr Pepper Museum, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Homestead Heritage. The article, written by Kevin Wierzbicki, describes his visit, which was coordinated by the Waco & The Heart of Texas' Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

## Fort Hood Travel Expo



On Saturday, January 26th, the Museum will attend the Fort Hood Travel Expo on Fort Hood's base.

Presented by Fort Hood LTS, the expo will be open from 10am to 2pm. Please visit our booth!

## With This Ring Bridal Extravaganza

Ranger Elliott was 86.

For more information on his life and career, please [click here](#).

## Texas Ranger Glenn Elliott Visits Las Vegas

In two books and numerous articles, Ranger Glenn Elliott recounted some of his more colorful exploits:

In 1976, Panola County Texas Sheriff Johnnie Spradley and I flew to Reno, Nevada, to return a suspected killer to Texas. When we arrived in Las Vegas, we had several hours of layover. I jokingly said to Sheriff Spradley, "Let's go to the bar and get a drink. We'll probably run into someone we know."

We had hardly sat down when a man walked up to us and asked me, "Aren't you a Texas Ranger?" He said that he was an FBI agent stationed in Las Vegas. Several years before, he and I had been in a combined operation in which local law enforcement, the FBI and Texas Rangers recovered several million dollars in stolen equipment. I told him I certainly did remember him and the sweltering July heat in Monroe, Louisiana.

The agent asked what we were doing in Las Vegas and how long we would be there. He suggested that we let him take us downtown to the Las Vegas Strip and show us the sights.

We stopped at the famous Horseshoe Casino, known for having \$1 Million on display. We had no more than entered one of the lounges when a waiter walked up to us and asked, "Are you a Texas Ranger?" When I replied that I was, the waiter said, "There's a man over there (pointing to a corner table) who wants to see you."

At the table was a man wearing very expensive western clothes: the buttons on his coat were twenty-dollar gold pieces. Looking straight at me, he asked, "Do you remember back in the early '60s, you and your Captain, Bob Crowder, came to my apartment in Fort Worth? Captain Crowder told me to get the hell out of Texas and never come back?"

"I sure do remember that visit," I said. As I recall, Captain Crowder did all the talking.

"Well that was me. I'm Benny Binion and I own this casino!" [Binion was an infamous American casino owner, mobster, and a convicted murderer.]

Binion invited us to stay as his guests at the Horseshoe on our return trip from Reno. Somehow, due to circumstances beyond our control, we found ourselves unable to take him up on his kind invitation.

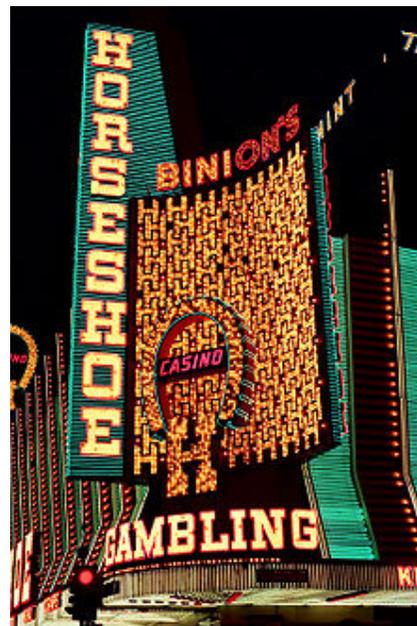


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-- Glenn Elliott

### Book Your Wedding in Knox Center



Did you get an engagement ring for Christmas? If so, remember John Knox Memorial Center banquet facility!

On Sunday, January 27th, the Museum will attend the With This Ring Bridal Extravaganza at the Waco Convention Center.

Presented by Tuxedo Junction, the expo will be open from 12pm to 5pm. Please visit our booth!

John Knox Texas Ranger Memorial Banquet Center is a premium facility, which seats a maximum of 500 guests at banquet-style

events. Capacity is greater for theater-style events. Knox Center is perfectly suited for your weddings & receptions; holiday, birthday or anniversary parties; dances; luncheons; awards banquets; business conferences; training sessions ... and much, much more.

### Big Texas Christmas Present



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame staff appreciate the support of the Waco community! On Saturday, December 8, 2012, the Museum, in partnership with Friends for Life, Mi Familia Car Club and Big 95 KBGO, hosted the Big Texas Christmas Present. It was the third year for this event and was a resounding success with patrons filling over 7 large boxes with gifts.

Della Ryberg of Friends for Life wrote, "With your help, over 1,000 elderly and people with disabilities received Christmas gifts this year. Thank you for partnering with us to touch the lives of so many."

Knox Center is positioned in a unique, centrally located setting next to Interstate-35 in a wooded park directly adjacent to the Riverwalk and less than a mile from the Waco Convention Center, the historic Suspension Bridge, numerous major hotels and various restaurants. Knox Center is a deluxe space, which offers panoramic views of the Brazos River; a vaulted ceiling creating a feeling of openness, light and elegance; uninterrupted floor space, which allows for creative seating arrangements to suit any style event; all new lighting and audiovisual systems.



Knox Center adjoins the world-famous Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, which may be accessible by your event guests by special arrangement.

Knox Center is staffed by friendly, dedicated and experienced professionals whose goal is to assist you in making your event successful, memorable and hassle-free. The booking office is open Monday through Friday 10am to 4pm. Visit the [Knox Center website](#) for pricing information, calendar of availability and reservation application.

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### TRAF Gala

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF), a non-profit organization supporting active and retired Texas Rangers, will host its



biannual gala, "Hands Up For Heroes," on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. The TRAF's event celebrates the Texas Rangers and raises funds to support the organization's charitable purposes.

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**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](http://www.texasranger.org).

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