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Save the Date!

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Friends for Life,

Upcoming Events

TRHFM Honors Veterans & Active Military

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is hosting Military Appreciation Day on Veterans Day - **Monday, November 11th**. Active duty personnel, retirees and Veterans will receive FREE admission to the Museum while their families will receive discounted admissions. Please show a valid id or documentation of service.



TRHFM Honors First Responders

In times of disasters people turn to first responders for aid and leadership. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is honoring all first responders with FREE admission to the Museum on **Friday, November 22nd**. Family members of the first responders will receive discounted admissions. First responders, please show your identification at the front entrance to receive free admission. We honor their bravery and appreciate the sacrifices they continue to make to protect us.

Revamped: Bonnie & Clyde Exhibit

On October 4, the Collections Department completed a remodeling of the very popular Bonnie and Clyde exhibit. Earlier this year, the Collections team decided to change the focus from the criminal pair to the peace officers who tracked down the infamous duo.

Big 95 KBGO and Mi Familia Car Club have teamed up for the "Big Texas Christmas Present" to benefit Gifts for Grannies, which provides items to the elderly and people with disabilities.

Donations will be accepted at the Museum on Saturday, December 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Anyone making a donation to Gifts for Grannies will receive FREE admission to the Museum - one admission per item.

TRHFM Holiday Schedule



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will be closed on the following holidays:

Thursday, November 28th - Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1st - New Year's Day



The case interior was remodeled to improve visibility and meet ADA requirements; label text was edited and shortened to improve readability and the objects were polished and reorganized to give a fresh perspective to the old tale. Also, the exhibit has a "new" addition! A sawed-off shotgun taken from a car abandoned by Bonnie and Clyde was installed. The exhibit features new, larger photographs related to the case, personal items from the "Barrow Gang" and firearms from Frank Hamer and the lawless pair. There is also an easy-to-read timeline for guests to enjoy. Soon there will be web-based content on the museum's website to compliment the exhibit.

America Forever Tour Group



On October 26th, the America Forever Tour Group visited us. The group included 99 French nationals. They visited our museum on their way from our State capital to the Fort Worth Stockyards.

We were happy to show our European friends some Texas

Armstrong Research Center Collections Donations in the First Year

The Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center is off to an amazing start with generous donations to its collections. As highlighted in this newsletter, these include single items of exceptional value, like San Jacinto veteran Joel Robison's commission from Sam Houston, to hundreds of boxes of modern case files from Texas Ranger Headquarters. Large or small additions to the collections are greatly appreciated and help to strengthen the research capabilities of the Armstrong Research Center.



The library of books has seen exceptional growth, almost doubling in size. Last year authors Jan Devereaux and Bob

hospitality. We even tried our hand at some French words -
Merci!

A Special Thank You!



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum expresses its gratitude to Major Frank Malinak and authors Bob Alexander and Dr. Harold Weiss for their participation in the Baylor Alumni Association's "Lifelong Learning" programs held during the month of October.

Program attendees had the opportunity to learn about the four major eras of Ranger service, as well as participate in weekly tours of the museum and Hall of Fame.

Please [click here](#) for more information about the Lifelong Learning program.

Derek Prestridge



On October 01, 2013, Derek Prestridge was promoted to the Ranger Division. Derek will be the Lieutenant over the newly created "Endangered Child Investigation Unit" Derek comes to us from the Education, Training and Research Division. He began his career with DPS on December 6, 1994.

Education Center

Alexander began the development of the library with the generous gift of 400+ volumes dealing with frontier military history and Southern Plains Indians history and culture. Since then they have given 1,200 additional volumes on topics as diverse as women on the frontier, the history of Texas and southwestern outlaws and lawmen and the Mexican - American border.

In August, author Rick Miller made a significant donation of almost 400 volumes of scarce Texas county and local histories and 34 microfilm reels of correspondence of the Texas Adjutant Generals who commanded the Texas Rangers. These resources will be invaluable to visiting researchers and our creation of educational materials and exhibits. Mr. Miller has promised more donations in the near future.

The breadth of these collections is important. To understand the Texas Rangers, one must understand the world in which they lived and the groups and the players, "good" and "bad." Our thanks to all our donors and supporters who make it possible to preserve this heritage for future generations.

- Christina Stopka, Head,
Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center

Armstrong Research Center Seeks Microfilm Reader

Libraries and archives continue to rely on microfilming for the permanent preservation of documents. Scanning technology has become very sophisticated; however, computer formats change or become obsolete and scanned files may become unreadable. Microfilm, a photographic technology, never becomes unreadable and will still be usable centuries from now. The Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center has a large collection of Texas Ranger commissions, correspondence and records on microfilm. These collections are used by researchers, genealogists and staff.

Our current 30-year-old microfilm reader/printer is at the end of its lifespan and must be replaced. The Armstrong Center is requesting donations towards the \$15,000 replacement cost of the reader, a digital interface for reading and printing, and a large screen. We would be grateful for contributions, which qualify as tax deductible, and may be sent to Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center, PO Box 2570, Waco, TX 76702-2570. Thank you.

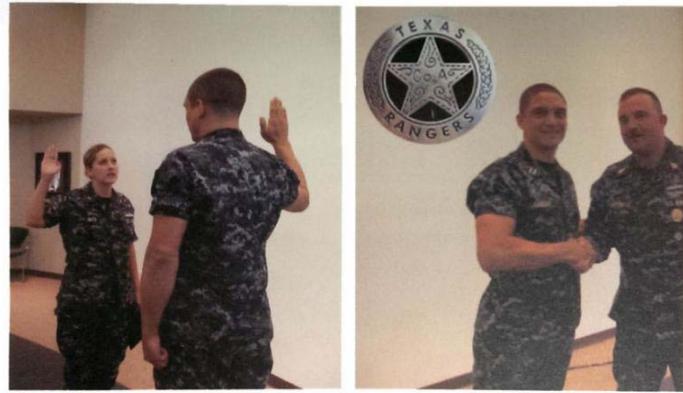
TRHF supports Naval Officers

The Texas Ranger Museum is proud to support our local Naval Officers. We recently offered the use of the Education Center for a promotion and reenlistment ceremony. Here is a thank you card from Lt. Nicholas Lindsay.



The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs during the month of October:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
 Altrusa International
 Historic Waco Foundation
 Baylor Alumni Association
 Reserve Officers Association of the USA
 Community HealthCorps
 American Red Cross
 Association of Fundraising Professionals
 Texas Department of Public Safety



THANK YOU

From the Naval Operational Support Center in Waco, thank you for your hospitality in allowing us to use the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum to conduct a promotion ceremony for 3 of our sailors, as well as a reenlistment ceremony for Operation Specialist Second Class Noel Smith, who dedicated an additional six years to the Navy. Our unit was thoroughly impressed by the history and culture of the Texas Rangers. It was truly a memorable experience and we cannot thank you enough for making the event so special.

Texas By Bus



"Catch the coach for a different take on tourism."
 Matt Joyce shares his experience of visiting Waco after riding a Greyhound Bus. Please [click here](#) to read the *Texas Highways Magazine* article.

Email from Hans-Peter Hußong

Dear ladies & gentlemen,

I had the great pleasure, in September 2013, to visit the Texas Ranger Museum in Waco.

My name is Hans-Peter Hußong and I am a retired police officer from Idar-Oberstein, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. I thank you for the very nice and friendly conversation with the two men.

Here is the photo, which I am very proud to have.

Best greetings from Germany and thank you for the wonderful reception in Waco and in your Museum.

Hans-Peter Hußong

A Texas Contest



The Texas Historical Commission is holding a contest in honor of their anniversary.

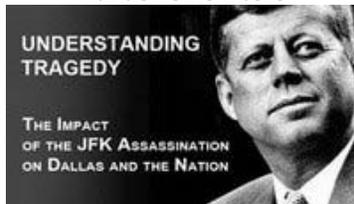
Big state. Big history. Big trails.

Enter the Texas Time Travel Sweepstakes for your chance to win a guided, four-day trip next spring in the Texas Heritage Trail Region of your choice:

[Enter Here](#)

Note: Winners are responsible for transportation to and from the starting and ending point. For more information about the prize, as well as eligibility requirements, please read the Official Rules on the sweepstakes entry page.

Dallas Remembers



On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy, Jr. was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. The City of Dallas has come together to remember the 50th anniversary of this world-changing event.

Please [click here](#) for information on the various events and exhibits during the month of November.



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Left to right: Major Frank Malinak, Hans-Peter Hußong and Ranger Troy Wilson

Texas Ranger News

On September 23, 2013, the Texas Air National Guard transported members of SWAT and Special Response Team (SRT-1 and SRT-5) from the Rio Grande Valley to the Amarillo area. These teams participated with DPS CID, THP, Aviation, DEA, FBI, and local law enforcement in a large scale warrant service targeting individuals in the northern Texas Panhandle who were directly connected to Mexican Drug Cartels. The warrant operation resulted in 13 arrests and the seizure of large amounts of cocaine, methamphetamine, and currency.



Gift Shop Feature: Coming Soon

In mid-November, the Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop will receive a new line of executive gifts. This line includes a tumbler, pen, card holder, key chain and Christmas ornament.

Tom Lea Trail



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To purchase these items, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

Texas Main Street City

Congratulations to Caldwell, Sealy and Waco, which were designated as 2014 official Texas Main Street cities in October!

The "Texas Main Street" designation is awarded to cities that are committed to the development and preservation of their downtown. If you haven't been to Waco in a few years, you'll be surprised at how much is happening!



Waco Suspension Bridge overlooking downtown

The announcement was made during the quarterly meeting of the Texas Historical Commission in Goliad (another Texas Main Street city). The Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and commercial districts, currently providing services to 84 communities across the state. We're thrilled to welcome three more! Please [click here](#) to learn more about the

program.

Check out our special deals!

Free Adult Admissions

Save the Dates!
Military Appreciation Day - Monday, November 11th
First Responders Day - Friday, November 22nd

Please see articles above for more information on how to qualify for free adult admission.

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