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## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

### Official Historical Center for the Texas Rangers

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#### In the Press



The Keene Star Newspaper listed the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame among its recommended places to visit in the article "Vacation to Nearby Places; Staycations Save Money."

Please [click here](#) to read the article.

#### NTCPAAA Convention

#### Recap: Summer Camp

On Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum hosted its annual Texas Ranger Summer Camp program for children entering grades four and five. Campers had an opportunity to learn about the skills needed to survive on the frontier during the late 19th Century, including knot tying, roping, tracking, cooking and branding. Children also learned various crime scene investigation techniques employed by the Texas Rangers of today, and investigated and solved a mock crime.

The museum is grateful for the continued participation and support of the Texas Top Guns, a Ranger re-enactment organization based in Palestine, TX. This program would not be possible without their support. The museum staff also wishes to thank McLennan County Precinct 7 Constable John Johnson, who generously sponsored several camper scholarships as well as Texas Ranger Jake Burson for his participation.



On July 25th and 26th the museum staff attended the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association convention in Arlington, Texas.

Please [click here](#) for more information on this organization.

**East Texas Visit**



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame received invitations to speak about the forthcoming Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ from service organizations in East Texas.



Board member Jim Hamblen of Overton spoke to the Longview Rotary Club on June 18th. Director Byron Johnson, with Board members Les Littleton of Nacogdoches and Jim Hamblen of Overton, attended the Lufkin Lions Club and the Nacogdoches Rotary Club on July 15th and 16th. Texas Ranger Travis



Campers listen to presentations from Texas Ranger Jake Burson and the Texas Top Guns.

Please [click here](#) to see more photographs from the camp.

**Meet Hollywood's New Rangers**



Interest in the Texas Rangers is alive and well in Hollywood.

*The Lone Ranger* celebrated its 80th anniversary with a new movie by Disney starring Armie Hammer as the Lone Ranger and Johnny Depp as Tonto. The Museum is

honored to have in its collections one of the special white hats produced for Mr. Hammer in the motion picture!

A new version of *The Town That Dreaded Sundown*, a movie about the Texarkana Phantom Killer, will arrive in theaters next

Brazil made time to attend the Rotary Club luncheon and lend his support. More than 200 persons attended, learning about Texas Ranger history, the forthcoming Bicentennial, and how companies large and small can participate.

We appreciate the invitations and the many good works of the Lions and Rotary International.

### Texas Highways



In celebration of its upcoming 40th anniversary, *Texas Highways Magazine* is asking readers to "Help us Determine Texas' Top 40 Destinations!"

Please [click here](#) to vote for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco as your favorite Texas destination. We appreciate the support!

### Pure Texas



The Texas Brazos Trail is hosting the first-ever *Pure Texas Photo Competition* (August 5-31). The Trail is looking for original, unique photos that capture the essence of Central Texas culture and history. From festivals, carnivals, rodeos, celebrations, to the downtowns, cities, people

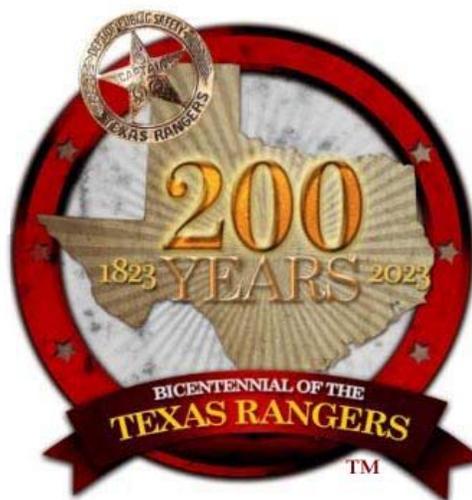
year. It's premise for the movie is: "65 years after a masked serial killer terrorized the small town of Texarkana, the so-called 'moonlight murders' begin again. Is it a copycat or something even more sinister? A lonely high school girl, with dark secrets of her own, may be the key to catching him."

As for television, two new shows are in the works with one to begin airing in the Fall.

Real Stories of the Texas Rangers will air on FOX. Retired Chief Hank Whitman will interview Texas Rangers about different cases they worked. The show also will feature dramatizations of those cases. Retired Chief Whitman is donating his appearance fees to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. We appreciate his generosity and look forward to watching the new series.

*Killer Women* will air on ABC in the Fall. The show follows fictional Texas Ranger Molly Parker, played by Tricia Helfer. Molly "is committed to finding the truth and seeing justice served. While she's surrounded by law enforcement colleagues who want to see her fail, the Rangers have her back." Please [click here](#) for more information on *Killer Women*.

## A Call to Serve as Rangers



Created in 1823 to protect the "Texian" colonies, Rangers served as the primary defense for Texas from the Republic to Statehood. Their primary mission, until well after the Civil War, was protection from Indian raids and incursions across the Mexican border. As the 19th century drew to a close, their responsibilities changed from

military protection to law enforcement, duties they continue to perform today.

Stephen F. Austin's address to the colonists: ca. August 5, 1823

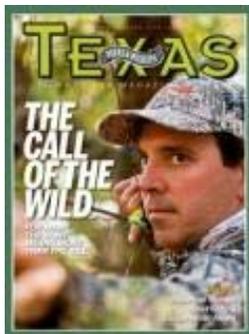
I therefore by these presents give public notice that I will employ ten men in addition to those employed by the Government to act as rangers for the common defense. The said ten men will form a part of Lieut. Moses Morrison's Company and the whole will be subject to my orders. The wages I will give the said ten men is fifteen Dollars a month payable in property, they finding themselves - Those who wish to be employed will apply without delay. [Spelling and punctuation modernized for ease of reading.]

In ten years, the Rangers will celebrate their 200th anniversary. In preparation for a Nationally significant event, the Texas Public

and landscapes, the contest is intended to raise awareness of the area as a travel destination. Winners will be announced in September.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

### Texas Parks & Wildlife



This year, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department celebrates its 50th anniversary!

Please [click here](#) to watch a video taking a look back at the first 50 years and then visit [www.livesbetteroutside.org](http://www.livesbetteroutside.org) to share your favorite memories!

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Safety Commission appointed the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco as their representative and steward for the Bicentennial™.

The Board of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum has launched a campaign to raise funds to renovate three exhibit galleries and an alcove in preparation for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023. The exhibits include:

- 1901-1935: Birth of the Modern Rangers
- From Texas DPS to the Future: Today's Texas Rangers
- The Ranger in American Culture: Legend of the Lone Ranger
- Retired Texas Rangers: A Legacy of Service

To participate in the fundraising campaign or for more information, please contact Byron Johnson, Executive Director, or Christine Rothenbush, Marketing & Development Coordinator, at 254-750-8631. Tax-deductible contributions of more than \$10,000 or more may be prorated.

### Waco Police Celebrate 140 Years



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is located in Waco, Texas. We work closely with the Waco Police Department. This relationship has led to Waco PD loaning artifacts for our collections and in turn, we have provided museum facilities as meeting spaces for warrant round ups and citizens police academy training. We are excited to join Waco PD in celebrating their 140th anniversary!

Waco PD's history began with a short period after 1849 when Waco was known as "Six Shooter

Junction" because of the numerous gun battles fought by its early founders. Please [click here](#) to read about the history of the City and the Waco Police Department.

### Lone Ranger Premier and Gift Shop Feature

A Special Thanks to Regal Jewel 16 theaters in Woodway for allowing the museum to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Lone Ranger at the local premier of the new Disney movie on Saturday, July 6th. We had a blast!



Movie patrons visit the TRHFM booth at Regal Jewel 16.

Now Available! Get your Lone Ranger and Tonto gear in the Museum Gift Shop. Items available include action figures, clothing, jewelry and a puzzle game. Call toll free (877) 750-8631 for more information. Browse our [online catalog](#) to view other great merchandise!

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Museum gift shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. The gift shop is open 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily. We ship worldwide.

**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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