



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum
 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is hosting **Teacher Appreciation Day** on Saturday, May 12th. Teachers and school staff will receive free admission with an ISD id/badge and their family will receive discounted admissions. We will have information about school and tour programs available in lobby.



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is hosting **Military Appreciation Weekend** on Memorial Weekend, May 26th - 28th. Active duty personnel, retirees and Veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid id or documentation - medals, service records, photographs are accepted).

For more information, contact the museum staff at (254) 750-8631.

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Read about the Darling family's visit during spring break to the Texas Ranger Museum on Rebecca's blog:

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Two Awards from Locals Love Us



Thank you Waco! The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum won two awards: Best in Tourist Attractions and Best in Reception/Event Facilities for John Knox Memorial Center.

Locals Love Us entered the Waco market in February and hosted a month-long online contest that lets local consumers vote for their favorite businesses. They collected answers to the question, "Who do you love...?" in over 100

different categories. The contest attracted 41,000 Waco residents. Of the many businesses in town, only 7% won an award, and we are delighted to have won two of them.

In the category of Best in Tourist Attractions, there were 20 nominations and four award winners. In the category of Best in Reception/Event Facilities, there were 31 nominations and five award winners.

The award winners will be listed online and in a local directory through February 2013. Because it was the first year in Waco, the contest was conducted within one month; however, voting is now year-long. Each March, Locals Love Us tallies the votes and awards the top-ranked businesses in each category.

If you are a resident of Waco and would like to see the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum win again in 2013, please visit www.localsloveus.com to cast your votes for us as the Best in Tourist Attractions and Best in Reception/Event Facilities. We appreciate your support!

A Collection from Harold Star, Jr.

Harold Star, Jr. was born December 20, 1922, and lived his entire life in Dallas. He attended McCollie Military School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and after graduating, enrolled in SMU. In 1942 he enlisted in the Army.

He fought in World War II in the Italian Campaign with the 10th Mountain Division. Harold received a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge and numerous campaign ribbons. Following his discharge, he attended The Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Harold was a World Class big game hunter, going to Africa eight times, Mongolia, Alaska, Australia, Greenland, Turkey and Canada to hunt big game.

He joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1969 and had various staff positions as well as Flotilla Commander, Division Captain and Department Chief for the U.S. as Vessel Inspection Chief. He retired after 38 years of duty in 1998.

Harold passed away October 15, 2011. He is survived by his wife Miriam Gutman Star, daughter Merideth Kay Star, son and daughter-in-law Harold Star III and Barbara, and grandchildren Jennifer and Kyle Star.

It is a resource for Family Fun Activities in Central Texas and beyond!

Discovering the Legend



Watch the two newest episodes of Discovering the Legend, presented by The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and produced by WCCCTV.

One episode features a presentation by Captain Frank Malinak and Ranger Mark Leger who spoke about the activities Texas Rangers are involved in today and showed the Museum audience cutting edge technology used on the Mexican border.

The other new episode highlights the notable career of Texas Ranger Captain Frank L. Jones and the loaned paintings on exhibit by renowned artist Donald Yena.

"Discovering the Legend" series airs on WCCCTV in Waco and is distributed to 44 other Texas City and College cable TV stations.

All five episodes can be viewed on the [City of Waco's website](#) and more will be uploaded as they air.

Quick Links

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The collection displayed in the Museum lobby and partially seen in the photograph above contains nine of the thirty-seven total firearms Mr. Star, Jr. gifted to the Museum upon his death.

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TTCC and TTIA Tour and Reception

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the Museum hosted a tour and dinner for the Annual Texas Travel Counselors Conference (TTCC) and the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA) during their annual Texas Travel Fair convention in Waco. The Museum staff welcomed over 150 travel counselors and tourism professionals to the Museum. The Waco Convention and Visitor's Bureau organized the tour and dinner.

The travel counselors who attended this event work at the Texas Department of Transportation Travel Information Centers, AAA offices, Visitor Centers, Texas Parks and Wildlife offices, city tourism offices and Texas Highways magazine. These professionals give guidance to more than four million travelers to Texas each year. We appreciate the support the travel counselors of Texas provide in promoting Waco and the Museum as a travel destination.



Armstrong Research Center Update

In the month of April, construction workers installed the insulation and sheet rock and began work on the stucco to the exterior of the exhibit tower and the rock walls, both on the inside and outside of the building. The workers will focus on the finishing touches in May. A private dedication of the new building will be held on June 9, 2012, for the donors of the facility, family of Tobin and Anne Armstrong and the Texas Rangers.



The photograph above shows construction workers working on the sheet rock in the Reading Room and on the Limestone wall surrounding the exterior of the building.

**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 Interstate 35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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