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TRHFM Honors Veterans & Active Military

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

**Three Texas Ranger Promotions**

The Board and staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame extend their congratulations to the following Texas Rangers on their promotions.



Deputy Asst. Director Malinak

WACO & THE HEART OF TEXAS IS #3 DESTINATION



**READERS' CHOICE**

Congrats, Waco & The Heart of Texas on being voted #3 destination by readers of Texas Highways Magazine.

Major Frank Malinak, Company "F" Waco has been selected as Deputy Assistant Director, Texas Rangers in Austin effective October 15, 2014. Deputy Assistant Director Malinak was first stationed in Waco as a Lieutenant, was promoted to Administrative Captain at Headquarters in Austin, and returned to Waco as Major.

Captain Chance Collins, commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics in Austin, has been appointed as the incoming Major of Company "F" in Waco effective November 1, 2014.

Captain Jeffrey Collins (no relation to Chance Collins), commander of the Ranger Recon Team in Austin, has been selected as incoming Major of Company "A" in Houston effective November 1, 2014.

Please [click here](#) to view

the list and a video on Waco & The Heart of Texas, which features footage of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

IN THE PRESS



Major Chance Collins



Major Jeffrey Collins

Texas Bucket List Features TRHFM

Please [click here](#) to read Barbara Kuntz's article "Texas' most unlikely tourist destination? Waco - yes, Waco - quietly pushes to become a major getaway lure" for Culture Map Houston.

Hosted by Shane McAuliffe, Texas Bucket List is a TV show in which Shane visits "everything you have to see, do, and experience in the Lone Star State before you 'kick the bucket.' "

On September 18th, Shane interviewed Ranger Patrick Peña for his segment on the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Following the interview, Shane posted this picture to his followers with the comment, "Got to meet with an actual Texas Ranger today at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum! Thank you Mr. Patrick Peña with Company "F"! What a huge honor!"

GAME DAY SCHEDULE



Please Note: Parking lots at the Museum are closed to the public on Baylor Stadium Home Game Days — the museum is OPEN to foot traffic. The remaining days for 2014 are 11/1, 11/22, and 12/6. Persons with mobility issues and tour bus operators are advised that parking adjacent to the museum will not be available on those days.



The episode airs the weekend of November 15th. For a listing of TV stations that carry the program or to watch clips of past episodes, please [click here](#).

HOLIDAY HOURS

Texas Ranger Laureates Meeting

Planning future exhibits for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is an engaging and complex process. It involves active and retired Texas Rangers, historians, educators, our professional staff and designers. The challenge is how to condense this rich history into an interactive experience for visitors and school classes with limited time.



The Hall of Fame and Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day so that staff may spend time with their families. Our regular hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily with the last guest admitted at 4:30 pm. The Gift Shop also closes at 4:30 pm.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS



As the year comes to an end, please remember the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for your 2014 donations. If so desired, the donation can be applied to the Bicentennial Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. The Museum can accept donations of cash, stocks, and in-kind services.

For more information, please contact Christine Rothenbush, Marketing and Development Coordinator, at (254) 750-8631. Thank you.

EDUCATION CENTER

The Museum has invited eminent authorities on the Texas Rangers to participate as Texas Ranger Laureates. Two of what will be several sessions and consultations have been held. On October 18th a session was held to discuss the formative period of Texas Ranger history from 1823 to 1874. This colorful period was marked by the formation of the Rangers, Texas Independence, the Mexican War, Civil War and Texas Indian Wars. The Rangers were a citizen militia serving as scouts and soldiers as needed. Rangers were 'federalized' twice-as volunteers in the Mexican War and as draftees into the Confederacy Army.



The Board and staff thank the Laureates for their invaluable insight and guidance. Participants included: Bob Alexander, prolific Texas Ranger author; Donaly Brice, former Texas State Library & Archives Reference Archivist; Doug Dukes, early firearms scholar and former Austin PD detective; Daniel Castro Romero of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Ph.D. candidate in Lipan history and their alliance with Rangers; and Dr. Harold J. Weiss, Jr., retired professor and author studying the earliest origins of the Texas Rangers.

RAM Presentation at Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo

Chrysler Foundation and the RAM trucks division became a Texas Ranger Bicentennial Partner™. Bicentennial Partners™ are corporate and private benefactors who perpetuate the heritage of the Texas Rangers by supporting improvements to their State historical center in Waco.

In commitment, Bob Hegbloom, President and CEO of RAM, presented the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame with \$100,000 at the Texas State Fair in Dallas. In October the partnership was announced in the arena at the All American Pro Rodeo Finals at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo in Waco on October 10th.



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

- Waco Center for Youth
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- HOTRAC
- Waco Fire Department Reserve Officers
- Association of the USA Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- Strategic Communication Research class at Baylor University



The RAM 1500 was named the Truck of Texas by the Texas Auto Writers Association. RAM is proud of this award, and is proud of its connection to Texas Heritage.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is grateful for the support of the Chrysler Foundation and RAM to the 200th anniversary of the Texas Rangers.

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Argentine Air Force Visits TRHFM

On October 27th, members of the Argentine Air Force visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. They included four-star and two-star generals and colonels as well as Lieutenant-General Mario Miguel Callejo who commands the Air Force.

The Argentine Air Force began 102 years ago with the establishment of the Escuela de Aviación (Military Aviation School) on August 10, 1912. Today the Air Force includes over 14,000 personnel and 177 aircraft.

The members visited Waco as part of a government contract to upgrade the Argentine Air Force. The upgrades include improvements to the air traffic management systems and navigation for five C-150s. The work is being done in Waco and in Cordoba, Argentina.



Lieutenant-General Callejo



During their visit, Lieutenant Jamie Downs of Company "F" greeted the group and spoke of the command structure and the current duties of Texas Rangers.

### Upcoming December Events

#### Big Texas Christmas Present

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Friends for Life, Big 95 KBGO and Mi Familia Car Club have teamed up for the 5th annual "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 13th 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. Please see [Friends for Life](#) for gift ideas.



#### Hopalong Cassidy Presentation



On Saturday, December 20th at 2:00 pm, Dr. Derham Groves of the University of Melbourne will discuss his research into William Boyd/Hopalong Cassidy's tour of Australia for his upcoming book, *When Hoppy Met Skippy: Hopalong Cassidy in Australia*. Dr. Groves is an architect and pop culture historian. He was the founding Vice President of PopCAANZ (the Popular Culture Association of Australia and New Zealand), and for many years he has been

the area chair of Popular Art, Architecture and Design for the Popular Culture Association. He is the author of several books, including *Out of the Ordinary*, 2012, *Anna May Wong's Lucky Shoes*, 2011, and *There's No Place Like Holmes*, 2008. The program will take place at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and is included in the regular admission fee.

## Gift Shop Feature

The Thanksgiving holiday is a joyful time to celebrate with family around the dining room table. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Gift Shop has the perfect table decorations for any Texan family. We now offer a line of oven mitts, pot holders, dish towels, place mats, table runners and floor mats in three western themes: cowboys on horseback, cowboy boots and spurs and the Lone Star. The items range in price from \$6.95 to \$29.95.



The weather will soon be cooling off this November. The Gift Shop has two lightweight long-sleeve tops to warm you up. Our "Protecting Texas Since 1823 Texas Rangers" gray hoodie with front pouch is a polyester/cotton blend and retails for \$37.95. The half-zip, pullover navy sweater features gray stitching, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum logo and a drawstring waist. It retails for \$69.95.



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

## Save

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.

\$2.00

For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org).

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