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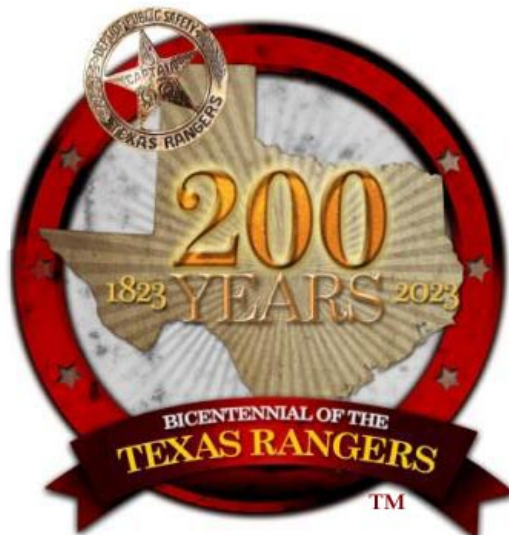
Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ “Most Wanted” List

The Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ is an opportunity to ready the museum and collections for the third century of the Texas Rangers.

Recently remarkable gifts have been made, building a heritage for all Texans. Rudolph Gleichman, a Pennsylvania collector, donated a priceless c.1838 Bowie knife—presented by Jim Bowie’s brother Rezin to Texas Ranger Capt. William Y. Lacey. Mrs. Margaret Hickman presented an original 1836 Texas Ranger commission awarded to her ancestor who helped capture Antonio López de Santa Anna. Messrs. J. Fred Bucy III and Joshua F. Bucy underwrote the restoration of the



landmark c.1851 painting of Sam Houston.

Benefactors have asked us to share some of the "most wanted" artifacts to fill in gaps in the collections, a legacy for future generations. Today we begin with #1.

This is a way for donors and corporations to permanently associate their names with the Texas Rangers or for collectors to celebrate their interests and names.

#1 MOST WANTED
Colt's .36 caliber No. 5 Texas Paterson Revolver c.1838-1840

Sam Colt and the Texas Rangers were first linked in 1839 when the Republic of Texas bought Paterson revolvers, rifles and shotguns for its Navy. President Sam Houston disbanded the Texas Navy in 1846 and transferred some surplus Colts to the Rangers. Under Captains Jack Hays and Sam Walker, the Colt became an equalizer when detachments were facing as much as 5:1 odds. This success led to many other legendary models, including the Colt Walker, Dragoon, Army & Navy models, Peacemaker and Model 1911.



Our display Colt No. 5 Paterson is on loan from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma. Generous as they are, eventually it must go back, leaving the official museum of the Texas Rangers without *what is arguably the most important firearm in Texas Ranger history.*

Estimated sponsorship, depending on examples available:
\$85,000 to \$150,000

A major donor, corporation or collector could permanently associate their names with the Texas Rangers by giving or sponsoring a Texas No. 5 Paterson. This would return a piece of history to the organization that made Colt firearms legendary—the Texas Rangers.

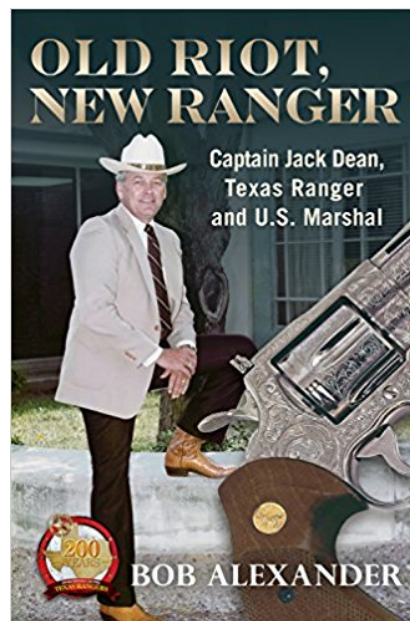
For further information please contact Byron Johnson, Director, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame at 254-750-8631 or info@texasranger.org .

Book Signing Event

Join us on Saturday, August 4th from 10am to 2pm for a book signing with authors Bob Alexander and Jan Devereaux.

Mr. Alexander is debuting his new book, *Old Riot, New Ranger: Captain Jack Dean, Texas Ranger and U.S. Marshal*. Copies of this and other books by Alexander and Devereaux are available for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop.

Please [click here](#) to read the excerpt, "The Harrelson Case," from the new book.



Featured in the *Dallas Observer*

The *Dallas Observer* has recommended the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame as the #2 point of interest to see in Waco for day trips out of Dallas.



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

Crepe Myrtles in Full Bloom

Texas' love affair with crepe myrtles is undeniable. These trees are valued mainly for their long period of striking summer flowers, especially in the infamous Texas summer heat. The crepe myrtles in front of John Knox Memorial Center are in full bloom.



The John Knox Memorial Center is a premium 6,000 sq. ft. banquet facility at a competitive price. It is located just off Interstate-35 in a wooded park with beautiful views of Baylor's McLane Stadium and the Brazos River. It is a perfect setting for parties and business conferences, wedding receptions, monthly meetings, fund raisers, training sessions and dances. Knox Center is climate controlled, has a public address/sound system, clean restrooms, a staging kitchen for caterers and provisions for a band, bars and dancing. Round and rectangular tables and audio-visual equipment are available for rental. Parking is available on site.

Knox Center is situated on Waco's Riverwalk less than a mile from the Waco Convention Center, major hotels and restaurants. It accommodates up to 350 for dinner-style seating or dances and 550 for theater-style seating. The adjoining Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum can be opened by special arrangement for evening events.

Please [click here](#) for more information on availability, rental rates and sample setups .

Gift Shop Feature: Children's T-Shirts

We are pleased to announce the arrival of two new children's t-shirts feature a cowboy and cowgirl with horse and "Texas Ranger Hall of Fame" on white background. Available in toddler sizes 2T to 4T. Each t-shirt is \$16.00 + Tax.

Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. Thank you!



"Add a Kid" Cowboy T-Shirt, Youth
Kids 2T, 3T and 4T
\$16.00 + Tax



"Add a Kid" Cowgirl T-Shirt, Youth
Kids 2T, 3T and 4T
\$16.00 + Tax



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Education Center

The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in June:

Texas Rangers
 Texas Society of Professional Surveyors
 Texas Ranger Association Foundation
 Baylor School of Education
 Waco Center for Youth
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 NAACP

**ENJOY
\$2.00 OFF**

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.

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