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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Travelers' Choice 2020

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum received a "Travelers' Choice 2020" award on Tripadvisor.

Tripadvisor presents a Travelers' Choice award to accommodations, attractions and restaurants that consistently earn great reviews from travelers and are ranked within the top 10% of properties on Tripadvisor.

Thank you for your continued positive reviews on Tripadvisor.

**Military Appreciation Day**

We honor our veterans and military personnel this Veterans Day, November 11th. Active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid military id or documentation).

www.texasranger.org

100 Texas Ranger Trail, Waco, TX 76706
Open 9am to 5pm with last guest admitted at 4:30pm

Third Episode Debuts of *Ask the Ranger Museum*

Here is the third episode of the *Ask the Ranger Museum* video series. We interviewed Texas Ranger Cody Mitchell of Company "F" about his career in law enforcement and Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program. Enjoy!



Please [click here](#) to watch Ranger Mitchell's interview on *Ask the Ranger Museum*.

Hendrick Arnold - Earliest Documented African American Ranger

Our Research Center staff recently discovered records referring to a Hendrick Arnold (1804-1849), who is now considered the earliest known African American Texas Ranger.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script on a yellowed piece of paper. The signature reads "Hendrick Arnold".

Although race is not listed on Texas Ranger enlistment rolls, the service of one very early African American Texas Ranger has been verified. Born in Kentucky in 1804, Hendrick Arnold arrived in Mexican Texas in 1826. He was described as "a free black man from San Antonio."

His first service was during the Texas Revolution as a scout and guide for the Republic of Texas Army. He was present at the battle of San Jacinto serving in his father-in-law Erastus "Deaf" Smith's spy company.

In June of 1839, after Texas Independence, Arnold enlisted in Louis Frank's Company of Mounted Volunteers, and in 1842 served with legendary Capt. John Coffee Hays in the Bexar County Rangers.

During the Mexican War, Arnold enlisted in Bell's Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers from 1846 to 1847. This was a special regiment of U.S. Army Volunteers, many former Texas Rangers, who fought as scouts, guerrillas and irregular cavalry.

New Exhibit: *Texas Rangers During Prohibition*

The 1920s and 1930s were turbulent times in Texas. The state was swept up in the oil boom, Prohibition, and the Great Depression. Texas adopted the controversial Eighteenth Amendment in 1919, instituting the prohibition of alcohol. Women gained the right to vote

in 1919, and Texas' first female governor was elected in 1924 under a cloud of partisan politics and corruption. The Great Depression hit in 1929, and with it came hard times for many Texans.



During this period Rangers kept busy dealing with everything from bootlegging and illegal gambling, to organized crime, civil unrest, labor strikes, and Ku Klux Klan activity. Despite many challenges, the Texas Rangers had to keep up with the changing times. Transitioning from frontier fighters to modern criminal investigators, the Rangers were slowly becoming a more professional law enforcement agency. A special "Thank You!" to Top O' Hill Terrace for the loan of the historic roulette wheel and Balcones Distilling for the donation of the whiskey barrel.

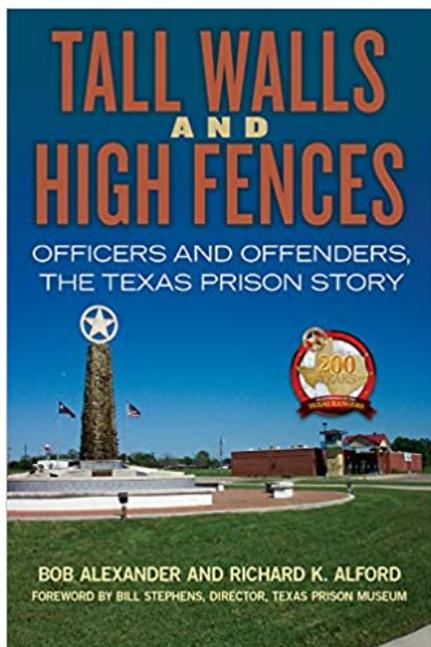
Please [click here](#) to learn more about Top O' Hill Terrace.

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Tall Walls and High Fences

Available Mid-November

Tall Walls and High Fences is the first comprehensive history of Texas prisons, written by a former law enforcement officer and an officer of the Texas prisons. Bob Alexander and Richard K. Alford chronicle the significant events and transformation of the Texas prison



system from its earliest times to the present day, paying special attention to the human side of the story.

Famous people and episodes in Texas prison history receive their due, from Texas Rangers apprehending and placing outlaws in prison, to the 1974 prison siege at Huntsville. Alexander and Alford pay special tribute to the more than 75 correctional officers, lawmen, and civilians who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Texas Ranger Museum Store stocks a wide variety of books on the history of the Rangers and the Old West. Your purchase helps support our non-profit educational and historical preservation programs! Contact us in Mid-November to order your copy at toll free: 1-877-750-8631.

Sporting Clay Tournament with the Texas Rangers

Join us on March 13, 2021, at a private shooting club in Dripping Springs, TX and break some clays alongside the real Texas Rangers. The event will benefit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Participants will divide into teams and shoot tournament style. The winning team will receive a prize and a lifetime's worth of bragging rights. After the tournament is over, participants will enjoy some whisky and barbecue.

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After the tournament is over, we'll put away the firearms, and enjoy some whisky and barbecue.

Come network, enjoy meeting some really interesting people, and have fun.

If you have questions, are interested in bulk rates or sponsorships, email us at info@texasceomagazine.com and we'll respond promptly.

All participants must sign liability waivers before the event.

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In Memoriam: Texas Ranger Max Womack

We are saddened to announce the passing of Max Womack, a retired Texas Ranger who served from 1969-1989.

Born on October 1, 1929, in Big Spring, Texas, Ranger Womack was a specialist in fingerprint identification.

In 1969 Max began his career in Texarkana as a Texas Ranger and served with Company "B" as a respected investigator for nearly 20 years. He was famous for his undercover work in the gambling rings of East Texas and investigated numerous murder cases in the surrounding areas and states.

Please [click here](#) to read his obituary. He will be missed.



Your Holiday Shopping Guide

In the coming days many will begin shopping for gifts for their loved ones. We hope you'll consider the Gift Shop at the Texas Ranger Museum as one of your shopping destinations. We have items for every member of the family.



Browse a selection of items online at <https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/shop/>.

Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

Be part of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial! The Texas Rangers will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.



\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution. The Texas Ranger

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Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin

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Expires 12/31/2020

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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