



FORMER TEXAS RANGERS FOUNDATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Memberships may be upgraded at any time by paying the difference in your existing rank and the desired higher rank.

Select one:	<u>RANK</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
()	Major*	\$5,000.00	\$100.00
()	Captain*	\$2,500.00	\$100.00
()	Lieutenant*	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
()	Sergeant	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
()	Private	\$ 500.00	\$100.00

Sponsored by: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

() Check payable to Former Texas Rangers Foundation: Amount Enclosed \$ _____

() Charge Payment To Visa MC AmEx Discover: Charge Amount \$ _____

Number: _____ Exp & CVV: _____ / _____

Name of Card Holder: _____ Zip Code: _____

Return completed form, and payment to:

Former Texas Rangers Foundation

P.O. Box 3195 Fredericksburg, TX 78624

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www.TRHC.org

All contributions to the Former Texas Rangers Foundation, including membership fees and dues, are tax-deductible according to IRS regulations for 501(c)(3) organizations to the extent allowable by law. Contact your tax advisors.



History of the Former Texas Rangers Association

The roots of the FTRA go back more than a century: when former Ranger Captain John S. “Rip” Ford spearheaded a movement to organize a reunion of ex-Rangers in 1897.

Capt. M. M. McKinney chaired a meeting of some of the surviving members of the old Texas Ranger Force in Austin in March of 1897. A resolution was passed to form an Ex-Texas Rangers Association with membership to include Ex-Rangers who had been honorably discharged from the service. The purpose of the organization would be for social and benevolent purposes, and to preserve and collect the history of the Texas Rangers.

Those honorably discharged Ex-Rangers were invited to attend another meeting in October of that year, again in Austin, for permanent organization and enrollment.

Members began meeting in various locations around the State every year to reminisce about their glory days as Texas Rangers. They moved to preserve the history and memory of a gallant body of men who had contributed much in the establishment of the most storied State in the republic.

As part of the Texas Centennial in 1936, Memorial Hall opened. Adjacent to the Witte Museum in San Antonio, it was intended to be a memorial to Pioneers, Old Trail Drivers and Texas Rangers.

By 1949, the Association formed a non-profit corporation called The Texas Association of Ex-Rangers. In 1965, the charter was amended, returning to the original name, and, six years later the corporation was re-chartered as the Former Texas Rangers Association.

In 1973, the FTRA opened a Ranger museum downstairs at Memorial Hall. And in late 2006, The Texas Ranger Museum opened in the historic Buckhorn

Museum in downtown San Antonio.

Mission of the Former Texas Rangers Association

The FTRA exists to preserve the true history of the Texas Rangers, to maintain and operate a museum dedicated to the Texas Rangers, to establish landmarks related to Ranger history, to administer a scholarship program, and to bring Former Rangers, Rangers and Ranger families together for fellowship, support and mutual purpose. The Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Program honors deceased former Texas Rangers.

Memberships in the Association include Regular Members (former Texas Rangers, spouses and lineal descendants of Rangers), Associate Members (active Texas Rangers and Special Rangers) and Junior Members (ages 16 & under). Members receive a membership certificate, ID card, decal, and the newsletter, *StraightTalk*. Each May, the FTRA holds its annual Membership Meeting and reunion.



Former Texas Rangers Foundation

The FTRF was organized in 1971 to support and assist the fulfillment of the FTRA’s mission and to expand membership opportunities. As members of the Foundation, individuals and corporations who believe in the mission of the FTRA can now stand with us in our effort to preserve Ranger heritage.

As a Foundation member, you receive an official silver- or gold-toned badge designating your personal rank and an 18” x 20” framed certificate confirming your commission in the Former Texas Rangers Foundation.

The FTRA and FTRF are both non-profit organizations run by former Texas Rangers and descendants of Texas Rangers. All contributions, including membership fees, are tax deductible according to IRS regulations for 501(c)3 or 501(c)7 organizations to the extent allowed by law.